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In the evolving digital landscape of Tanzania, the imperative to accelerate digital transformation has neverbeen more critical

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## **Securing the Future: Cisco**

**Cybersecurity Training at the Advance Digital Literacy Center** 

today's digital-first world, cybersecurity has become more,

buzzword than a necessity. With cyber threats evolving organizations industries are seeking professionals who can safeguard data, networks, and critical infrastructure.

To bridge this growing skills gap, the Advance Digital Literacy Center recently hosted a transformative training program: the Cisco Certified **Technician** Support Cybersecurity Certification.

The training attracted participants from a wide range of organizations from IT service providers educational institutions – all eager to strengthen their knowledge and skill sets in the ever-critical field of cybersecurity......Continue Page 03





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#### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



Dr Riyaz Hassanali

In today's rapidly evolving digital world, protecting the citizens of Tanzania from emerging cyber threats is both a responsibility and a necessity. It is with great pride that we announce a new public-private partnership in cybersecurity, a significant milestone in our journey to strengthen the nation's digital resilience.

Through the generous support of the Punjani Charitable Trust, and under the guidance of our esteemed board member, Mr. Gulam Punjani, we have established an advanced working space dedicated to the Tanzania Police Force's Cybersecurity Department. This facility will serve as a professional hub for officers who have undergone specialized training at our Advance Digital Literacy Center, enabling them to apply

This initiative reflects the power of collaboration. By equipping our law enforcement with the tools and environment needed to excel in cybersecurity, we not only reinforce national security but also cultivate a culture of innovation and shared responsibility. At the same time, our commitment to educating the youth in digital technology remains unwavering. As we expand this subspecialty, we are creating opportunities for the next generation to thrive in an increasingly digital future.

This partnership stands as a model of mutual benefit—where philanthropy, education, and public service converge to build a safer, smarter, and more resilient Tanzania.

#### PCT WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER

The Punjani Charitable Trust is pleased to announce the appointment of Anissa Nargis Kermali Punjani to its Board of Trustees.

Anissa Punjani is a seasoned philanthropy consultant with extensive experience advising both aspiring philanthropists and established foundations on strategic and impactful giving. She most recently served as the Governance in Philanthropy Programme Manager at the Pearl Initiative, where she collaborated with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to strengthen accountability and transparency within the philanthropic sector, fostering more effective and

sustainable giving among regional donors.

their expertise in safeguarding critical systems and combating cybercrime.

Her proven expertise and deep commitment to advancing thoughtful philanthropy will be a valuable asset to the Trust as it continues its mission of serving communities and creating lasting impact. The Trust looks forward to working closely with her and benefitting from the insight and leadership she brings to the Board.

#### RENOVATION OF POLICE FORCE BUILDING - CYBERSECURITY |





The Department of Cybersecurity at the Ministry of Home Affairs, Tanzania Police Force, has taken a major step forward with the renovation of its facilities, made possible through the generous support of the Punjani Charitable Trust. This initiative is part of an ongoing collaboration aimed at strengthening the nation's cybersecurity capabilities and equipping law enforcement with the resources needed to address emerging digital threats.

The upgraded department will be fully equipped workspace where trained police officers from the Advance Digital Literacy Center (ADLC) can put their skills into

practice.For the officers who will work within these walls, it is not only a place to serve but a platform to innovate, safeguard, and lead the fight against cybercrime.

The project was personally overseen by Mr. Gulam Punjani and his son, Zaaid Punjani, whose leadership and commitment ensured the successful completion of the renovation.

#### SIGNING OF MOU WITH THE UNIVERSITY COMPUTING CENTRE (UCC)

We are in the process of signing an MoU with the University Computing Centre (UCC) under the University of Dar es Salaam. The objective of this MoU is to establish a closer relationship between the two parties to promote academic and cultural exchange in the areas of education, research, consultancy, and other related activities.

## CENTER ACTIVITIES

# **CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP**

This dynamic workshop combines guided self-exploration, career planning, personal branding, and practical job-readiness training to prepare students for success in today's competitive landscape. Designed to go beyond theory, the program equips participants with the mindset and skills needed to stand out in their chosen fields. With practice and a stronger sense of self—grounded in self-awareness.



