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AMMAN – Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) is pleased to announce that it has been ranked in Tier One for trademark and patent prosecution and contentious work in Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Kuwait, Bahrain and the UAE in a latest survey conducted by Managing Intellectual Property (MIP); which indicates an overall strength of AGIP's patent and trademark portfolios with a combined measure for quality and quantity.

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Managing Intellectual Property's IP Handbook ranks leading intellectual property agencies and law firms worldwide, highlighting the country's

prominent intellectual property attorneys. Results are based on a research process comprising more than 1,000 interviews of and surveys from peers and in-house counsel active in the United States.

To view (AGIP) ranking in the 2016 Results, please click on the following link: <http://www.ipstars.com/firms/Abu-Ghazaleh-Intellectual-Property-AGIP/F-111#/rankings>

AGIP Egypt Office Hosts First Domain Names Legal Track Workshop



CAIRO - Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) - Egypt Office in cooperation with DNS Entrepreneurship Center, National Telecommunication Regulatory Authority (NTRA) and Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) organized the first Domain Names Legal Track Workshop.

The two days workshop hosted legal department employees, EG Registry and Trademark Lawyers, focused on domain names disputes resolution, Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP), and trademarks and domain names protection from potential threats in addition to the abuse of trademarks online.

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) expert in the field of DNS Disputes resolution Dr. Luca Barbero presented the UDRP, while AGIP and TAGLegal experts Ms. Passant Abaza and Ms. Mona Adel discussed the trademark registration importance, procedures and the alternatives for DNS dispute resolution for ccTLDs.

Commenting on her participation in this workshop, Ms. Passant Abaza, trademark deputy manager and quality control officer said: “It was a great honor for me to participate in such a workshop which aimed to raise the awareness to the importance of protecting intellectual property rights; it’s about protecting brand to create identity in the market.”

About AGIP:

A member of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org), Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP), is the leader in Intellectual Property protection services in the world. AGIP provides an extensive range of IP services for the protection, commercialization and enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights, covering patents, trademarks, designs, copyrights and domain names.

Increase in Official Fees for Publication of Trademark Renewal in Saudi Arabia



RIYADH – The Saudi Trademark Office applied the e-filing system of the renewal applications.

The Trademark Office announced that an increase on the official e-publication fees for renewal applications will be applied as from March 24, 2016.

The e-publication fees of renewal were amended from SR 300 (US\$ 80.--) to SR 3000 (US\$ 800.--).

Accordingly, Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) will amend its schedule of charges and post it on the website (www.agip.com).

Special IP Court Circuit Launched in the UAE Under Federal Courts



ABU DHABI - The Minister of Justice at the United Arab Emirates issued the Ministerial Resolution No. 137 for 2016 which stipulates that the UAE will be setting-up dedicated courts to handle Intellectual

Property Rights disputes and small claims.

The UAE set up this strategy to reflect the UAE's interest in protecting Intellectual Property Rights and making

effective decisions on disputes related to Intellectual Property Rights.

On this regard, the Judicial Inspection Department will provide specialized training to judges to help them understand the procedures and technicalities associated with Intellectual Property Rights cases.

An Intellectual Property Court Circuit has already been set up at the Federal Court of First Instance in Abu Dhabi, and the next move will be establishing Court Circuits across the country.

India Initiated Mediation and Conciliation Process for Contested Matters in Trade Marks Registry, Delhi



NEW DELHI - The Office of Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trademarks (CGPDTM) in India in collaboration with Delhi State Legal Service Authority (DSLISA) has undertaken to initiate a project to liquidate the pendency through Mediation and Conciliation based on Mediation and Conciliation Rules framed under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987,

Initially, it has been decided to undertake the

project on pilot basis by taking up 500 pending Opposition and Rectification. It is estimated that close to 130,000 trademark disputes are pending in India, and this project aims to resolve matters pending for over a decade.

The interested parties in the listed matters may submit their consent in the “Consent Form” within 30 days from the date of this Notice, so that their matters may be referred to DSLISA for further action. The original “Consent Form” should be submitted before the designated officer of DSLISA at the time of Mediation proceeding.

According to sources, the whole process of resolving the Trademark disputes have been getting delayed due to administrative issues. Interestingly, it would take almost a year for the Trademark Registry to send the notice to the applicant if an opposition was filed. As a result, numerous opposition matters are pending for over a decade.

