

REGIONAL REPORT - JORDAN**Project Management News from Jordan***End of March 2008**By Ammar Mango, PMP**International Correspondent for PMForum & PM World Today
Amman, Jordan***Introduction****PMI Chapter News**

PMI Jordan Chapter has elected a new board. The new board is led by Mr. Mohammed Amawi, PMP. The board will work on strengthening ties between the Jordan Project Management Community and the chapter through regularly held chapter presentations aiming at spreading the awareness of the importance of project management and the services offered by the PMI to its constituents and the industry at large.

The previous board of directors, which was led by Ms. Litsa Karathensis was instrumental in turning the Jordan potential chapter into a full fledged chapter. The Jordan PMI Chapter was first initiated as a potential chapter in 2000 by Ammar Mango. He assembled the first group of PMI chapter members in Jordan to elect the first board of directors.

PM Education News

Momentum has been building over the past few years in the field of project management education in Jordan. Like many other countries in the world, project management formal training was almost unheard of outside the civil engineering and construction community. However, today, a growing number of organizations from diverse industries are becoming more aware and interested in providing formal project management training to their project managers.

In a country that had no Project Management Professionals (PMP's) up until 2002, today Jordan boasts around four hundred PMP's and that number is rising steadily. In a country with a multitude of projects on the horizon and a growing demand for Jordanian resources in the Arabian Gulf region, the market demand for such certified professionals is high.

Many companies are now adding a “PMP preferred” requirement to their job descriptions and some even require the certification from anyone who assumes a project manager role. Currently, there are over five firms in the country that provide project management professional certification training, with some already offering training on the new certification, Program Management Professional.

Project Updates – Important Projects in Jordan

His Majesty King Abdullah The Second has launched a new housing initiative aimed at providing appropriate housing for middle and poor class sectors of the community. After the surge in property prices over the last few years it became difficult for most Jordanian citizens to buy houses. The initiative aims at building one hundred thousand housing units over the next five years, at an investment estimated at seven billion dollars.

Jordan’s need for housing units is estimated at over fifty five thousand housing units annually. Most of the housing unit demand centers around Amman, the capital, and its sister city Zarqa.



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