



Brig. Gen. Sayed Ahman, Ministry of Interior Computer and Communications Chief and Maj. Gen. Mohammad Azim Kohistani, commander Joint Regional Command Center, cut the ribbon marking the opening of the first computer classroom at the JRCC. The computers will be used to teach Afghan National Police officers the basic tools they need to operate computers and software.



Computer class increases capabilities

*Story and Photo by Petty Officer First Class Scott Cohen
Combined Security Transition Command, Afghanistan
Public Affairs*

KABUL, Afghanistan – The Afghan National Police continue to increase its capability with the opening of its first computer classroom Saturday at the Joint Regional Command Center here.

The classroom features 20 laptops for the students to use. Instruction in the class is designed to give police officers a basic understanding of computers and software, said Brig. Gen. Sayed Ahman Naser Hashimi, Ministry of Interior Computer and Communications Chief.

“This is the modern technology era and everything is linked together,” Hashimi said. “The class is six weeks long and is designed to give police officers a foundation to build on as more and more computer related-technology is fielded in the future.”

During the ceremony, Hashimi talked directly to the students in the inaugural class. He emphasized the great opportunity the students are being given and for them to take

full advantage of the training.

“I hope you take maximum advantage of the course and learn as much as you can,” Hashimi said. “Use these skills in your career, but also go back to your provinces and train your fellow officers with the knowledge you have gained here. We are building a professional police force and it starts with you.”

The commander of JRCC, Maj. Gen. Mohammad Azim Kohistani echoed these same words.

“Use each second to learn from this class and increase your knowledge,” Kohistani said. “The ANP needs you, your country needs you and I know you will do great things in the future. You are making history and are very lucky to be a police officer at this time.”

About 200 police officers are expected to attend this entry level computer training each year, with hopes of expanding the training in the future. 