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## Belarus, Egypt to step up cooperation in cybersecurity



During the meeting. Photo courtesy of the Belarusian Communications and Informatization Minister

MINSK, 4 April (BelTA) – Ways to boost cooperation in cybersecurity were discussed during the visit of Belarusian Communications and Informatization Minister Sergei Popkov to Egypt. BelTA learned from the Belarusian Embassy in Egypt.

The Belarusian delegation included Andrei Zenevich, rector of the Belarusian Communications and Informatization Ministry. Sergei Popkov held talks with Yasser ElKady, Egyptian Communications and Information Technology, with the participations of

Egypt's National Telecommunications Regulatory Authority, Information Development Agency, Computer Emergency Response Team, National Technical Institute, and the Smart Village administration.

The sides discussed the formation of a modern digital economy in the country, achievements, ways to expand cooperation in cybersecurity, innovations, exchange of experience in the establishment of science parks, research centers, and also training ICT specialists under master's programs and short-term courses at the Belarusian State Academy of Communications.

The Belarusian delegation explored the opportunities of Egypt's Smart Villages at the Center for Documentation of Cultural and Natural Heritage.

Sergei Popkov had a meeting with Prime Minister of Egypt Sherif Ismail. The sides discussed the main avenues of Belarus-Egypt cooperation in communications and informatization. They agreed that a delegation of Egyptian ICT specialists will take part in the TIBO 2018 in Minsk.

The Belarusian Communications and Informatization Ministry signed a memorandum of understanding on cooperation in communications and IT with the Egyptian Ministry of Communications and Information Technology.

The Belarusian delegation also participated in a roundtable discussion on opportunities for Belarus-Egypt cooperation in IT organized by the Court of International Cooperation. The event brought together representatives of more than 20 companies and organizations seeking cooperation with Belarus.

During the discussion, the minister talked about the main avenues of ICT cooperation between Belarus and Egypt. The event was dedicated to joint development and production of software, outsourcing of computer services, cooperation in telecom network construction, technology transfer, and exchange of experience in digital transformation.

The Belarusians also presented the opportunities of the Belarusian State Academy of Communications, including the Smart Home technology. The State Academy of Communications (Belarus) and the National Telecommunications Institute

## agreement on cooperation in education and science.



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