

Gibtelecom participates in the fifth Careers Fair

The latest Careers Fair, held on 22 February 2011 at the Tercentenary Hall and organised by three education institutions: Westside and Bayside Schools and the Gibraltar College of Further Education, was once again hugely successful.

The primary aim of this event is to provide students with opportunities to enquire about the local job market and understand academic, technical and other requirements for a wide variety of professions.

The fair was supported by over 50 employers' stalls manned by professionals in telecommunications, accountancy, banking, finance, insurance, education, construction, health, gaming, law, the armed forces and many others, as well as four leading British universities.

As in previous years the event was supported by Gibtelecom with volunteer staff available on-hand to offer support and advice to students. Over 600 information packs on career opportunities with Gibtelecom, such as undergraduate schemes, apprenticeship schemes and year placements were handed out to students.

The company also provided presentations on careers and the new EIG submarine cable project with actual samples of the cable used. Demonstrations on fibre-optic cable and fibre-splicing were also carried out, gathering interest from the hundreds of students and parents attending the event. Gibtelecom also provided free WIFI services at the Tercentenary Hall for the benefit of participants and attendees.



Laiken Liu demonstrates fibre-optic cable splicing



Gibtelecom presentations on careers and the new EIG submarine cable project



Gibtelecom staff manning the stand at the careers fair

Europe India Gateway

Submarine cable route heralds a new era in telecommunications for Gibraltar

In 2007, Gibtelecom joined a consortium comprising of world leading telecommunications operators. The project was to create a submarine cable route which spanned from UK through to India. The cable system is over 15,000km long and has landing stations at 13 locations throughout the cable's route - Gibraltar being one of these. In the summer of 2010, the Gibraltar spur of the cable was laid, bringing the first ever, high capacity (3.84 terabit), non-land route to the Rock. Although the entire end-to-end system is not yet complete, Thursday 27 February saw the partial activation of the cable system, allowing connectivity to 11 out of the 13 landing sites (including Gibraltar) on the Cable's UK to Libya portion.

The \$30 million investment for Gibtelecom ultimately aims to meet the future growth in telecommunications traffic, as well as adding diversity to the existing land links. The project also shows Gibtelecom's commitment to provide the Gibraltar-based e-commerce and e-gaming communities with state-of-the-art links which allow them to conduct their online business, firmly establishing Gibraltar as an international communications hub.



Another successful chess festival

The Tradewise Gibraltar International Chess Festival drew to a close on Thursday 4 February 2011, with top seeded player Grandmaster Vassily Ivanchuk winning the tournament. He won 9 out of his 10 rounds, obtaining a narrow lead over British Champion Nigel Short who came in second. Nana Dzagnidze from Georgia won the women's top prize.

Gibtelecom's invaluable contribution in providing the technology, which makes the tournament a huge worldwide success, was praised at the closing ceremony. The website and commentary streaming once again had a global following this year with Gibtelecom's server team ensuring that the set up could cope with the traffic of circa 70 million hits. The commentary streaming received a further 50,000 visits.

Gibtelecom will once again support the festival in 2012, further updating and enhancing the technology at the tournament. Judit Polgar, the top female chess player in the world, will be in Gibraltar for the event next year and in addition, the first Gibraltar chess stamp will be released.

Competition **WIN**



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2. How many hits did the chess festival website receive this year?

3. How many information packs on career opportunities within Gibtelecom were handed out at this year's careers fair?

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Winners will be drawn from all correct answers received and will be notified by Gibtelecom. Hand the form in (by 28 April 2011) when you pay your bill, or use the enclosed freepost envelope. Gibtelecom employees and their families are precluded from taking part in this competition. Gibtelecom reserves the right to substitute prizes with others of a similar value.

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