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GITI 2011 CONFERENCE AND IT INNOVATION AWARD



On November 17-19, the 4th regional annual conference (IT exhibition, awards) organized by the Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia and ICT Business Council was held in Tbilisi, at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel. The conference was dedicated to the cyber security issues and current developments in ICT industry.

This year, the conference was attended by the unprecedented number of participants. More than 400 registered individuals representing public and private sectors from 30 countries of the world have arrived in Tbilisi

to discuss cyber security and ICT-related issues. They made diverse presentations on their successes achieved during the year and shared experience with other colleagues.

Mr. Jaba Ebanoidze, Head of Georgia Revenue Service opened the conference. In his remarks, Mr. Ebanoidze said: "I am delighted to have the opportunity to greet the participants of the conference. This is the 4th time, the conference gathers ICT professionals from around the world. This means that the event successfully established itself."



Jaba Ebanoidze opens the conference

During the conference representatives of Georgia have paid special attention to the projects accomplished by the Civil Registry of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia and Tbilisi City Hall. The first national electronic ID card and Smart City project respectively presented by the two above mentioned organizations evoked sizable interest from the participants (Continued on Page 2).

(continued from page 1) "The only source of funding of this event is a private sector. This means that along with public sector, business companies are also interested in ICT development and are ready to make investments in this field." – **Giga Shubitidze**, President, ICT Business Council of Georgia (Continued on Page 2).



Batu Kutelia discussed current challenges

The first day of the conference was fully dedicated to the cyber security issues. About the challenges Georgia is currently facing in this direction, special remarks was made by the Deputy Head of National Security Council of Georgia **Batu Kutelia**, the Deputy Minister of Defense **Andro Barnovi**, and **William Lahue**, Head of NATO Liaison Office.

"It is unimaginable to have well-developed ICT platforms without ensuring high levels of cyber security. Today Georgia undergoes important stage in the process of E-governance development. Various governmental institutions are working constantly to design and launch numerous e-services that play crucial role in streamlining the relationship between the Government and citizen. All this actions are strongly tied with cyber security. That

is why we think that these discussions about cyber security challenges are very important." – **Irakli Gvenetadze**, Chairman, DEA.

The conference was traditionally closed with Award Ceremony.

Presentations made during the conference can be found at: <http://www.e-government.ge/index.php?lang=4&p=static&id=167&page=1>

CIVIL REGISTRY AGENCY – LEADER OF THE GITI 2011 AWARDS



The 4th regional annual conference GITI 2011 organized by Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia and ICT Business Council was concluded by the award ceremony of the best IT projects.

The best IT projects created during a year were presented in 15 nominations. 6 out of 15 nominations, including Grand Prix, were awarded to the Ministry of Justice of Georgia and its subsidiaries – the National Agency of Public Registry and the Civil Registry Agency.

The Grand Prix was awarded to the Civil Registry Agency for the national electronic ID cards. In other nominations the winners also were – Ministry of Justice of Georgia for the best IT projects by which the process of relationship between governmental institutions and citizens has become easier. The Civil Registry Agency has been de-

clared as a winner for the best IT solutions and the National Agency of Public Registry was awarded for a complex development of the best IT systems.

"It is an honor for me that the Civil Registry Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia has become a Grand Prix owner. Electronic ID cards are really important for our country. We have only accomplished initial stage. Electronic ID cards have a broad range of benefits and every citizen will soon feel these benefits." – **Zurab Magradze**, Head of IT Division, CRA.

In previous years among other organizations the winners were: in 2010 and 2008 the Grand Prix was awarded to the National Agency of Public Registry of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia. In 2009 the Grand Prix was awarded to the Ministry of Finance of Georgia. GITI 2011 was supported by the Ministry of Justice of Georgia, Tbilisi City Hall, NATO-Georgia Professional Development Program and American Chamber of Commerce.

READ EVERYWHERE THOUSANDS OF BOOKS – ELECTRONIC BOOKSTORE AND THE FIRST GEORGIAN E-READER



The official presentation of the first Georgian E-reader device – Iota Reader was held at the presentation hall of the National Library of Georgia. Iota Reader – this is a device based on the e-ink technology, which enables owner to choose thousands of books from the E-book Store (www.lit.ge) and read books everywhere, comfortably and conveniently.

