

Premier Witnesses Signing MoU on Establishing Innovation Hubs in Egyptian Universities



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Prime Minister and Minister of Housing, Utilities and Urban Communities Mostafa Madbouli witnessed, today, at the Cabinet's headquarters, the ceremony of signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), between the Information Technology Industry Development Agency (ITIDA) and the Supreme Council of Universities (SCU). The MoU is a general framework for implementing the initiative of innovation hubs in Egyptian universities.

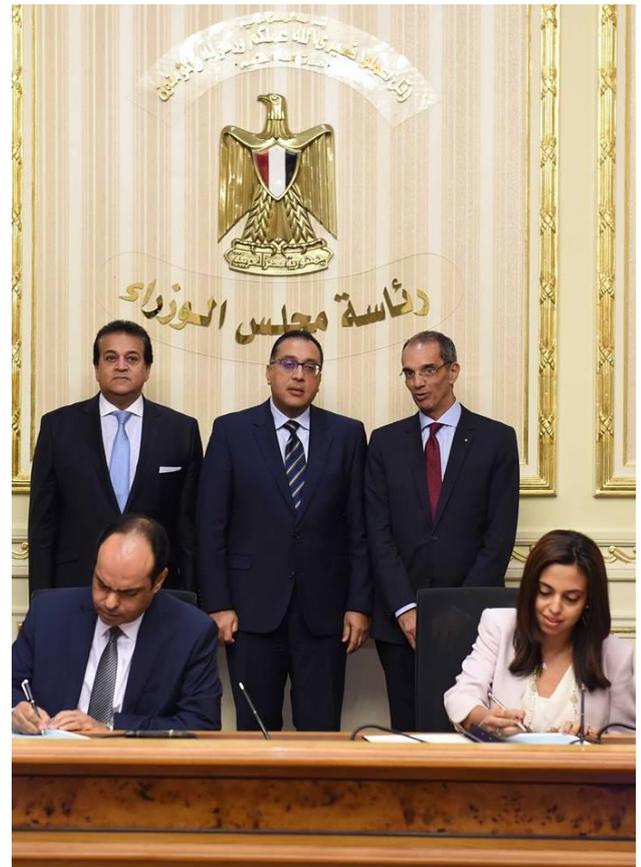
The MoU was signed by ITIDA Acting CEO Maha Rashad and SCU Secretary- General Mohammed Mostafa Latif.

The MoU is within the framework of fruitful cooperation between the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT) and the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MHESR), based on the State's strategy to spread a culture of creativity nationwide, boosting high-tech innovation, and employing the latest ICT technologies for a more competitive ecosystem.

ITIDA Acting CEO Maha Rashad stated that signing the MoU is in line with ITIDA role in spurring ICT innovation and building an entrepreneurial culture through the Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center (TIEC). She pointed out that the framework agreed upon aims to turning innovative ICT ideas into commercial products or services, in addition to developing learning mechanisms through the innovative use of ICTs.

Each innovation hub, partnered with business, will include Tech labs, business incubators, co-working spaces for startups, and training facility in areas such as AI, Data Science and cyber security.

For his part, SCU Secretary- General Mohammed Latif said that establishing technological innovation hubs in Egyptian universities aims to reach the largest segment of young people to develop their skills, support initiatives of technological innovation and entrepreneurship, and develop those innovations resulting from these hubs, thus contributing to economic development and social development. He pointed out that these objectives are in line with SCU objectives, to build capacities of young people and build a more innovative and knowledgeable generation in sciences and technology.



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