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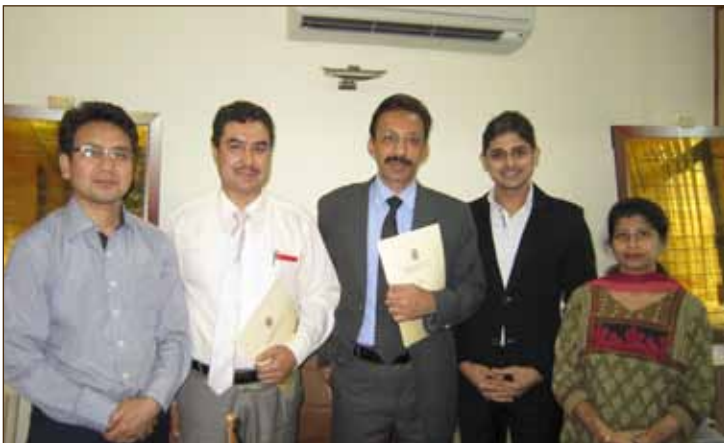
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AGIP Files First Afghan Patent in India



NEW DELHI - As a pioneering Intellectual Property firm helps national and international companies and inventors to secure their Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs), Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) is proud to be the first firm to file first Afghan patent application in India.

Due to the need to safeguard Intellectual Property

Rights via professional IP service providers, Afghanistan Intellectual Property Association (AIPA) signed a Non-Disclosure Agreement with AGIP to protect any type of confidential and proprietary information of first Afghan patent in India.

Long and widely experienced IP agent, AGIP will provide 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.

Applauding AGIP's pioneering role, Afghanistan Intellectual Property Association President Dr. Reza Jahangir, and the inventor, Eng. Said Ali Amini said that Afghanistan is keen on collaborating with AGIP to ensure that Afghan creations and works are properly rewarded and their creations are effectively protected.

Algeria Joins WIPO Copyright Treaty



GENEVA - The Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) presented his compliments to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and has the honor to notify the deposit by the Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria of its instrument of accession to the WIPO Copyright Treaty, adopted at Geneva on December 20, 1996.

According to WIPO, the said Treaty will enter into force, with respect to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, on January 31, 2014.

Dubai Police Promise Zero Tolerance for Intellectual Property Crimes

DUBAI - Lieutenant General Dahi Khalfan Tamim, the Deputy Chairman of Police and General Security, said that police will fight Intellectual Property crimes vigorously as they negatively affect the national economy.

“The enforcement of Intellectual Property rights is significant,” he said. “The UAE is active in protecting the rights of international brand owners.”

According to Gulf News, the first trademark law in UAE was issued in 1992 then amended in 2000 and 2002.

The General Tamim made the remarks during the third conference on Intellectual Property rights held yesterday at the Culture and Science Association in Dubai.



Jordan Constitutional Court Annuls Article (11) Paragraph (C) of the Trade Names Law

AMMAN - Jordan Constitutional Court stipulated the unconstitutionality of Article (11), Paragraph (C) of the Trade Names Law No. (9) of the year 2006.

Following the Court's decision,

“the two disputed parties would have the right to appeal the decision of the trade name's registrar before the High Court of Justice, whether the decision was issued by the registrar to cancel the trade name or to reject its cancellation.” The

right of appeal in the decision to reject the cancellation was not preserved before this decision.

Since the cancellation of a trade name requires the presence of the two parties: the applicant of the cancellation

action, and the owner of the trade name in question. In addition, it's supposed that an administrative decision be issued in this regard to either: accept the request of cancellation – so the holder of the trade name loses, or reject the cancellation request – in this case the applicant for cancellation loses. Therefore, each party would be granted equal legal and judicial means to defend their claims before the same judicial authority.

However, Article (11), Paragraph (C) of the Trade Names Law No. (9) of the year 2006 didn't equally grant both parties the right to appeal the Trade Name Registrar's decision before the competent administrative court, and only granted the right to appeal before the High Court of Justice to the "holder of the trade name in question" and deprived the other party from such a right. Therefore, and according to the Constitutional Court, the article

violates principle of equality which is guaranteed by article 6\1 of the Constitution and leads to the deprivation of right of one party to refer the dispute to the Administrative court.

