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Kuwait: CITRA Sets the Ball Rolling for .KW Domain Registration

Kuwait: Communications and Information Technology Regulatory Authority (CITRA) of Kuwait has taken another firm step towards bolstering the digital framework of the country by launching the direct domain registration service (.kw) as of September 23, 2024. This service is divided into three phases, with the first phase, also called 'Sunrise Period', lasting for six months. This comes as milestone step-ahead for Kuwait which has been taking long strides in establishing its digital presence in order to promote local entrepreneurs and also attract foreign investment.

The newly-launched 'Sunrise Period', facilitates domain access to government sector undertakings, trademark holders and existing registrants of third-level domains (.com.kw / .net.kw / .org.kw). They have been given six months' time to register and secure their .kw domain.

CITRA has been managing and organizing the country code top-level domain (ccTLD) since 2017, under Law No. (37) of 2014, which led to the creation of a comprehensive electronic system for registering third-level domains.

After the 'Sunrise Period' is called off, the second phase 'Land Rush Period' will be set in motion and this will run span for the next 6 months. During this phase domain names will be offered at premium rates. Following this, the last phase, the 'General Availability' phase will start wherein general public is given access to domains at nominal rates.

The entire exercise is aimed at boosting the digital presence and identity of Kuwait and providing everyone with fair opportunity to acquire .kw domains and enhance their digital foot printing.

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