By the end of the workshop, students have a clear direction, a polished CV, and the confidence to present themselves with purpose.

confidence, and clarity of purpose—they are ready to take the next step toward building a future that truly reflects their aspirations and values With practical tools and a stronger sense of self, they are ready to take the next step toward building their future.



# EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE TRAINING









The Center recently hosted a dynamic session led by Shama Dewji, tailored for Khoja youths visiting Tanzania from the UK, Canada, and the USA. All around 18 years old and preparing to begin university, the participants explored the theme of Emotional Intelligence, gaining valuable insights and practical tools to support their personal and academic journeys.

Ahead of the workshop, the group was also introduced to the work of the Punjani Charitable Trust, including its diverse initiatives and programs. Among these, the Cybersecurity course sparked particular interest, highlighting the relevance and impact of the Trust's offerings for today's generation.

As the session concluded, it was inspiring to witness how the Center continues to strengthen its role as a hub for youth development, learning, and community growth.

# **CYBERSECURITY TRAINING**

#### PHYSICAL TRAINING

Over the course of the program, participants immersed themselves in the foundations of

cybersecurity, learning how to detect and prevent threats, secure networks, and respond effectively to incidents. The training went beyond theory, offering hands-on labs that simulated real-world challenges. For many, this was their first opportunity to experience what it feels like to think like both a defender and an attacker.

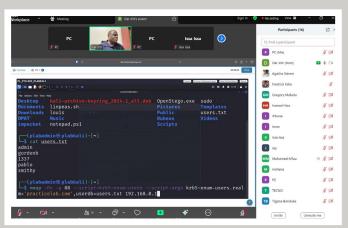


"Cybersecurity is no longer optional — it's

essential for every organization, regardless of size," said one of the lead instructors. "With Cisco's globally recognized certification, participants gain not just knowledge, but credibility that sets them apart in the job market."

The Advance Digital Literacy Center played a pivotal role as the host of this initiative, reinforcing its mission to empower professionals with practical, industry-relevant skills. By the end of the program, participants walked away not only with a certification but also with newfound confidence to tackle cybersecurity challenges head-on.

#### **CEH POLICE TRAINING 2ND COHORT**



After the successful completion of our first cohort of Cybersecurity Training, which equipped 15 police officers from the Ministry of Home Affairs' Cybersecurity Department, we are now proud to embark on our second cohort. This new group consists of 24 Police officers from the IT departments across various regions in Tanzania, including Dodoma, Arusha, Iringa, and Dar es Salaam.

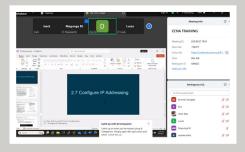
The training is designed to blend flexible online

learning with hands-on practical sessions conducted at the Advanced Digital Literacy Center.

Through this program, participants not only gain technical expertise in cybersecurity but also develop practical skills to address real-world digital security challenges, ensuring they are better prepared to protect and serve in the ever-evolving cyber landscape in Tanzania.

#### BOOST YOUR CAREER WITH ONLINE CISCO CCNA CERTIFICATION!

In today's hyper-connected world, skilled networking professionals are in high demand and the Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) certification remains the gold standard for launching a successful career in IT and networking. Our CCNA training program is designed to open doors to global opportunities, whether you're just starting out or looking to level up your expertise.



#### FUTURE INNOVATORS START HERE!

At the Advanced Digital Literacy Center coding for kids session, children are not just



learning to code — they're discovering how to think creatively, solve problems, and build the skills of tomorrow. Designed interactive. and hands-on. each introduces young minds to the exciting world of technology. From creating simple games to developing animations and basic apps, kids learn the fundamentals of coding while building confidence, teamwork,

and critical thinking. "Coding is the language of the future, and we're giving them a head start."

Whether your child dreams of designing video games, inventing the next big app, or simply understanding how technology works, Coding for Kids provides the perfect launchpad. With every line of code, these young innovators are preparing for a world full of opportunities — and having a blast along the way. The future is being written today, one code at a time.



#### **GENERATIVE AI**



Artificial Intelligence (AI) is changing the way we work. From automating repetitive tasks to analyzing data in seconds, smart Al-powered tools are designed to take on the heavy lifting so you can focus on what truly matters. Whether it's drafting documents, managing schedules, streamlining customer service, or generating creative content, AI helps you work smarter, faster, and with greater

cutting-edge technologies, professionals and businesses alike can save time, reduce errors, and unlock new opportunities for innovation. It's time to let AI handle the routine while focus growth, you creativity, and the future.



