



AfSIG 2019

AFGHANISTAN SCHOOL
ON INTERNET GOVERNANCE

The third edition of Afghanistan School on Internet Governance to be organized on this September

The National IT Professionals association of Afghanistan has the plan to organize the third Afghanistan School on Internet Governance (AfSIG) on this September.

The Afghanistan School on Internet Governance (AfSIG) Helps Interested Students, academics, researchers, and individual professionals from the Academia, Civil Society and NGOs, Government and Public Sector, Technical Community and Private Sector to understand better the global Internet Governance controversy and to get a comprehensive and structured knowledge on the various aspects of Internet Governance.

The first edition of AfSIG was organized for two days in between 26th-27th April 2017, the 2nd edition was organized for three days in 2018. Organized by the National IT Professional Association of Afghanistan (NITPAA) the AfSIG 2019 will offer 3 days long course covering the political, legal, economic, socio-cultural, technological dimensions of the Internet Governance in regards to the global and Afghanistan's National necessities.

During a meeting regarding AfSIG 2019, Mr. Shmasullah Shams, President of NITPAA, and Mr. Khaksar Weqar, Vice President NITPAA, asked Waleed Khaliqi, executive management member, to further coordinate the event details and processes with the committee.

Meeting With ATRA, Afghan Telecom And Internet Service Provider Officials



Mohammad Fahim Hashimi acting minister of Communications and Information Technology had a meeting with Internet service providers, officials from the Telecommunication Regulatory Authority (ATRA) and Afghan Telecom Company on Thursday, June 13, 2019. The meeting mainly focused over reducing Internet prices and improving quality of the service. Minister of Communications and Information Technology while acknowledging the investment of companies in this sector, called on companies,

the ATRA and the Afghan Telecom Corporation for full cooperation in this aspect. Minister Hashimi noted that the Internet services market should be balanced and carefully studied in order to decrease the cost of Internet services, improve the quality of services, and meanwhile, the providers not to suffer as well. Internet service providers, officials from the ATRA Office and Afghan Telecom also undertook to discuss the price reductions in the next session. In addition to the price reduction, they committed, considering the international and domestic laws and procedures will provide conducive environment for balanced market growth.

MCIT: Serious Monitoring To Ensure Transparency Of 10% Tax Collection



Acting minister of Communications and Information Technology Mohammad Fahim Hashimi assessed the process of



collecting 10% telecom service tax on Wednesday, June, 2019. The Minister of Communications and Information Technology visited the Afghan Wireless Communications Company aiming to evaluate the telecommunications service fees collection process and urged the authorities of the Company to cooperate

in the transparency of this section. Minister Hashimi said that people have the right to know about the taxes they pay to the government and emphasized that the purpose of the assessment and oversight of the minister was to express the decisiveness of the leadership of the ministry to ensure transparency. The Afghan Wireless Communications Company officials pledged closely to cooperate in the field of transparent collection of telecom fees levies and also expressed willingness to provide detailed information to the general public this regard. Minister Mohammad Fahim Hashimi highlighted that the government was committed to establish a Real Time Data System (RTDMS). He said that in order to make the monitoring system more serious, telecommunications companies need to provide accurate information to the monitoring teams.

وېتنام یک کاربر فیس‌بوک را به شش سال زندان محکوم کرد

محکمه‌ای در ویتنام، فردی را به دلیل پست‌هایش در شبکه اجتماعی فیس‌بوک به شش سال زندان محکوم کرده است. دولت ویتنام، وین‌ناگ ان، مرد ۳۸ ساله را متهم کرده بود که از طریق حساب شخصی فیس‌بوک خود، "اطلاعات و مواد ضد کشور" را پخش و تکثیر می‌کرد. بر اساس گزارش رسانه‌های ویتنامی، جریان محاکمه آقای ان تنها یک روز دوام کرده است. خبرگزاری ویتنام گزارش داده که براساس تصمیم محکمه، آقای ان پس از سپری کردن شش سال در زندان، پنج سال دیگر نیز در حبس خانگی



