

Press release

TIEC Launches IbTIECar 2016

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The Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center (TIEC), affiliated to the Information Technology Industry Development Agency (ITIDA), has launched the Graduation Projects Competition IbTIECar 2016, for the fifth consecutive year, starting from June, targeting university students in their graduation year, to recognize the best graduation project of the year 2015/2016.

TIEC organizes the Competition in collaboration with a number of Egyptian and international companies and the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT) affiliates, including the National Telecom Regulatory Authority (NTRA), Huawei, EMC2, Orange, Intel, AvidBeam, Mipex and Google.

The Competition aims to discover innovative young talents and ideas, link them to the industry and encourage people to develop new solutions that are aligned with trend technologies. This is in addition to recognizing innovation efforts, and hence fostering innovation culture in the coming generations and supporting innovative ideas, development and commercialization. It covers several fields including IC design, cloud computing, embedded systems, internet of things, mobile applications, communications, data science and open source software.

The past four sessions of the Competition were successful and contributed in finding opportunities necessary to develop more creative ideas and turn them into emerging and specialized products and services in the ICT field. This year, the Competition targets the 2016 graduating students in all technical faculties of any ICT specialization. This would include—but not limited to—the Faculty of Engineering, the Faculty of Computer Science,

the Faculty of Science, the Faculty of Commerce - Information Systems and Technical Institutions.

The total value of IbTIECar 2016 awards for the winning projects is about 140.000 Egyptian pounds in addition to mobile phones and a training program for a period of three months in TIEC Accelerator Unit at a cost of 15.000 Egyptian pounds for each winning project, where winners get free admission to this program.

The competition comprises several phases where reception of project abstracts will be on June 30 and detailed submission on July 20, while judging phase I will start on July 20 to September 19, Judging phase II on September 15 to October 15 and the final ceremony will be organized in December.

TIEC was launched in 2010 to stimulate innovation and entrepreneurship in the ICT field in Egypt. The Center aims to promote Egypt as a competitor in the field of global high added value innovations. It is the first center of its kind in Egypt, the second in Africa and the fourth in the Middle East and Africa region in terms of being a member accredited at the European Business and Innovation Centers Network (EBN).

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About ITIDA:

The Information Technology Industry Development Agency (ITIDA) is a governmental entity affiliated to Egypt's Ministry of Communications and Information Technology. It is responsible for growing and developing Egypt's position as a leading global outsourcing location by attracting foreign direct investment to the industry and maximizing the exports of IT services and applications.

Located in the heart of the modern business environment at Smart Village, the six hundred acre business park on the outskirts of Cairo, ITIDA is a self-sustainable entity that drives the IT industry in Egypt and raises awareness among the Egyptian people of the benefits and use of ICT to advance socio-economic welfare of the whole community.