#### SHAPING THE FUTURE WITH DATA

In digital world, data is everywhere—streaming from our phones, workplaces, and daily interactions. But the true power of data isn't in the numbers themselves; it lies in how we transform, organize, and visualize that information to make smarter, data-driven



decisions. From predicting trends to solving real-world problems. data has become the language of innovation.At the Advanced Digital Literacy Center, learning to work with data is more than just a course it's an opportunity to shape the future. Participants explore tools and techniques that turn raw information into meaningful insights, unlocking new ways to think, create, and lead.

#### **eLEARNING AFRICA ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN TANZANIA**

We attended the eLearning Africa Annual Conference and Exhibition in Tanzania, the largest and most comprehensive

knowledge-sharing event for digital education, training, and skills development on the African continent.

This global forum brings together educators, trainers, and innovators from around the world who share a passion for advancing learning in Africa. Over the years, it has provided thousands of education and training professionals with invaluable insights into the rapidly evolving world of digital learning and technology-driven education.



#### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) FORUM



The Tanzania AI Forum is an annual gathering held every July, designed to bring together experts, policymakers, industry leaders, and academics to explore the rapidly evolving world of Artificial Intelligence. The purpose of this forum is to bridge the knowledge gap by providing a comprehensive overview of AI issues, emerging use cases, and their societal impacts.

In addition to showcasing innovations,

the forum serves as a key platform to discuss policy challenges and regulatory needs that must be addressed to ensure responsible and inclusive AI development in Tanzania.

As part of our collaboration with the ICT Commission to establish a Center of Al Excellence, our team actively participates in the forum strengthening partnerships that drive Al adoption and capacity-building in the country.

#### EXPLORING THE FUTURE OF CYBERSECURITY WITH DATA NT AND PALO ALTO



Our team had the privilege of attending an insightful event organized by our supplier, Data NT, in collaboration with Palo Alto. The session focused on the latest security services and firewall solutions, providing an excellent opportunity to explore cutting-edge technologies.

The event also allowed us to connect directly with the Palo Alto team, fostering new relationships

and discussions around the Palo Alto Academy. We explored opportunities to engage with their training programs, enhancing our skills and knowledge in cybersecurity.

#### LAUNCHING OF UVCCM CHATBOT



We were invited by Tanzania's ruling party, CCM, to participate as a provider of ICT education at the official launch of Ilani Chatbot System. As part of this event, we hosted an interactive booth showcasing our programs and technology training opportunities to the youth and party members in attendance. The occasion provided a unique platform to engage with young people, introduce them to emerging ICT skills,

and highlight how technology can empower the next generation to drive innovation and national development. Our presence underscored our commitment inspiring youth to embrace the limitless opportunities of the tech world.



#### TED<sup>X</sup> KIVUKONI HIDDEN CURRENTS EVENT

We are excited to share that we have been invited to participate as one of the proud sponsors of TEDxKivukoni 2025, an inspiring event built around the theme "Hidden Currents." This year's gathering will dive deep into the unseen forces shaping our world — from subconscious biases and societal norms to ocean currents and powerful algorithms.



These invisible influences affect how we think, decide, and connect every day. By supporting this event, we join a



community of thinkers, innovators, and changemakers exploring how understanding the unseen can spark growth, inspire innovation, and enrich our shared reality.

#### STEPPING INTO THE FUTURE: LEARNING THROUGH VIRTUAL REALITY



At our center, we use Virtual Reality (VR) as an exciting, hands-on way to teach and inspire our students. During special sessions, learners are invited to wear VR headsets and step into immersive digital environments where lessons come to life. From exploring 3D simulations to interacting with virtual objects, students gain a first-hand

understanding of how VR technology works and how it is shaping industries such as education, gaming, medicine, and engineering. This interactive approach not only makes learning fun and memorable

but also sparks curiosity about emerging technologies and their endless possibilities. By experiencing VR themselves, students

leave with a deeper appreciation of its power to transform the way we learn, create, and connect with the world.







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