بسر خواهد برد. پولیس ویتنام در یک اعلامیه گفته است که این کاربر فیس‌بوک، در ماه سپتامبر سال گذشته پس از آن بازداشت شد که چندین نوشته و ویدیو را در حساب شخصی فیس‌بوک خود منتشر کرد و در آن مردم برای پیوستن به اعتراض‌ها در جریان روز ملی ویتنام تحریک می‌کرد. دیدبان حقوق بشر از این تصمیم محکمه انتقاد کرده و گفته که این اقدام، تلاشی برای "ترساندن دیگران است تا جرات نکنند کارکردهای دولت را زیر سوال ببرند." فل روبرتسن، معاون آسیایی دیدبان حقوق بشر گفت: "تنها جرم وین‌ناگ ان این است که نظر خود را علیه بی‌عدالتی و سرکوب مطرح کرده است." فیس‌بوک کاربرد زیادی در میان مردم ویتنام دارد. اما اوایل امسال، دولت ویتنام به دلیل این که فیس‌بوک به کاربران اجازه می‌دهد نظریات ضد دولتی را در فیس‌بوک منتشر کنند، این رسانه را به نقض قوانین کشور متهم کرد. با وجود اصلاحات گسترده اقتصادی و افزایش نسبی آزادی‌های اجتماعی در ویتنام، حزب کمونیست حاکم در این کشور محدودیت‌های شدیدی را بر فعالیت رسانه‌ها وضع کرده و در برابر انتقاد مخالفان خود به تندی رفتار می‌کند.

د افغانستان د مخابراتو او معلوماتي ټکنالوجی سکتور کی د قزاقستاني شرکتونه لیوالتیا

د مخابراتو او معلوماتي ټکنالوجی وزارت سرپرست محترم محمد فهیم هاشمی نن د خپل کار په دفتر کې په افغانستان کې د قزاقستان سفیر محترم علیم خان بیسن کلدیف سره ولیدل او د دواړو هېوادونو د اړیکو پر پراختیا یې خبرې وکړې. د قزاقستان سفیر وویل چې یو شمیر شرکتونه یې لیوالتیا دي، د افغانستان د مخابراتو او معلوماتي ټکنالوجی سکتور کې پانگونه وکړي او خپله ډېټا د افغانستان له لارې د جنوب ختیځې آسیا هېوادونو ته انتقال کړي. محترم محمد فهیم هاشمی د قزاقستان هېواد شرکتونو د پانگوني څخه د مننې تر څنګ هغوی وهڅول چې د افغانستان د مخابراتو او معلوماتي ټکنالوجی سکتور په نورو برخو کې هم



پانگونه وکړي.

Works By A Robotic Artist Fetched Over \$1M At Debut Show



The robot named after Ada Lovelace, a 19th-century countess, thought to be the world's first computer programmer.



Works by a robotic artist have fetched over \$1 million USD at the android's debut show, said its creator.

Robotic artist Ai-Da's inaugural exhibit at the University of Oxford questions the ethics of artificial intelligence and what it means to be human. Art and imagination are often considered to

be exclusively human traits, but now an artificially intelligent robot, named "Ai-Da" - has been coded to be created.

And "her" work now appears to be storming the art world. According to Ai-Da's creator, gallery director Aiden Meller, "her" artworks have fetched one million British pounds (approx. \$1.27 million USD) at her debut show.

"This first show is a sell-out show, it's been an incredibly successful show, over a million pounds worth of work sold," said Meller.

Ai-Da is claimed to be the world's first ultra-realistic AI robot artist. She's named after Ada Lovelace, a 19th-century countess, thought to be the world's first computer programmer.

The cutting-edge robot was created in collaboration with robotic creators Engineered Arts, with AI algorithms created by experts at the University of Oxford. Ai-Da can "see" with the help of two cameras, one in each eye, they're connected to a computer vision system which is then interrogated by an AI algorithm.

That means she's able to do portraits of people that stand in front of her. She can also draw famous faces if engineers upload a picture, that's then similarly interrogated by the AI algorithm.

The result is not a photorealistic drawing, instead, her unique work is based on cubism, dashed lines defining a human face.

The algorithm means each artwork is unique and won't be repeated by the AI. Ai-Da's pencil is attached to a 500-year-old block of wood - a nod to Renaissance artist Leonardo da Vinci, who died 500 years ago this year.

