Press Release

Qatar IPv6 Council Has Been Founded
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Doha, Qatar/Luxembourg, November 17.11.2023: The Communications Regulatory Authority (CRA) of the State of Qatar, has re-affiliated to the IPv6 Forum and activated the Qatar Chapter under the leadership of its President, Ali Al-Suwaidi, Technical Affairs Department Director at CRA along with the Vice President, Yousef Al Majed, Standards and Next Generation Technology Researcher at CRA.

Through this membership, CRA underscores the importance of adopting Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) to ensure seamless connectivity in the digital age and emphasizes its commitment to continue rolling out the latest IPv6 resources to maintain its technology edge as a growing number of world countries transition to the IPv6 after using the Internet Protocol Version 4 (IPv4) for the past twenty years.

In 2018, the establishment of the Qatar IPv6 Council was primarily focused on promoting IPv6 deployment. However, this renewed commitment to the IPv6 Forum indicates that Qatar is now taking further steps to actively advance and implement IPv6, aligning its vision with key stakeholders from the government, industry, and academia. Aiming to stay at the forefront of Internet technology and address the evolving needs of its digital landscape.

Ali Al-Suwaidi, President of the Qatar IPv6 Council and Technical Affairs Department Director at CRA said: "CRA re-affiliation to the IPv6 Forum is a forward-looking move, ensuring the country taps into the full potential of IPv6. This upgrade is essential to stay

ahead in the fast-paced digital landscape. IPv6's capabilities are crucial for handling the increasing adoption of next-gen technologies and applications, which IPv4 struggles with,"

He added: "Qatar's embrace of IPv6 ensures a connected and sustainable future, benefitting both its individuals and businesses, and national economy. That contributes to achieving one of the objectives of the Qatar National Vision 2030; create a balance between an oil-based and a knowledge-based economy, helping diversify the country's economy and guaranteeing a stable and sustainable business environment."

Yousef Al Majed, Vice President of the Qatar IPv6 Council and Standards and Next Generation Technology Researcher at CRA said: "IPv6 resolves IP address scarcity issues and sets the stage for cutting-edge innovations. It serves to offer essential inbuilt features such as future-proof scalability, improved network performance, and uninterrupted connectivity. CRA recognizes the importance of IPv6 and its crucial role in modernizing and future-proofing internet communication, driving efforts to ensure the internet's long-term sustainability."

Latif Ladid, IPv6 Forum President stated: "The Qatar IPv6 Council not only extends to the Qatari Internet community a strong voice and representation in the new Internet world to create momentum in deploying IPv6, but it also plays a pivotal role in fostering collaboration among stakeholders. By actively engaging businesses, educational institutions, and government bodies, the council helps drive awareness and adoption of IPv6 nationwide."

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About the Qatar IPv6 Council

The Qatar IPv6 Council is a chapter of the IPv6 Forum dedicated to the advancement and promotion of IPv6 best practices and lessons learned in Qatar. Comprised of individual members, as opposed to corporate sponsors, its mission is to provide technical leadership and innovative thought for the successful integration of IPv6 into all facets of networking and telecommunications infrastructure, present and future.

About IPv6 Forum

The IPv6 Forum is a world-wide consortium of international Internet service providers (ISPs) and National Research & Education Networks (NRENs), with a mission to promote IPv6 by improving market and user awareness, creating a quality and secure New Generation Internet, and allowing world-wide equitable access to knowledge and technology. The key focus of the IPv6 Forum today is to provide technical guidance for the deployment of IPv6. IPv6 Summits are organized by the IPv6 Forum and staged in various locations around the world to provide industry and market with the best available information on this rapidly advancing technology. Please visit http://www.ipv6forum.com

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