

Kabul Polytechnic University Hosts Second Cohort Graduation of Associate Degree in Information Technology

More and More Students are Interested to Enroll in IT Associate Degree Program

USAID-funded University Support and Workforce Development Program (USWDP) recently supported two successive cohorts of Associate Degree students in Information Technology (IT) at Kabul Polytechnic University (KPU). The first cohort of the Associate Degree at KPU was comprised of 28 students (eight women) and the second cohort was comprised of 16 students (three women). The second cohort started their studies in November 2015 and graduated in March 2018.

KPU created the IT Associate Degree programs with financial assistance USAID-USWDP and technical assistance from the United States-based Central Georgia Technical College. This two-and-a-half-year degree program provides university-level preparation for IT specific jobs in the public and private sectors, as well as IT entrepreneurs.

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Afghanistan and offers courses in Programming, Database Management, Networking, and Technology Entrepreneurship. USAID and USWDP are working with 11 public universities across Afghanistan to develop programs that provide market-based skills and knowledge.

On this joyous occasion, Cristina Olive, Director of Education at USAID, through a video message, said “Indeed it is a wonderful time to be graduating today when the demand for people with skills you just acquired in the last two-and-a-half-year will be much in demand.” Additionally, Professor Mohammad Sayeed Kakar, Chancellor of KPU, said “Thanks to USAID and USWDP for helping KPU develop a market-oriented curriculum for the IT Associate degree. The IT Associate degree graduates have high employment rate which is why we promise the sustainability of the program after handover from USWDP.”



Graduates of the Second Cohort of IT Associate Degree at KPU Throw Their Mortars Into the Air in Celebration

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