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Greetings from the

Digital Incubation Center!

The latest news from the Digital Incubation Center

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Digital Incubation Center selects 11 new startups

The Digital Incubation Center at the Ministry of Transport and Communications has announced the 11 startups selected for the Startup Track program and Co-working Space program.

Seven out of the 11 incubated startups are the winners of the online startup selection competition, which DIC held remotely in mid-April 2020 due to COVID-19 situation. They were selected by DIC to join the first year and the second year of the Startup Track program, while four startups were selected by DIC to join the Co-working Space program.

Using the Microsoft Teams application, the participating startups pitched their creative ideas to DIC's distinguished jury, which consisted of Mr. Ibrahim Hassan - Executive director of investments at QDB, Mr. Alhassan Alsammarraie - founding partner and general manager at Applab, Mr. Saif Qazi - cofounder of Urban Point, and Dr. Tejindar Singh - entrepreneur and founder of Qtickets, 360-nautica, and BPO.

The judges assessed each entrepreneur's ideas based on the evaluation criteria, including creativity and innovation, project prototype, viability of the project, as well as project team skills. They eventually decided on the seven winning startups: Find A Nurse, Labeba, Zabayen, Yalla Class, 3DADAK, ShopForme.qa and Rush Drop.

Commenting on the occasion, Duha Ali al-Buhendi, Digital Incubation Centre (DIC) manager, said: "The winning startups' ideas are diverse and cover a wide range of fields that serve the needs of Qatari society and contribute to reducing the consequences of the novel Coronavirus by using the latest tech trends in e-commerce, artificial intelligence, and blockchain technology. I look forward to seeing more upcoming entrepreneurs follow their lead."

On winning the chance to be incubated at DIC, Abdullah Vinod, founder of Rush Drop, expressed his appreciation to DIC saying: "I thank DIC for giving me this opportunity, and I look forward to benefiting from DIC's services such as mentoring sessions and co-working space."

The Digital Incubation Center was established in 2011 with the aim of supporting local digital startups through its specialized programs: IdeaCamp, Startup Track program, and Co-working space program. DIC provides mentoring sessions for entrepreneurs, technology and entrepreneurship workshops, co-working space and legal consultation throughout the phases of a startup's development and growth.

Startup selection event Judging panel



3DADAK



Labeba



Zabayen



Yalla Class



Find A Nurse



Baqqaala



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ShopForme.qa



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RushDrop

EButler holds an online workshop on digital transformation for businesses

In collaboration with MOTC's Digital transformation of SMEs Program, EButler, an incubated startup at DIC, organized an online workshop titled "E-commerce: Offline Businesses Getting Online." The workshop, which was moderated by Omar Ashour, CEO and co-founder of EButler, explored rapid digital transformation for businesses.



Omar Ashour
CEO of EButler

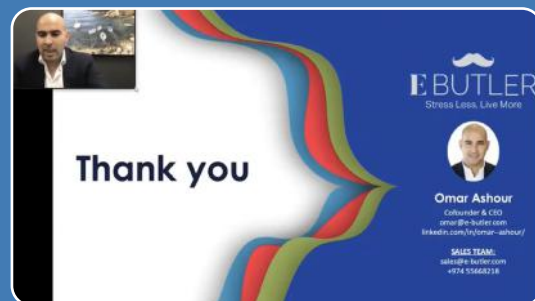


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Small & Medium Business Enterprises

The workshop also underscored several key factors in successful digital transformation, including building a secure transaction system, integrating existing systems into new e-commerce solution and simplifying the consumer buying process. During the workshop, Mr. Ashour pointed out that in order to meet the high demand for online services caused by COVID-19 pandemic, businesses must adapt and utilize cross-channel strategies, marketing tools and cloud e-commerce solutions.



The workshop offered participants the opportunity to learn the effective tools that help accelerate the digital transformation process for businesses, facilitate work processes, increase entrepreneurs' productivity and enhance business performance.



DIC partners with Qatar University to select Pre-Incubation program candidates

In partnership with the Digital Incubation Center, Qatar University's College of Business and Economics - Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE), organized the 7th edition of the pre-incubation program to prepare entrepreneurs who will be incubated at CFE. DIC's partnership with CFE reflects their shared vision and continuous efforts in providing opportunities for local innovative startups.

Sheikha Fatima Al Thani, startup development specialist at DIC, was on the jury panel that assessed the participating startups at the pre-Incubation program and helped identify the top startups that will progress to the next stage of CFE incubation program.

The aim of this program was to offer practical training to the selected entrepreneurs and to test their skills in building successful business models and pitching their projects to investors and stakeholders. The pre-incubator training program features four key pillar categories: Arts, Design & Fashion, Corporate Social Responsibility, Digital Technology, FinTech.

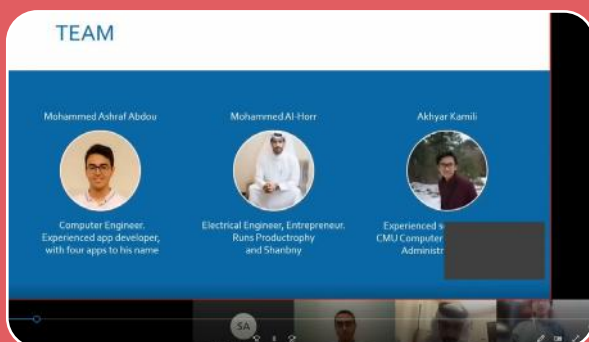


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PMOBytes holds an online workshop on smart project management

PMOBytes, an ATO (Approved Training Organization) and an incubated startup at DIC, held an online workshop titled: "Smart Project Management." The workshop is part of a lineup of MOTC's Digital Incubation Center and the Digital transformation of SMEs Program to support SMEs in Qatar.

The workshop included presentations from the CEO of PMOBytes, Aamir Dawawala and sought to raise awareness among entrepreneurs on how to best manage their projects using the latest technologies.

During the workshop, Mr. Dawawala introduced various smart project management programs to attendees, including QPunch, a program developed by PMOBytes. Mr. Dawawala emphasized that smart project management is a key factor for entrepreneurs to fulfill their businesses' vision and enhance their capabilities.

The workshop helped entrepreneurs keep pace with the tremendous technological advancements in project management, prevent crises from happening and mitigate their consequences using smart project management strategies.



Aamir Dawawala
CEO, PMOBytes



Amount of wasteful paperwork

Contracts are king and documentation is the key to building what has been agreed upon.

those thousands upon thousands of sheets are printed and re-printed as the projects progress

Project Management is not Arts or Science but it is combination of both.

Project Management as a discipline has been there from ages and has also evolved but still "9.9% of every dollar is wasted due to poor project performance—that's \$99 million for every \$1 billion invested".

Digital Transformation could cause a necessary disruption in the Project Management discipline

Aamir Dawawala

- 16 years of Professional Project Management Experience.
- Certified in PMP, PRINCE2 2009/ 2017, PMI-ACP, MSP, DevOps, ITIL and ISO Auditing from BSI
- MBA in MIS (Management of Information systems)
- Worked on Mega Projects in Qatar from last 10 years
- Peoplecert Authorized trainer for PRINCE2 2017
- Certified PMI-ACP trainer from 360PMO (PMI-REP in Canada)
- Authorized DevOps trainer title from PeopleCert
- Author of Overcoming Project Management problems published on Google books, Amazon, GRIN etc. in multiple languages
- Founder of PMOBytes Training and Consultation

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