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Azerbaijan

Activities related to cyber security rules will be held in schools

The Ministry of Digital Development and Transport, its Electronic Security Service (ESS), and the Ministry of Science and Education's "Schoolchild's Friend" project have signed a Memorandum of Understanding. As part of this project, educational events on cybersecurity rules are planned to be conducted in 66 schools in the Baku and Absheron region, and 11 schools in other regions. These events aim to inform a total of 12,000 students about cybersecurity rules and online risks.

Source: Xəbərlər.az   28 March 2024

The Artificial Intelligence research laboratory has commenced operations at the Baku Higher Oil School

For the first time among Azerbaijani higher education institutions, the Baku Higher Oil School (BHOS) has launched an Artificial Intelligence research laboratory, established by SOCAR. According to Xeberler.az, this laboratory has been set up for the purpose of enabling master's and doctoral students at BHOS

to carry out research projects in the field of artificial intelligence. Additionally, the laboratory plans to facilitate various startup and grant projects.

Source: xeberler.az   28 March 2024

A Cybersecurity Center has been established in Azerbaijan

In response to the growing needs for cybersecurity in the country, the Azerbaijan Cybersecurity Center has been established through a joint initiative supported by "PAŞA Holding" Group of Companies, the Ministry of Digital Development and Transport, and Israel's "Technion" Institute. The aim is to enhance the nation's cybersecurity capabilities and to train highly skilled specialists in this field. The planned program includes providing training to over 1,000 individuals over three years and preparing 15 trainers at the center. This effort is expected to expand the pool of cybersecurity experts in Azerbaijan in the future.

Source: adalet.az   28 March 2024

Warning to citizens about fraudulent messages

The Electronic Security Service has announced that cybercriminals are conducting fraudulent campaigns using the name of "Umico Market," an innovative shopping platform. Citizens are being enticed with promising offers via instant messaging applications, aiming to deceive them. The Electronic Security Service advises citizens to be vigilant against such fraud, to contact the organization directly if they encounter any campaign-related information, or to verify the information through the organization's official website.

Source: milli.az   27 March 2024

Kazakhstan

Yandex Kazakhstan will introduce the YandexGPT language model in 2024

Yandex Kazakhstan, a technology company, plans to introduce an innovative language model named YandexGPT in 2024, which will revolutionize text processing capabilities in the Kazakh language. This model will integrate functions such as text reading, editing, maintaining conversations, and responding to user queries. The neural network, referred to as "Neuroset," will be integrated into the Yandex application, Search, and Yandex Browser, enabling users to interact with it as if they were communicating with a live conversation partner. Users will have the ability to seek advice, simplify complex topics with simple terms, brainstorm advertising ideas, or create social media content.

Source: daryo.uz   29 March 2024

A new integrated digital system for business will be created in Kazakhstan

In Kazakhstan, the government is undertaking extensive work on the digital transformation of tax and customs administration. According to information provided by the Finance Ministry to Kazpravda.kz, following the instructions of the head of state, an independent IT audit has commenced across all information systems of the State Revenue Committee. Based on the results, a new information architecture will be developed. Moreover, the integration of tax and customs information systems will be completed this year. Instead of 14 systems, only 5 will remain operational.

Mənbə: kazpravda.kz   19 Mart 2024

Georgia

Prime Minister of Georgia: Innovative start-ups will be exempted from all taxes for 3 years

Georgian Prime Minister Irakli Kobakhidze has announced a new initiative to strengthen the domestic innovation ecosystem by granting innovative startup status to companies and providing tax incentives for a period of three years. This initiative was unveiled on the 10th anniversary of Georgia's Innovation and Technology Agency. The aim of the initiative is to maximize the country's economic competitiveness by identifying key directions such as artificial intelligence, pharma, and agricultural technologies, and fully leveraging its scientific potential. In this context, a specialized scientific group will be created to work on the application of artificial intelligence in education, healthcare, agriculture, and other fields.

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Uzbekistan

Uzbekistan adopted a resolution to promote technological development

In order to advance Uzbekistan's innovative development strategy, the government adopted Decision No. 128 on March 13, 2024. This decision outlines the main measures for the implementation of the innovative development strategy for the years 2024-2025 and is noted as a decisive step towards promoting a culture of innovation and technological advancement within the nation. The necessity of modernizing scientific organizations and enhancing their effectiveness and activity is also emphasized in the decision. A modern system model will be prepared and tested to optimize scientific management practices and activities.

Source: daryo.uz   23 March 2024

International Digital Technologies Center will be established in Uzbekistan

Uzbekistan is planning to establish an International Digital Technology Center to attract major foreign IT companies and strengthen the country's digital services exports. The center, to be located within the IT Park under the name "ENTERPRISE Uzbekistan," aims to create a vibrant ecosystem for digital innovation and development, as well as to provide global business opportunities through Uzbekistan. The establishment of this center is part of a broader strategy aimed at reaching a $5 billion IT service export, creating 100,000 new jobs, and making Uzbekistan a more attractive destination for foreign IT firms.

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