Sultan Qaboos University receives Award of Excellence for delivering ICDL program

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Sultan Qaboos University (SQU)'s Centre for Community Service and Continuing Education was today presented with an Award of Excellence for its continuous contributions towards the advancement of digital literacy in the Sultanate of Oman, especially by offering the ICDL program. The award was presented by Jamil Ezzo, Director General, ICDL GCC Foundation to Rashid Al Kiyumi, Director, SQU Centre for Community Service and Continuing Education.

The felicitation was followed by a meeting between Jamil Ezzo; H.E. Dr. Ali Bin Saud Al Bimani, Vice Chancellor and Chairman, SQU; and Dr. Said Bin Ali Al Yahyaee, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs & Community Services. The highlight of the meeting was the signing of a new training and testing contract for the year 2010.

Rashid Al Kiyumi said, "We are pleased to be honoured with this prestigious Award of Excellence from ICDL GCC Foundation. This award recognises the dedication and efforts that the SQU and the Centre have exerted to promote IT Literacy in Oman. Moreover, this award will serve as constant inspiration for us to remain steadfast in our commitment to provide individuals with the essential courses, trainings and tools needed to enhance their computer skills and proficiencies."

Al Kiyumi added that the SQU Centre for Community Service and Continuing Education began to offer ICDL training and certification programs on February 18, 2006. Currently offering 12 ICDL courses, the centre has been able to deliver the ICDL training program to over 3,300 individuals. Participants in the training programs are composed of students (eight per cent), employees (46 per cent), job seekers (40 per cent) and individuals under other categories (six per cent).

Jamil Ezzo said, "The ICDL GCC Foundation commends Sultan Qaboos University and its Centre for Community Service and Continuing Education for the important role it has played in the campaign to promote IT literacy across the Sultanate of Oman. The Centre for Community Service and Continuing Education has contributed greatly to promote the projects and initiatives of the foundation over the past four years, enhancing the computer and IT proficiencies of thousands of individuals and taking us one step closer towards Oman's vision of a fully integrated digital society."

The ICDL GCC Foundation annually picks out three ICDL-accredited training and testing centres that have made significant contributions in the campaign to promote digital literacy. The SQU Centre for Community Service and Continuing Education was selected after an evaluation of 1,800 centres in the GCC region.

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