Oman (.OM) ccTLD and Typosquatting

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During the past few weeks, we have witnessed an increasing number of registrations and typosquatting cases under the Omani ccTLD (.OM).

Typosquatters choice of the .OM TLD is not arbitrary; misspell a .COM domain name and click enter, you might end up at its .OM version, which

may contain malware, the case for a leading cloud file hosting service.

While Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) is an ICANN and a .OM accredited registrar, we make sure that all received registration requests for .OM are verified, however, not all registrars follow the same procedures.

Endgame, an Information Security Company has published its research on .OM

typosquatting campaign; it has listed over 300 instances of typosquatting cases, and the number might increase overnight. The campaign is targeting 300 well-known organizations, which indicates the aggressive nature of such a campaign.

We have reached out to

Oman's Telecommunication Regulatory Authority (TRA), .OM Registry Operator, and they are aware of these incidents. They are currently taking extra measures to avoid similar incidents and to resolve existing ones.

In all cases, we advise our clients to register their brands

under the .OM ccTLD to avoid being victim of such campaigns, and if you found out that your brand has been already registered by a third party, please let us know so we can take appropriate action with Oman's TRA.

Please feel free to contact us at: info@tag-domains.com

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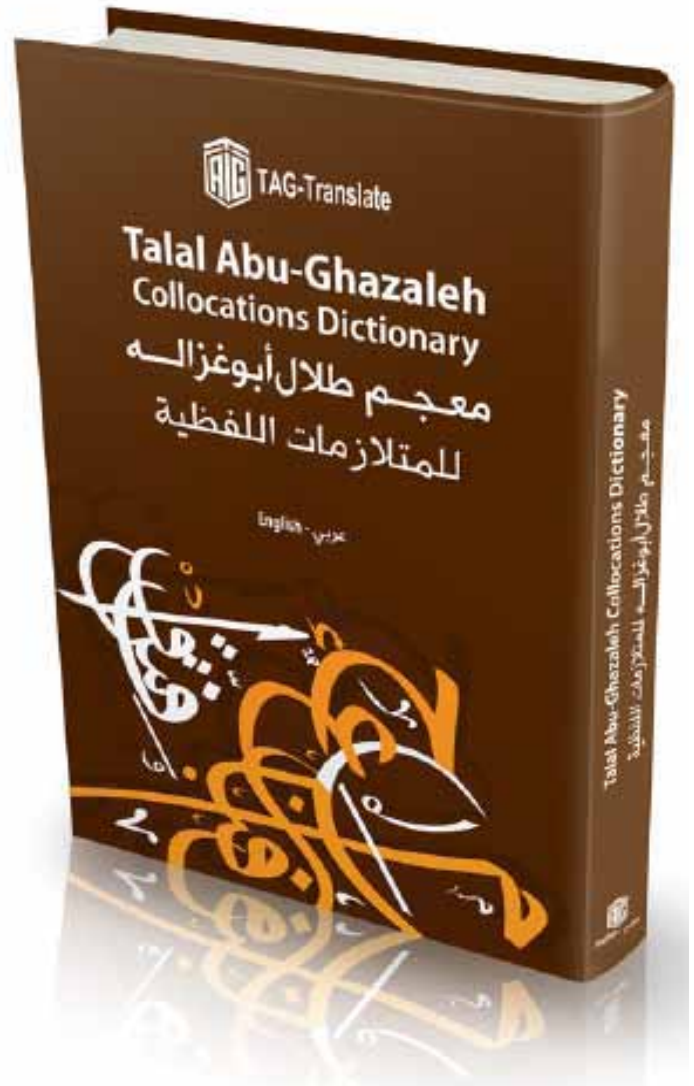
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TAG-Org Launches Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Collocations Dictionary



Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) has issued the Collocations Dictionary, the sixth in a series of dictionaries launched and published by the group.

The book is prefaced by a word from TAG-Org's Chairman, HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, who said the dictionary has come to “unveil the richness of our vivid language, Arabic.”

He gave examples of some Arabic collocations that raise the curious question of why such combinations of words insist on coming together to give new meanings.

He said: "Collocations are indeed commonly used words so interlinked that they convey together an accurate and beautiful meaning. Learning collocations will give the users immediate powers of expressions in Arabic and will further attach his ties with his native tongue as part of “linguistic empowerment”.

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