Ai-Da can draw, but she cannot paint... yet. But they have used coordinates from her drawings to produce paintings and sculptures. The robot artist's debut exhibit, named "Unsecured Futures", opened at the University of Oxford's Barn Gallery earlier this month.

It includes a combination of sketches of famous figures, including Da Vinci and Alan Turing, paintings and even some self-portraits, a 3D digitally rendered scan. Meller says they hope to provoke a discussion about the future of artificial intelligence.

"The whole point of this project is to engage audiences to question where future technologies are going," he says. "The advances that we're going through now with AI and biotechnology and transhumanism are going at an unbelievable pace, ethics is sadly lacking behind gravely and as a result of that we have created Ai-Da to be a voice to engage questions about where future technologies are going.

" Art critics might sniff, but Meller says she's a product of her time, just like any artist. "All artists, the overall time had one actual job and goal and that was to reflect the society they were in," he said. "Leonardo (da Vinci) reflected the Renaissance at the time, Andy Warhol, in the 60s, reflected manufacturing and the rise of consumerism.

"The modern artists today, maybe Damien Hirst, was the excesses of the 90s. Ai Weiwei about the political situation in China. Ai-Da reflecting the technological uses that we're using today," he added.

Ai-Da's debut show at the University of Oxford's Barn Gallery is set to run till 6 July. Meller says they're busy planning her next art adventure.

د مخابراتي او معلوماتي ټکنالوجي د څيړني مرکز پرانيستل شو



د روان 1398 کال د سرطان (چنگاښ) د مياشتې په 6 مه نېټه د مخابراتي او معلوماتي ټکنالوجي په انسټيټيوټ کې د معلوماتي ټکنالوجي څيړنيز مرکز د مخابراتو او معلوماتي ټکنالوجي سرپرست وزير بناغلي محمد فهيم هاشمي په حضور پرانيستل شو.

ياد لاپراتوار چې د امټي-ان مخابراتي کمپني لخوا د 80 زرو ډالرو په پانگونه جوړ شوی دی په رسمي توګه د معلوماتي ټکنالوجي انسټيټيوټ ته

وسپارل شو. د مخابراتو او معلوماتي ټکنالوجي سرپرست وزير بناغلي محمد فهيم هاشمي په خپلو خبرو کې وويل: خوشحاله يم چې د مخابراتو او معلوماتي ټکنالوجي د ودې لپاره يو مهم او مثبت ګام پورته کوو، چې د محصلينو او بشري سرچينو د ودې لپاره ډير اړين دی. بناغلي هاشمي وويل چې مخابراتي او معلوماتي ټکنالوجي د اقتصاد د ودې، امنيت او بشري سرچينو د پراختيا لپاره خورا مهمه ده، او مونږ هڅه کوو چې مخابراتي او معلوماتي ټکنالوجي ته پراختيا ورکړو او د دغه سکتور د خدمتونو کيفيت ښه کړو او همدا راز مخابراتي شرکتونه هڅوو چې د لوړ کيفيت خدمتونه وړاندي کړي. په افغانستان کې د امټي-ان مخابراتي شرکت مشر بناغلي محمد عباد رضا د ياد لاپراتوار رامنځته فعاليتونو د يادونې ترڅنګ يې زياته کره چې د دوي شرکت د خوانانو او محصلينو لپاره ښه او ګټور پلانونه لري ددې لاپراتوار رامنځته کول د کمپني د پلان يوه مهمه برخه ده. همداراز په دې پروګرام کې د اطلاعاتو او فرهنگ وزارت د خوانانو د چارو مرستيال بناغلي محمد اجمل شاپور، د مخابراتي او معلوماتي ټکنالوجي انسټيټيوټ رئيس بناغلي پرفيسور شفيع شريفی، د مخابراتي خدمتونو د تنظيم اداري سلاکار

Update on NITPAA Scholarship programs

In order to improve and retain the skills of our fellow members, the National IT Professionals Association of Afghanistan, in collaboration with Milestone Institute of Computer Science, announced some full and partial scholarships.

only one member out of those registered for HTML&CSS classes, was able to get the scholarship and start attending the classes.

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