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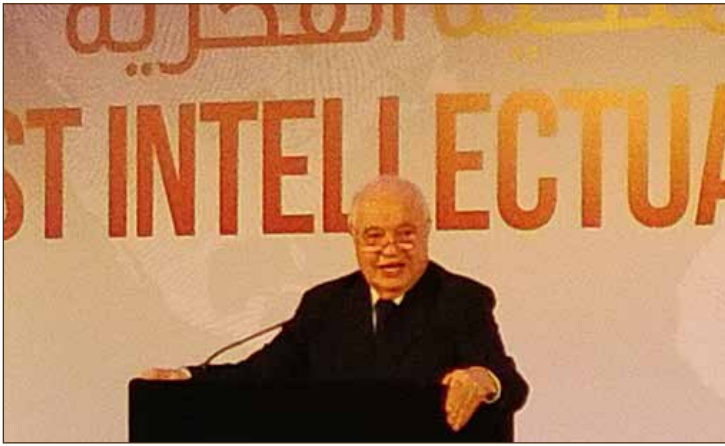
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# At the first Intellectual Property Forum in Dubai Abu-Ghazaleh Launches Four Major Initiatives in Intellectual Property



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DUBAI - HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, chairman of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) and chairman of the Arab Society of Intellectual Property (ASIP), delivered the keynote speech at the first Intellectual Property Forum entitled "Towards Fair and Safe Trade" held at Jumeirah Beach Hotel in Dubai.

The two-day Forum, organized by UAE Brand Owners Protection Group (BPG) in a strategic partnership with the Dubai Economic Council, aims at promoting awareness in the business community, rights holders and all other stakeholders on the need to be familiar with the IPRs protection.

The Forum addressed vast IP-related issues from different aspects and represents an exceptional interactive platform that gathers representatives

from the public and private sectors, decision makers, businessmen, IPRs experts from regional and international organizations.

In his speech, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh highlighted the fundamental and rapid transformations are underway in the economic, environmental, social, technological and political spheres which are deeply affecting and are affected by every aspect of human activity at the individual, social, local, national, regional and international levels.

"The greatest challenge before all of us in this highly fluid and complex environment is to keep abreast of, to adapt and, eventually, to master the forces at play in the world today. The Internet has been a world altering force," he addressed the Forum's attendees.

He underscored the need for an Internet economy agreement and an IPR on the Internet agreement and underlined a number of pioneering initiatives conducted by Organization and ASIP to enhance IP protection.

"The Arab Society for Intellectual Property (ASIP) launched on September 2012 an initiative aiming at highlighting Arab trademarks worldwide. Participants from 54 countries took part in the first e-questionnaire that was circulated to all communication channels. Information was collected and analyzed electronically to issue two lists: one includes the most famous Arab trademarks in general, and the second contains the most famous Arab trademarks by sector," he pointed out.

Moreover, he highlighted the First Geographical Indications Symposium that was held in Abu-Dhabi from April 12th to April 13th 2005. ASIP co-sponsored the event with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the

Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI). It was the first Geographical Indications Symposium in the Arab region, and brought increased awareness of GIs in the Arab region. Furthermore, it stirred interest in a topic that had not gained much attention in the past.

From another hand, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) Board of Directors has approved the proposal submitted by the Arab Center for Dispute Resolution (ACDR) to be an official dispute resolution service provider for the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP). The Center will start operating in January 2014 – a first in the Arab region and the 5th globally.

The ACDR is jointly established by the Arab Intellectual Property Mediation and Arbitration Society (AIPMAS) and the Arab Society for Intellectual Property (ASIP), with headquarters in Amman, Jordan and offices in other Arab countries.

As the ACDR is the fifth accredited center in the world, and being in the Arab region, the Center has particular significance for focusing on domain name-related disputes capable of being settled by arbitrators proficient in many languages.

Moreover, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh announced the launch of TAG Knowledge and Wealth Creation (TAG-Creation); a member of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) family, the global organization for professional services and education.