Therefore, the Constitutional Court decided the unconstitutionality of Article (11), Paragraph (C) of the Trade Names Law No. (9) of the year 2006 and announced its annulment as of the date of the issuance of this decision.

Samsung Extends the Patent License Agreement with Nokia for Five Years



ESPOO, FINLAND - Nokia announced in a press release that Samsung has extended a patent license agreement between Nokia and Samsung for five years. The agreement would have expired at the end of 2013. According to the agreement, Samsung will pay additional compensation to Nokia for the period commencing from January 1, 2014 onwards, and the amount of such

compensation shall be finally settled in a binding arbitration which is expected to be concluded during 2015.

“This extension and agreement to arbitrate represent a hallmark of constructive resolution of licensing disputes, and are expected to save significant transaction costs for both parties”, said Paul Melin, Chief Intellectual Property Officer of Nokia.

Nokia will retain its industry-leading patent portfolio following the proposed transaction to sell substantially all of its Devices & Services business to Microsoft and sees further opportunity to create value by investing in innovation, and by actively managing its patent portfolio and licensing activities.

London to Get its Own Domain Name in Summer 2014



LONDON - London is will be the one of the first cities in the world to get its own domain name “.london” in 2014.

.london will enable London-based businesses, individuals and organizations to apply first for web addresses on the new domain.

With nearly 8 million residents and a history stretching back almost 2,000 years, London has been one of the globe’s great financial and commercial centers for centuries.

Once launched, .LONDON will benefit the city by reaching a new audience and attracting tourists as well as investors.

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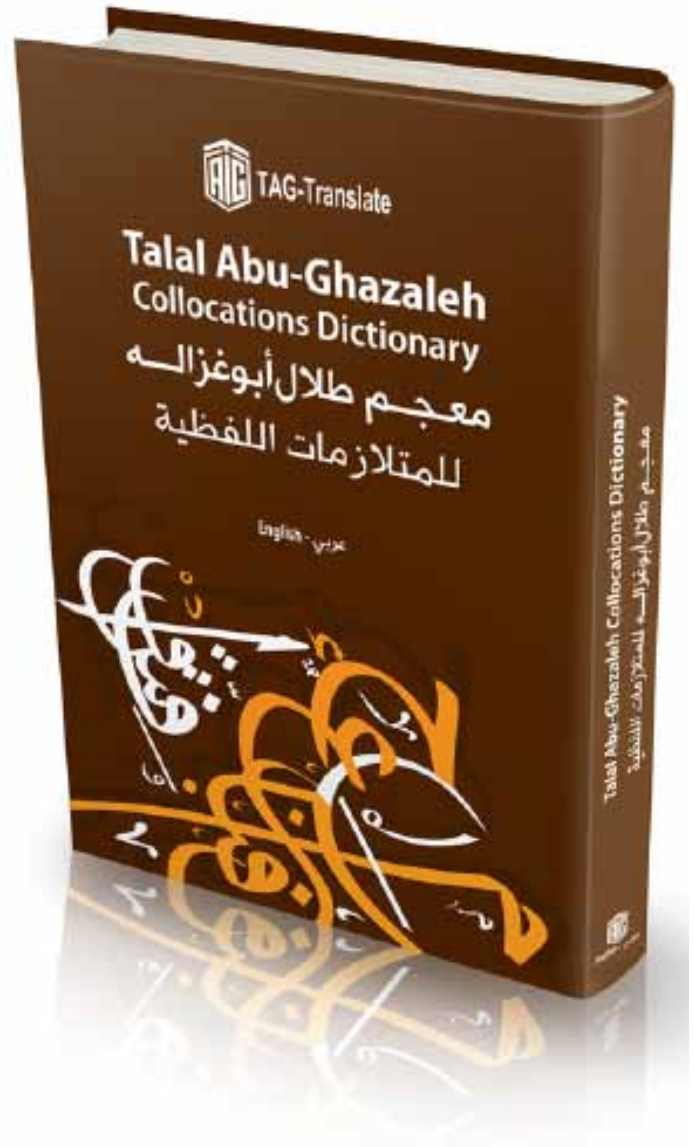
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TAG-Org Launches Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Collocations Dictionary



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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