



News Release

TRA Attends the Egyptian Cyber Peace Initiative Meeting

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The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) has attended last week the 3rd annual meeting of the Egyptian cyber peace initiative and the launch of the Arab internet safety portal, www.amanak.org. With contributions from Bahrain the Amanak (Arabic for your safety) is a website designed to help internet users in the Arab region stay safe and showcase what different Arab countries are doing in the region to protect their young and old from the risks of cyber crime and child internet abuse. The Meeting was attended by Mr. Nick Truman TRA Advisor for Internet Safety.

Commenting on this meeting TRA's Director of ICT Mr. Ahmed Al-Doseri said "We are pleased to participate at the Cyber Peace Initiative meeting held in Cairo. The meeting clearly demonstrated a closer unity between those countries represented towards addressing the issues relating to the safety of internet users."

Mr. Nick Truman further said "The cyber peace initiative under the patronage of H.E. Mrs. Suzanne Mubarak, Egypt's 1st lady, brings together all the stakeholders in Egypt to create a safe internet environment for young and old alike. At the meeting, Egypt followed the lead of Bahrain by asking its Internet service providers to sign an MOU committing them to implement a series of initiatives to protect the young of the country whilst on the internet."

It is worth noting that the independently produced Internet Safety Status of the Nation Study in Bahrain, commissioned by TRA in February 2010 is currently being finalized . A report of the findings and the recommendations of the study will be made publicly available in the coming months.

About TRA

Since its establishment in 2002 the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of the Kingdom of Bahrain (TRA) has been working with government, consumers, operators and investors to develop the Kingdom of Bahrain into the region's most modern communications hub and to facilitate the growth of the market. As an exemplary Regulator for the region, TRA independently carries out its duties in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner. More information about TRA can be viewed at www.tra.org.bh

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