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TAG-Creation fosters national and international partnerships and acts as a global co-incubator. We also give entrepreneurs the opportunity to acquire the services and experiences required to protect and develop their inventions/products. TAG-Creation complements the comprehensive services provided by TAG-Org through a fresh approach to connect with potential partners, franchisees, licensees and dealers in MENA region.

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## Arab IGF Thanks AGIP for its Efforts and Support to Multistakeholder Advisory Group



CAIRO - In appreciation and recognition for his service on the Multistakeholder Advisory Group of the Arab Internet Governance Forum (IGF), Mr. Charles Sha'ban, Executive Director of Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) received a thank you letter from Ms. Christine Arida, Secretariat of Arab Internet Governance

Forum Multistakeholder Advisory Group (IGF MAG).

Mr. Sha'ban said:” We, at AGIP, are really proud to be member of Multistakeholder Advisory Group of IGF. The meetings set a good example of working together with all stakeholders, governments, international organizations, private sector



and civil society in an open spirit and in a constructive manner taking into consideration the concerns of all parties.”

AGIP was selected to join the

first Arab IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (AMAG) according to the Secretariat’s criteria mainly for having appropriate experience in the field of Internet governance and related

public policy, good knowledge of the outputs of the World Summit on the Information Society Geneva 2003 and Tunis 2005, knowledge and experience of the global IGF process mechanisms.

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## **AGIP Extends its Published Patent Search Service to 14 Countries in the Arab World**



AMMAN - Through its Published Patents Data Center, Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) extended its Published Patent Search Service to Morocco, Syria and Sudan, ending up with 14 Arab countries covered by the service: Jordan, United Arab Emirates, Lebanon, GCC, Yemen, Tunisia, Algeria, Libya, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, West Bank and Gaza Strip, Morocco, Syria and Sudan.

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The Published Patents Data Center is a unique database which includes comprehensive and detailed information about patents and patent applications published in the Arab countries, including bibliographic data, abstracts, claims, description, patent families, legal status, and others.

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## **New Address for AGIP Afghanistan Office**

KABUL - Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) would like to inform its clients that its Afghanistan office has moved to its new location as from December 1, 2013.

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# Abu-Ghazaleh: The Arab Center for Dispute Resolution Becomes Operational January 2014 Following TAG-Domain Accreditation as Well Known Registrar by ICANN

AMMAN - HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, president of the Arab Intellectual Property, Mediation and Arbitration Society announced that the Arab Center for Dispute Resolution (ACDR) will start its operations in January 2014.

The ACDR was approved by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) as an approved dispute resolution service provider for the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) in the Arab region.

The establishment of this Center represents a significant step towards more Internet security for the entire Arab region and the world at large. It will maintain a variety of alternate dispute resolution mechanisms to allow affordable alternatives to litigation in order to resolve

all types of disputes.

As the fifth globally accredited center in the world, the ACDR will have particular significance for focusing on domain name-related disputes capable of being settled by arbitrators proficient in many languages.

The ACDR is jointly established by the Arab Intellectual Property Mediation and Arbitration Society (AIPMAS) and the Arab Society for Intellectual Property (ASIP), working to support all countries, with both organizations under the chairmanship of HE Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh.

The ACDR has a diverse scope of activities including research, program development, outreach at all levels, as well as fostering an international staff knowledgeable and proficient in all aspects of

Intellectual Property, with a particular specialty in domain name dispute resolution. To this end, the Center will utilize most novel approaches such as electronic interface, diverse knowledge of the legal system as well as deep knowledge of standing cultural and regional approaches to resolve legal disputes.

On the other hand, the Center will develop solid partnerships at all levels in an endeavor to support systemic improvements to Intellectual Property markets.

It is worth noting that TAG-Domains has been accredited as an ICANN accredited registrar for generic Top-Level Domains (gTLDs) back in 2002.

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## AGIP Iran Office Paves the Way for IP Growth and Development



TEHRAN - Backed by a widespread network of 80 offices and 180 representative offices worldwide, Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property Iran office provides a full range of integrated Intellectual Property (IP) services covering trademarks, patents,

industrial designs and models, copyrights and domain names registration, prosecution, counseling, litigation and licensing.