Digitalizing and spreading books, magazines, journals and other editions through the electronic readers is a widely accepted form in today's world. Millions of readers opt to read books electronically.

For the first time in Georgia, www.lit.ge presented Iota Reader. It is now possible to carry thousands of books and read them everywhere through the single device.

"This is a unique product on Georgian market. We did chase the world tendencies we see in publishing business and we were the first ones to offer combined service to our customers – E-book store lit.ge and Iota Reader. The device features absolute Georgian interface and the E-book store offers our customers thousands of reading materials at a notably low prices. It's worth to mention that we offer books not only in Georgian but in foreign languages as well." – **Paata Sirbiladze**, Project Coordinator.

While using Iota Reader, all operations are performed in Georgian language interface. The device features other benefits as well: Wi-Fi connection, web browsing, search and font customization abilities.

"The device is maximally fit to the customer needs. It must be underlined clearly that the device screen is absolutely safe for eyes and it do not cause the sense of tiredness." – **Avtandil Suladze**, Director, Literacy LLS.

Iota Reader can be purchased online at www.lit.ge, as well as at store chains of PC Shop.ge and Diogene.

EAUCTION.GE – A SIMPLE WAY OF PURCHASING STATE AND PRIVATE PROPERTY

www.eAuction.ge
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Started in 2011 the Online Auction established by the Service Agency of The Ministry of Finance replaced all public auctions held in Georgia. Switching to the electronic auction, all bureaucratic procedures are now substantially reduced.

Since February 2011, all auctions announced by governmental structures have been held online, using the www.eauction.ge portal. Now, anyone interested in purchasing mobile property or real estate no longer has to experience the hassle of searching different sites for information; everything the government sells is consolidated and listed in a one-stop shop – www.eauction.ge

The goal of the Service Agency of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia is to provide you with a reliable online resource, with simplified procedures, by which you can purchase various items in a faster and a competitive way. We have around 15 000 registered users and over 10 000 visitors a day.

The universal portal www.eauction.ge gives you the opportunity to participate in an online auction. You are able to select and purchase a wide range of items that match your interests from your home or place of work (Continued on Page 4).

Customer Support

The Service Agency of the Ministry of Finance can provide state institutions, as well as individuals and legal entities with services throughout the process of property sales.

We have the appropriate infrastructure for citizens who are unable to participate in the auction (including those without Internet access, computer or the necessary computer skills). Consultants are available to assist you in all your needs, including accessing information on all the procedures connected with the auction and finalizing of sales.

The Service Agency has four Service Centers located in Tbilisi, Samtredia (West Georgia), Kutaisi (West Georgia); Akhaltsikhe (South Georgia)

The Internet Shop is the service for you if you wish to immediately buy an item. Here you can browse through all the units listed in our four trading centers and receive additional information, as well as find the exact location of the properties prior to making a purchase.

The Electronic Sales system proves to be the most flexible system, and ideally adjusted to the comfort and interests of our customers.

We Offer You:

Simple registration process; Wide range of properties/offerings; Full description of each item and offering, with photos provided; Interactive map - the opportunity to observe infrastructure and the surroundings in proximity to the property for sale; Prices lower than the market value; Fully transparent and simplified procedures; Simple (electronic) payment mechanism; Home delivery service; Service center hotline number providing you with all the information about sales.

DEA REPRESENTATIVES MET WITH SOUTH KOREAN DELEGATION

On November 29, 2011 DEA's chairman along with the staff members of information security and legal divisions participated in the working meeting organized by the World Bank and the South Korean Communications Commission - "Broadband Technologies in Georgia: Sharing South Korea's Experience."

During the meeting, representatives of the South Korean governmental organizations made several presentations on the key issues of broadband internet and e-governance development. Information security related topics were also discussed.

On the same day, representatives of the South Korean Communications Commission, as well as representatives of the police division's special force focusing on High-tech crime visited Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia. During the meeting, both sides discussed cooperation opportunities between Georgia and South Korea in the fields of e-governance and information/cyber security. Possibility of planning training sessions and study visits for Georgian specialists in the appropriate Korean institutions was also discussed.

The delegation also visited Rustavi Public Service Hall. The visitors received detailed information on the concept of the Public Service Halls.

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