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To strengthen partnership with NGOs and the Public Sector
eGovernment Authority organizes a workshop for the Bahrain Internet Society members and guests.

Manama – Kingdom of Bahrain: With firm belief in its role in developing the information and technology arena and involving the NGO's and Private sector, the eGovernment Authority recently held a workshop in cooperation with the Bahrain Internet Society (BIS) on the launch of Excellence Award 2012 to the BIS members and guests from the private sector and other Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's). The workshop involved a presentation on the eGovernment Excellence Award 2012 organized for the fifth time in a row under the patronage of His Highness Shaikh Mohammed Bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister, Chairman of the Supreme Committee for Information and Communication Technology.

During the workshop, eGovernement Authority representatives provided an explanatory introduction on the main categories of the award, the requirements for participation and updates on this year's version procedures and criteria.

From his side, Mr Nawaf Abdulrahman, President of Bahrain Internet Society (BIS) welcomed the Society's members and guest attendees to the workshop and expressed his pride of the existing partnership with the eGovernment Authority in various fields. Mr. Amr Selim, BIS Secretary-General and member of the Board delivered a presentation on the technical aspects of having a good website and the key factors contributing to augment the role of the website.

A key objective of the eGovernment Excellence Award is to enhance community participation and encourage innovation and creativity in the ICT field. To this end, NOGs have been engaged for the second year in a row with trust in their vital role in encouraging and harnessing Bahrainis talents and guide them to the right direction.

It is worth mentioning that winners will be awarded in the opening ceremony of Bahrain International eGovernment Forum 2012, on 9 April 2012 by His Highness Shaikh Mohammed Bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister, Chairman of The Supreme Committee for Information and Communication Technology (SCICT). Therefore the Registration deadline for the eGovernment Excellence Award is 15 February 2012.

The award consists of eleven categories, divided into three sections: Government Sector, Multi Sector, and Citizen Sector.
The Government section includes 6 categories (Best eContent, Best eService, Best eMaturity, Best eProject, eEconomy award and eEducation award), the Multi Sector section contains 4 categories for the Private Sector (Best ICT Solutions Provider, eEconomy award and eEducation award and eNGO), and finally the Citizen Awards section which contains the eCitizen award and Best eConcept).

For further information about eGovernment Excellence Award 2012 or for participation, please visit the event website www.egovaward.bh or dial 80008001.

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Photo Caption:
- During the workshop
- Some of the group attendees.

About eGovernment Authority

The eGovernment Authority (eGA) was established in August 2007 by Royal Decree No (69). Reporting to the Cabinet, the eGA is responsible for coordinating and executing e-government initiatives in line with the strategies, plans, and programs set by the Supreme Council for Information Communication Technology (SCICT), headed by HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain

The eGA's role entails everything from proposing overall policies and appropriate legislations to the SCICT for approval to overseeing the execution of the approved SCICT programs. This includes suggesting required IT programs, facilitating communications and services between all government entities, opening new e-channels for e-government services, and offering technical and knowledge-based support to the ministries and other government entities.

Currently, the eGA is working on executing the plans contained within Bahrain's e-Government strategy to achieve the ambitious Bahraini e-initiatives, it offers over 200 governmental services electronically via various communication channels within 3 years to all citizens, residents, and businesses of Bahrain.

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