

Ideal Employee award for CGIS head

During an elegant ceremony, Qassim Mohamed Al-Ghanim, Head of The Centre for GIS, received the prestigious Ideal employee award which was presented by His Excellency Ali Bin Saeed Al-Khayareen, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Agriculture.

The award was the result of a ministry level elections among all 11,000 employees and Mr. Al-Ghanim was one of four others who received this award at the ministry level. There were another 21 employees who received awards as a result of winning the most votes within their departments.

It is worth mentioning that voting was done in a democratic and confidential procedure and the results were tallied through a computer program.



H.E. Ali Bin Saeed Al-Khayareen presenting the award to Qassim Al-Ghanim

GIS TRAINING IN QATAR Aiming High

in a first of its kind step, Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) has agreed to have CGIS Training as a hub for its training activities in the region.

Qassim Al-Ghanim, Head of CGIS said that this was not a surprise but a result of the honorable position Qatar has attained within the international GIS community. He added that the new training facilities which are going to be of international standards will be

ready for operation soon.

Nasser Al-Kuwari, The new head of Training, said "after acquiring ESRI's certification for training myself we will work on providing this certification for other members of the training staff then we'll be ready for providing high quality training for the region." He added that this will be a great opportunity for Qataris to develop their GIS skills and get into this field where very few Qataris are working right now.

The new training facilities will consist of four training halls with advanced audiovisual facilities and other equipment like PCs and digitizers etc., a conference room and a specialized GIS library that will carry Video tapes, Maps and periodicals in addition to over 600 book titles

Following is the training program for the period between February and June 1999.

Course Name	Date & Duration	Description
1. ArcFM	5/2 - 7/2, 1999	Course for Distributors at the Gulf Area run by ESRI Instructor.
2. ArcFM for communications	21/2, 1999	Mr. Lon Opp, ESRI
3. ArcFM for Electricity & Water	2/3, 1999	Mr. Maroun Mounzer, ESRI
4. PSW (Presentation Skills Workshop)	25 - 26/4, 1999	To certify new eight Instructors of CGIS training in different presentation skills
5. SDE	27/4 - 4/5, 1999	John Meza, ESRI
6. GIS System Environments	16/5, 1999	Anil Kumar, CGIS
7. Introduction to GIS Concepts		Dr. Bukhari, CGIS
8. ArcView	1/5 - 3/6, 1999	(3 hours - 3 day/week - 5/weeks) Mr. Nasser AL-Kuwari and Mr. Mohammed Abd El-Wahab, Qatar University
9. ArcView	22/5	Mr. Nasser AL-Kuwari and Mr. Mohammed Abd El-Wahab. One week. The Centre for GIS.