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AMMAN - Talal Abu-Ghazaleh International University (TAGIUNI), a digital university offering academic, languages and professional certificates, is to launch its academic, professional, languages, creative and continuing education programs in January 2013 in cooperation with high reputable international universities and organizations.

To achieve this goal, HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, Chairman of the University, declared the defined mission and vision of the University saying that its mission "is to make the educational accredited programs accessible by every human being anywhere, while its vision is the fact that distinctive education is one of the human beings rights".

Talal Abu-Ghazaleh International University has signed a number of cooperation agreements with international universities and organizations as it believes in the significance of coordination not competition with the public and private institutions; this coordination leads to creating permanent partnerships with well-known educational organizations in a mechanism to provide quality education and capacity building programs.

Through its website www.tagiuni.com, TAGIUNI presents academic programs for bachelor, master and doctorate degrees in Business Administration, Policies and Economic Development; programs for certificates in Arabic, English, Chinese, French, German languages; professional training in the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector; advisory services on the management of educational institutions, continuous

education programs; introductory professional programs in the fields of Accountancy, Intellectual Property, ICT, Knowledge Management and Quality Assurance.

Talal Abu-Ghazaleh International University (TAGIUNI) offers unprecedented facilities to its students as it possess its own Internet Service Provider (ISP), a secure and flexible Cloud Computing, e-learning for students who can't take part in the traditional classroom mainly those who are in remote places and thousand miles away from scholars and academics.

Moreover, HE Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh, as former UN- GAID chairman, seeks through the University to contribute to the United Nations' accomplishments and to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in education including developments in education, improving education systems, investment in high quality education and offering certificates in various fields that would increase job opportunities and boost individuals' productivity and capacity.

Recently, a regional office for TAGIUNI was registered at the Companies Control Department / Jordan Ministry of Industry and Trade.

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DOHA – The Center for Protection of Intellectual Property Rights in Qatar, affiliate to the Ministry of Justice, has announced receiving of the first national patent application under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).

Prior to the filing, the national phase PCT applications should be examined by the GCC Patent Office.

Therefore, the Qatari Center has set up requirements for filing the national applications as follows:

- Complete specification of the invention including abstract, claims and drawings in English and Arabic, as well as a CD including the same.
- A copy of the inventor's passport.
- Completing the Arabic application form.

USPTO Seeks Comment on Possibility of Lowering Most Trademark Application Fees

WASHINGTON - The US Department of Commerce's United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is seeking public comment on the possibility of adjusting trademark application fees, so as to lower the fees for all applicants willing to file and communicate electronically with the USPTO, a press release by the Office stated.

The efficiencies achieved by trademark electronic filing and communications have put the USPTO in a position to potentially reduce the overall collection of trademark application fees, and the Office wishes to adjust the fees in a way that further promotes efficiency both for users and the USPTO. A Notice of Inquiry has been published in the Federal Register.

The USPTO is considering encouraging complete electronic communications by reducing the TEAS Plus filing fee, which currently stands at \$275 per class. TEAS Plus is the least expensive application option, and requires electronic communication as well as a complete application and pre-approved identification of goods/services upon filing.

The Office also is considering providing a discount on applications filed using the regular TEAS form, which is \$325 per class, assuming the applicant agrees to continue filing and communicating electronically throughout the process. Parties wishing to use TEAS without totally electronic communication would continue to pay the current per class fee of \$325. Comments are also being sought on the possibility of increasing fees on applications based on paper, currently only 1% of trademark applications, given that these applications are more

costly and burdensome for the USPTO to process.

While 99% of applicants file under TEAS or TEAS Plus, only 76% of applications remain fully electronic throughout the entire process.

To increase efficiency, the USPTO is looking to incentivize end-to-end electronic processing.



The USPTO wishes to learn what rates users believe would be appropriate for the existing methods of filing trademark applications—TEAS, TEAS Plus, and paper—as well as what new level of discount would encourage a TEAS applicant to authorize e-mail communication and file all responses and other documents electronically throughout the application. The Office also seeks to learn to what extent fee changes would encourage use of TEAS Plus as opposed to a discounted TEAS application with less burdensome requirements. All comments are welcome on these and other questions.

Should the USPTO decide to propose a change in fees, the Office will provide further opportunity for public comment with a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

The Federal Register publication--Notice of Inquiry Regarding Adjustment of Fees for Trademark Applications--can be found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-08-16/html/2012-20127.htm>. The USPTO prefers comments be submitted via electronic mail message to TMFRNotices@uspto.gov. Responses are due by Oct. 15, 2012.

Update on Review of WIPO's Technical Assistance Programs

GENEVA - Further to the press statement of July 19, 2012, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Director General Francis Gurry has provided the following update on the actions being undertaken by the Organization in response to the concerns expressed by certain member states in relation to some of WIPO's technical assistance programs.

The Director General reaffirms the seriousness with which WIPO is treating concerns regarding the provision of assistance to countries that are the subject of UN sanctions.

The independent, external inquiry commissioned by WIPO into any technical assistance provided to states subject to UN sanctions, with particular reference to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and the Islamic Republic of Iran, is currently underway. It is being conducted by two highly qualified individuals - Stig Edqvist, a Swedish national, and John P. Barker, a United States national.

Edqvist is a Detective Superintendent with the Swedish National Bureau of Investigation, which he joined in 1981. From October 1997 to February 2012, he was the head of the investigation into the assassination of Swedish Prime Minister Olaf Palme. In February 2012, he was seconded by the Government of Sweden to European Union Rule of Law Mission (EULEX) in Pristina, Kosovo.

Barker is an attorney in the Washington, DC office of Arnold and Porter LLP. He is an expert on issues related to international sanctions and export controls, and served in the US Department of State under two presidents, where he held senior positions in the areas of non-proliferation and export controls.

The inquiry will review the nature and extent of activities related to the said countries and will report on the conformity of those activities with the program and budget of the organization (approved by member states) and on the compliance with UN



sanctions regimes.

The inquiry is fully independent, and is operating within the terms of WIPO's Internal Oversight Charter (as approved by member states), which guarantees unrestricted access to all WIPO records and personnel and confidentiality and protection from reprisals against staff.

Edqvist and Barker are expected to complete their work and submit a report on their findings by September 10, 2012. The report will be made available in full to WIPO's member states.

In addition, as announced in the July 19, 2012 press release, WIPO has requested the advice of the UN Sanctions Committees for DPRK and for Iran on the provision of computer equipment and on future proposed activities. WIPO continues to cooperate fully with any requests for information it receives from member states about its technical assistance programs.

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Charles Shaban (Executive Director)	September 12-14 September 3-6	INTA Board Meeting, Brussels Open Consultation of Arab Internet Governance Forum, Cairo
Dima Naber (Clients Relations Manager)	September 10-11 September 17-21	INTA Design Conference, Copenhagen MARQUES Annual Meeting, Athens
Nabil Salamé (Executive Director/ Vice President Marketing)	September 8-12	IPO Annual meeting, San Antoni

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