AGIP Iran office, which is currently fully operational, incorporates highly

experienced IP professionals who can meet the IP portfolio management needs for all clients on both domestic and international levels, and assist them in the protection of their Intellectual Property Rights.

Since the establishment of its first company out of a single office in 1972, AGIP has continued to grow annually and is now considered one of

the largest IP service providers globally.

Iran is a member of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and it has ratified numerous international conventions and agreements in the IP field, including the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and the Madrid Agreement Concerning the

International Registration of Marks.

In Order to reach the international standard of patent prosecution, Iran Patent Office has implemented the measures of patent examination to improve the quality of patents.

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## New Procedures for the Renewal of TM Applications in Syria

DAMASCUS – In virtue of the Ministerial Decree No. 2057 dated December 9, 2013, a new practice related to the trademark application renewal has been adopted by the Syrian Trademark Office. The new practice stipulates that to renew a trademark application covering several classes, each class will be included

in one separated renewal application, and a separate fee for each single-class renewal application as well as fee of obtaining a separate legalized copy of Power of Attorney per application should be paid.

Previously, one multi-class renewal application was filed covering several classes.

This practice is applied on the renewal applications filed as of December 19, 2013.

In view of the foregoing, Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual property (AGIP) kindly requests its valued clients to check the filing date of the trademarks to be renewed in Syria, and provide the renewal instructions in due course.

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## Qatar Accedes to Budapest, Copyright, Performances and Phonograms Treaties



GENEVA - The Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) presented his compliments to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and notified the deposit by the Government of the State of Qatar, of its instrument of accession to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, done at Budapest on April 28, 1977, and amended on September 26, 1980.

The said Treaty will enter into force, with respect to the State of Qatar, on March 6, 2014.



# China Passes New Trademark Law



BEIJING - The Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China passed a new trademark law to crack down on infringements and ensure a fair market for trademark holders.

The new law provides protection for famous trademarks, giving trademark owners the right to ban others from registering their trademarks or using similar ones. The law also changed clauses regarding the examination period of applications for trademark registration to make it more efficient.

Furthermore, the law adopts the principle of good faith during the registration and use of trademarks. Infringement of the trademark rights of others could result in fines worth five times the sales volume resulting from illegal business.

The new law will go into effect on May 1, 2014, noting that China adopted its Trademark Law in 1982 and made amendments in 1993 and 2001

## Top IP Stories of 2013



*Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) has rounded up the top Intellectual Property stories of 2013.*

**Published Patents Search Service:** AGIP kicked off the year with wide geographic coverage of Published Patents Search Service. The comprehensive and distinguished search for published patents service now covers 14 Arab countries: Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Lebanon, GCC, Yemen, Tunisia,

Algeria, Libya, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, West Bank and Gaza Strip, Morocco, Syria and Sudan.

**New trademark law in China:** China passed a new trademark law to crack down on infringements and ensure a fair market for trademark holders. The new law provides protection for famous trademarks, giving trademark owners the right to ban others from registering their trademarks or using similar ones. The new law will go into effect on May 1, 2014.

**First Afghan patent application filed in India:** As widely experienced IP agent, AGIP filed first Afghan patent application in India, and provided the full range of patent service including Prior Art Search, Drafting and Filing, from registration and prosecution to maintenance, licensing and counseling services related to patents.

**New non-Latin gTLDs introduced on Internet:** The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) implemented a program

for the introduction of new non-English gTLDs on the Internet. This milestone enables people to access and type in a website address for gTLDs in their native language, as this is the first time non-Latin characters are used in internationalized country-code (TLD).

**E-filing of TM applications:** The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Iran and Yemen have followed the same path of electronic filing of new trademark applications at the Trademark Offices.

**New members of PCT:** Saudi Arabia and Iran acceded to the WIPO's Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).

While the PCT makes it possible to seek patent protection for an invention simultaneously in each of a large number of countries by filing an "international" patent application. Such an application may be filed by anyone who is a national or resident of a Contracting State.

**New IP Office in Afghanistan:** Afghanistan adopted a new infrastructure to speed up the whole trademark registration process by establishing a new Trademark Office in the country. In this regard, AGIP has contributed to the establishment of the new office through donation and assistance.

