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Silicon Valley-based Founder Institute Holds its First Graduation Ceremony & Founder Showcase in Kabul Afghanistan

Kabul, Afghanistan - April 16 2015: Today the Founder Institute, the World's Largest Startup Accelerator, gathered graduates of the first Founder Institute program in Kabul to celebrate their achievement and showcase their companies to an exclusive audience of investors, mentors, advisors, and the press. A short talk on entrepreneurship was given by **SanzarKakar** (Chairman of Afghan Holding Group) and guests were also treated to short business pitches from the graduates.

The first graduating group of Founders of the Founder Institute's Kabul Chapter wereAkmalArzhang, Founder and CEO of ToNext (edokans.com), NaikbeenNaikpay, Founder and CEO of SmarMacktab, MortazaZargar, Founder and CEO of LifeCode (AfghanBooking.com), and GhayoorBawary, Founder of CEO of Experts Valley.

Leading the Founder Institute's efforts in Kabul are **RoiaShefayee**, a legal adviser to tech entrepreneurs and tech startups and **Omar Mansoor Ansari**, a senior entrepreneur and researcher in ICT.

"Graduating from the Founder Institute program is a significant achievement given the rigors and demands of the program," says **RoiaShefayee, Co-Director of the Kabul Founder Institute**. "We had a great group of Graduate Founders our first semester in Kabul. I am very excited for the Founders as they continue to build and grow their companies and I look forward to helping future Founders launch their companies through the Founder Institute beginning with our second Semester in August 2015"

About The Founder Institute
The Founder Institute (www.FI.co) is the world's largest entrepreneur training and startup launch program, helping aspiring founders across the globe build enduring technology companies. In the Founder Institute's four-month, part-time program, promising startup entrepreneurs "learn by doing" and launch a company through structured training courses, practical business-building assignments, and expert feedback from a large network of business mentors. Plus, aspiring founders are not required to quit their day job to participate, so they can begin building a business around their ideas without putting their livelihood at risk.

Based in Silicon Valley and with chapters across over 35 countries, the Founder

Institute has helped launch over 1,300 companies across 85 cities and six continents. The Institute'smission is to "Globalize Silicon Valley" and create sustainable startup ecosystems that will create one million new jobs worldwide.

The Founder Institute was founded in 2009 by serial entrepreneur AdeoRessi.

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