

PropertyLink07 opens Wednesday

By Khalid Neimat

AMMAN — Starting tomorrow under the Patronage of His Majesty King Abdullah., the second PropertyLink and PropertyLink Conference will highlight tens of development projects by 54 participating companies.

"The target this year is to complete the picture of the first expo held last year and serve the goals of the sector on one hand and the national economy on the other," according to Ayman Banayot, head of the organising company B-Design and Marketing.

At a press conference held Monday, the sponsors of the event, including Sarya Holding, Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority (ASEZA), Capital Bank, Ayla, Taamer-Jordan, the Land and ASTECO, expressed preference to focus on this event more than the 6th International Property Investment and Development Exhibition — Dubai Cityscape 2007.

"All spaces in the exhibition are sold out, and it is expected that more than 8,000 visitors will tour the area," Banayot indicated.

"We expect the number to exceed last year's 8,000 visi-

tors," Banayot said, adding that officials from various departments will attend the exhibition and the conference.

Over the two days of the conference, panelists will discuss topics related to the real estate sector, including the "Future Trends and Opportunities in the Real Estate Market". They will also evaluate the "Performance of the Sector in the Middle East".

Participants will attend sessions designed to present the Amman Master Plan and the Mafraq Special Economic Zone. The event will tackle also topics like "Sustainable Architecture, and Creating Meaningful Architecture", Real Estate Financing", and the "Importance of Integrated Management of Properties".

The event will take place at the Zara Expo and Hyatt Amman Hotel. Many international and regional real estate developers will take part in the exhibition as well as in the conference.

"PropertyLink achieved all its objectives last year and that is why we are carrying on with the second this year, with new vision and prospective," Banayot said.

TRANSPORT

PTRC receives offers for Amman light rail

By Mohammad Ghazal

AMMAN — The Public Transportation Regulatory Commission (PTRC) received Monday financial and technical offers from three consortiums to implement the Amman-Zarqa light rail project.

The winning consortium to carry out the JD140-million project on a build-operate and transfer basis will be announced next week, PTRC Director General Hashem Masaeid told The Jordan Times on Monday.

The three short-listed consortiums out of the 12 that submitted proposals are Dutch-Egyptian-Jordanian consortium, a Pakistani-Jordanian consortium and Kuwaiti-Spanish consortium, Masaeid indicated.

"The PTRC started studying the technical offers today and will examine the financial offers at the end of the week. The winner will be announced early next week," the PTRC official said.

The project involves a commuter train running on a dual-track railway from north