**New Arabic UDRP Center approved by ICANN:** The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) approved the Arab Center for Dispute Resolution (ACDR) as a dispute resolution service provider for the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) in the Arab region. The Center will have particular significance for focusing on domain name-related

disputes capable of being settled by arbitrators proficient in many languages.

**Libya TM Office resumes work & issues first official gazette:** Two years after its services were interrupted; the Libyan Trademark Office officially resumed its full operation by issuing its first Official Gazette, providing a comprehensive database of newly published trademarks.

**ICANN launched TMCH, AGIP provided the service:** The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) established Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH) as a global database of verified data on trademarks, open to any holder of eligible trademarks whether a private individual or company. In this regard, AGIP started offering this service through Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Domain Names (TAG-Domains), a subsidiary of AGIP and an ICANN Accredited Registrar.

**TM Office in Erbil:** The Trademark Office of Erbil, the capital of Kurdistan Al Iraq Region adopted the schedule of fees of the Trademark Directorate of Baghdad. As a result, there are now two Trademark Offices operational in Iraq; the TM Office of Baghdad and another one in Erbil.

**AGIP is accredited registrar of .PW:** AGIP has been approved as an official .PW (Professional Web) accredited registrar, to be the first Arab company to achieve this eminent status.

**New trademark law in Ethiopia:** The long-awaited regulations implementing the Trademark Law in Ethiopia were published, giving full force and effect to the Trademark Registration and Protection Proclamation of 2006.

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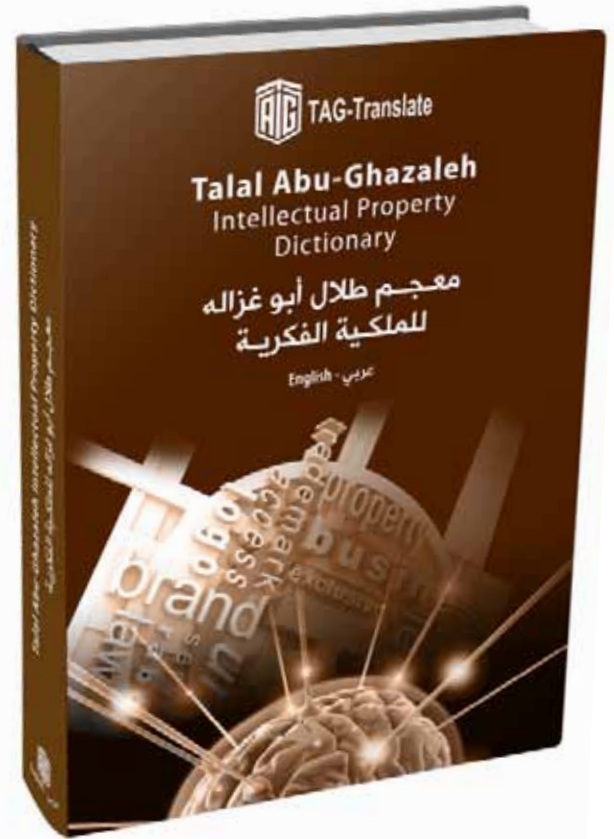
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# Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization Releases the Second Edition of “Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property Dictionary”



Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) recently issued “Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property Dictionary”, which is deemed the fifth dictionary to be released among a series of scientific, professional and specialized publications. This Dictionary is characterized by the variety of aspects it covers, which you wouldn’t find combined in any of the traditional dictionaries, it also contains the main terminologies that involve Intellectual Property reaching up to ten thousand words.

HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh stated that this updated second edition of the Dictionary is in alignment with the latest developments in the Intellectual Property field.

This Dictionary mirrors the efforts exerted by experts from different fields at TAG-Org mainly in translation, law, technical design and publications.

It was mainly issued to boost knowledge about Intellectual Property, including; the terminologies used by judges, lawyers, professors and law students, it also meets the needs of businessmen, companies and those working in the field of IP and in other economy –related sectors. This dictionary constitutes a main addition in the series of scientific and professional dictionaries.

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