

Thales to shine as Platinum Sponsor of the Citizen ID Forum

Milan, 15 February 2008 - Thales, a leading international electronics and systems group addressing defense, aerospace and security markets worldwide, will be Platinum Sponsor of the Citizen ID Forum taking place at the Beach Rotana Hotel and Towers in Abu Dhabi on February 25-26, 2008.

Alain Begey, Thales' Government Sales Director, will address the audience of the international conference on government-driven citizen ID programs on the topic of eHealthcare on 26 February.

At the Citizen ID Forum's exhibition, Thales representatives will be on hand to show and provide information on the company's latest product lines and service offerings.

Following outstanding successes in Berlin and Rome (2005), Paris and Milan (2006), Istanbul and Milan (2007) the seventh event will open its doors as Citizen ID Forum 2008 building on the wealth of experience of Wise Media's Electronic Passport Forum and Citizen ID Forum initiatives. In 2008, the event takes place on February 25 and 26 under the patronage of the Minister of Interior of the UAE, H.H. Sheik Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan and with the endorsement of the European Commission, Emirates Identity Authority and Abu Dhabi Police.

About the Citizen ID Forum

The Citizen ID Forum is a vertical event of the ID WORLD International Congress, focusing on the evolution of government-driven citizen ID programs. After the success of the events in Berlin and Rome (2005), Paris and Milan (2006), Istanbul and Milan (2007), endorsed by the European Commission, the French Ministry of the Interior, the German Ministry of the Interior and the Italian Ministry of the Interior, the Citizen ID Forum will take place for the first time in the Middle East in Abu Dhabi on February 25 and 26, 2008 under the patronage of the Minister of Interior of the UAE, H. H. Sheik Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan and with the endorsement of the European Commission, Emirates Identity Authority and Abu Dhabi Police. For further information visit: www.citizen-id.com

About ID WORLD Events

ID WORLD is the first global technology-agnostic initiative on automatic identification addressing all vertical markets of RFID and AIDC systems, biometrics and smart cards. Organized by Wise Media, ID WORLD events focus on segments in which automatic identification expresses its revolutionary potential. Alongside the annual world summit ID WORLD International Congress, Wise Media organizes the following vertical forums: Electronic Passport Forum, Citizen ID Forum, Global Security Forum, Asset Tracking Forum, Registered Traveler Forum and Transportation Security Forum. For further information on the annual world summit visit: www.idworldonline.com

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