Department of Urban Planning & Municipalities (DPM), Abu Dhabi, and Tech Mahindra launch Blockchain Solution for Land Registry

Technology

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Abu Dhabi, New Delhi - October 6th 2019: Tech Mahindra Ltd. a leading provider of digital transformation, consulting and business reengineering services and solutions, has announced today a partnership with the Department of Urban Planning and Municipalities (DPM), a leading UAE Government entity to launch a Blockchain solution for Land Registry using SmartHub Application. The solution will enhance citizen services by increasing transparency and traceability of records, security, and ensuring easy archival of data.

The solution will enable digital transformation of land registry – it will decrease the processing time related to Land Registry related transactions and create value which can bring benefits to citizens and multiple entities associated with municipalities (like property developers, banks).

Speaking on the occasion, on behalf **of Department of Urban Planning and Municipalities, Ahmad Abdolsamad AlHammadi - CIO Abu Dhabi Municipality,** *said, "The government and private sectors in Abu Dhabi are working together to achieve the digital transformation agenda led by the*

government. We believe in proactively embracing new age technologies and delivering better citizen experiences to the residents of Abu Dhabi. The implementation of next gen technologies like Blockchain and SmartHub digital services will help serving a wider segment of citizens enhancing customer happiness, quality of life and accessibility of our services. This is a beginning of many more services that we plan to roll out during the course of the year."

All the property related documents issued by the municipalities will be stored in Blockchain and can be tracked through Blockchain nods extended to different entities. SmartHub application using Blockchain will also provide benefits in services like Buying Resale Property and Tenancy Contract Verification etc.

Ram Ramachandran, General Manager and Head of Middle East & Africa, Tech Mahindra, said, *"We are delighted to be a strategic digital and technology partner to Department of Urban Planning & Municipalities (DPM) in the journey towards enhanced government to citizen experience. The Blockchain program for Land Registry demonstrates the progressive nature of the Abu Dhabi government. Tech Mahindra is committed to enable its customers in digital transformation roadmap, build and deliver of cutting-edge technology solutions and services that address real world problems and meet customer's evolving and dynamic needs."*

As part of the TechMNxt charter, Tech Mahindra is focused on building an ecosystem that supports collaboration in the real sense and provides enhanced experience to customers globally be leveraging next generation technologies. As a step in this direction, Tech Mahindra has collaborated with some of the finest start-ups, working with academia, drawing from the millennial workforce, and jointly creating cutting-edge technology solutions with partners.

About DPM

The Department of Urban Planning and Municipalities (DPM), initiate, drive and support Abu Dhabi's urban development strategy. By transferring DPM vision and overarching principles to physical settings, DPM develops strategic plans that are designed to shape the Emirate. The vision is built on a comprehensive analysis of the urban fabric, land availability and its best use, environmental issues, mobility, infrastructure and urban services that need to be integrated in our Emirate-wide planning strategy.

As Information Technology spreads its wings to touch every sector and segment, the governments across the world are seen leading in terms of embracing the digital technologies in order to improve their citizen services. Backed by the progressive leadership, UAE is one of the key countries in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region, which is leveraging the power of Information Technology to leapfrog in its technology transformation journey.

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