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KUWAIT - HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, chairman of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) called on setting up an Arab Internet Governance Observatory, with the main function of monitoring key developments in Internet governance arrangements and policies.

In his speech at the First Arab Internet Governance Forum held recently at Kuwait Regency Hotel, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh also suggested setting up a Working Group to study and analyze recent developments and make proposals for a well-conceived Arab position on key technical and public- policy issues.

The Forum is a platform for dialogue for all stakeholders representing governments, the private sector, civil society, academics, technical community, regional and international organizations to discuss and debate topics and issues concerning the use of the Internet that is important and relevant to the Arab region.

At the Forum, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh introduced TAG-PEDIA that has so far compiled more than 450,000 informative entries from across the Arab world on a variety of sciences and other topics.

"It is independent, free, supervised and revised. It is the first initiative of its kind that targets Arab academics, scholars and readers, and provides them with general knowledge from an Arabic cultural, historical, and educational perspective," he said.

"TAG-PEDIA aims at founding a free-access database that delivers a broad variety of knowledge in all humanitarian sciences, with the highest standards of quality, integrity, and accuracy. It also gives the chance for readers/users to augment the content through

contributing to the Encyclopedia without prejudicing the rights of its original author," he added.

According to Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh, a team of researchers, academics, historians and language experts is behind the exciting work of TAG-PEDIA.

"We look forward to developing consensus on regional Arab Internet governance that can facilitate comprehensive access to resources, content, and tools, which will form the engine for innovation for the society as a whole," he stated.

Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh concluded: "We also need to send a strong message against the fragmentation of the Internet. And pre-empt that Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) needs to expedite its multilingualization process. We want to see Arabic characters, on equal standing with the English characters, for the benefit of over half a billion users."

The Forum, hosted by Kuwait Information Technology Society and held under the umbrella of the League of Arab States and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), is the regional Arabic version of the Internet Governance Forum which is held annually under the umbrella of the UN based on the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society.

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VALLETTA – Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) is proud to announce that it has expanded to open a new office in Malta.

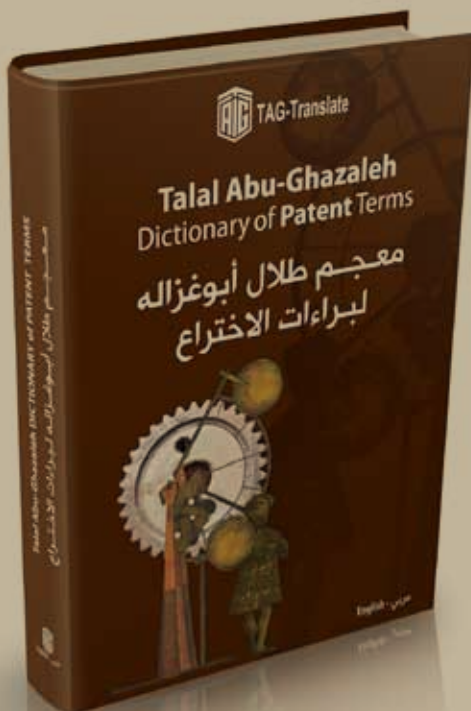
The new office will provide all the services presented by TAG-Org to clients and investors from around the world.

HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, chairman of TAG-Org said: "We are really excited to add another office to our offices already functional around the world, and we are looking forward to strengthening our relations with the officials and businessmen in Malta. This is a great day for us and for our clients."

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Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Dictionary of Patent Terms Published



AMMAN - Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) has recently issued Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Dictionary for Patent Terms, which is the sixth in a series of specialized dictionaries conducted by the Organization.

The new Dictionary contains around 20 thousand words and terms, including a section on continuous controversy over the concept of patent, its legitimacy and application. It also comprises other sections regarding green patents, patent governance, patent portfolio management, analysis of information related to patents and patent audit, as well as a crucial section including the most prominent crimes concerning patents and another section on litigation and arbitration of patent disputes.

On his part, HE Dr. Talal Abu- Ghazaleh, the author of the Dictionary said: "The patents science has certainly witnessed a remarkable development in parallel with the unprecedented technological advancement. Therefore, and based on our responsibility as an international organization that is

concerned with developing Intellectual Property in the Arab countries, it is our duty to issue such a specialized dictionary in addition to Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property Dictionary."

Abu-Ghazaleh stated that the patent dictionary contains more comprehensive information about the patents field.

"We believe in the importance of such field for encouraging creativity and innovation, and instilling confidence in creators and inventors from all sectors. Patents also constitute a guarantee of rights, achieving thereby the role of intellectual property in social and economic development and protecting human creativities in our Arab communities," Abu-Ghazaleh concluded.

It is worthy to mention that in addition to the Patent Terms Dictionary, TAG-Org has issued five other dictionaries in the fields of accounting and business, Intellectual Property, information and communication technology, collocations and legal terms.

Malaysia to Accede to WIPO Copyright & Performances and Phonograms Treaties



GENEVA - The Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) notified the deposit by the Government of Malaysia, on September 27, 2012, of its instrument of accession to the WIPO Copyright Treaty, adopted in Geneva on December 20, 1996.

According to WIPO, the said Treaty will enter into force, with respect to Malaysia, on December 27, 2012.

In addition, Malaysia was notified of its deposit on September 27, 2012, of its instrument of accession to the WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty, adopted in Geneva on December 20, 1996.

The said Treaty will enter into force, with respect to Malaysia, on December 27, 2012.

USPTO Proposes Updated Professional Conduct Rules



WASHINGTON - The US Department of Commerce's United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) announced its proposal to update the USPTO Code of Professional Responsibility to conform to the Model Rules of Professional Conduct of the American Bar Association (ABA), versions of which have been adopted by 49 states and the District of Columbia. A press release by the Office stated that the USPTO is seeking public comments on the proposal for a period of 60 days, ending December 17, 2012.

This proposed rule package adopts most ABA provisions wholesale or with minor revisions and codifies many professional

responsibility obligations that already apply to the practice of law. Specifically, the proposed rules will streamline practitioners' professional responsibility obligations, bringing USPTO obligations in line with most practitioners' state bar requirements. The package also proposes to eliminate the annual practitioner maintenance fee.

A comparison chart of the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct and the proposed USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct, along with information regarding the package is located on the USPTO's website at: www.uspto.gov/ip/boards/oed/ethics.jsp.

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