



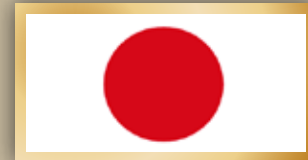
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Kuwait's Prime Minister Honors Talal Abu-Ghazaleh



KUWAIT- HH Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Prime Minister of State of Kuwait honored Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, chairman of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) and a number of personalities winners of the Arab Award for Media Creativity for their efforts and contributions in supporting Arab media.

In addition to Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, HRH Princess Rhym Al Ali, Kuwait's former minister of information Mohammad Al-Sanousi, Sameer Atallah from Lebanon and Prince Khaled Al-Faisal Governor of Makkah Province were also honored.

The special ceremony was held during the opening session of the 9th Arab Media Forum with the presence of a host of sheikhs, ministers, ambassadors and high ranking officials.

Journalist Hani Al Badri presented Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh saying: "If we had to count the success stories then we had to stop at his exceptional story. He has the honor of being the owner of Intellectual Property for the idea of Intellectual Property."

"His successful business moved from accountancy to law to culture, media, communications, and music. He believes in a basic principle that the owner of the first invention, the holder of the first idea and the owner of the first creativity has the full right to own it," Al Badri added.

"He is the son of Jaffa and one of Jordan's faithful personalities and believer of the good citizenship idea. He is the admirer of Kuwait and the successful economist and businessman and the pioneer in Intellectual Property field. He is the chairman of Talal

Abu-Ghazaleh Organization: Mr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh," Al Badri addressed the attendees.

Speeches were delivered by Minister of Information Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah, Mr. Madi Al-Khamees, secretary general of the forum's organizing committee, in addition to Prince Sultan bin Khalid Al Faisal on behalf of Prince Khaled Al-Faisal Governor of Makkah Province.

HH Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah met before the session with a number of the participants at the Forum including Talal Abu-Ghazaleh and discussed with them the role of media in the current stage. HH Sheikh Jaber inaugurated the exhibition organized for this event shedding light on the various mass media institutions.

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WASHINGTON, DC – Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) took part in the International Trademark Association (INTA) 134th Annual Meeting held in Washington, DC May 5-10, 2012.

AGIP delegation headed by Mr. Luay Abu-Ghazaleh, AGIP CEO and Managing Partner, had the opportunity to make a

valuable contribution at this year's Annual Meeting which was the largest ever – featuring valuable skill-building workshops, industry breakouts, interactive table topics, and trademark law sessions focused on international topics; as well as an exhibition hall boasting nearly 100 exhibitors debuting new products and services to help protect brands.

During this meeting, Middle East, Africa and South Asia (MEASA) Council was formed, and Mr. Charles Sha'ban, AGIP executive director chaired the first meeting. "The Council members are INTA Committee Chairs and sub-committee chairs from the different committees of the covered region (similar to the other Councils which were formed in previous years covering the other regions). Main task for this Council to exchange information and coordinate task related to the different Trademarks issues in the region," Sha'ban said.

This is Shaban's second year on the INTA Board and Board Planning Committee, and the first face-to-face meeting this year was conducted during this annual meeting. Sha'ban chairs the INTA bulletin sub-committee for Middle East and Africa for the second term.

Dubai Customs Honors Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property



DUBAI – In recognition of its significant role in safeguarding Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs), Dubai Customs honored Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) in a special ceremony marking World Intellectual Property Day at the Royal Mirage Hotel in Dubai. AGIP was recognized for being the biggest

Intellectual Property firm in registering and recording trademarks with Dubai Customs. Executive Director of AGIP UAE Offices Mr. Amjad El Hussein who received the reward on behalf of AGIP said: "We are really proud to be recognized for the third year in a row by Dubai Customs under the guidance of

our Chairman Talal Abu-Ghazaleh."

He added: "On the other hand, it proves the awareness of the trademarks owners around the world for the vital role that Dubai Customs plays in safeguarding their Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) in the UAE."

The reward was presented by Mr. Ahmed Butti Ahmed, Executive Chairman of Ports Customs and Free Zone Corporation and Director General of Dubai Customs and Mr. Yousuf Ozair, Senior Manager of IPR Department at Dubai Customs.

Honoring AGIP coincides with the world's celebration of the World Intellectual Property Day. In 2000, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Member States decided to designate an annual World Intellectual Property Day. They chose April 26, the date on which the Convention establishing WIPO originally entered into force in 1970.

PoA is No Longer Required for TM Filing in Japan

AMMAN – Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) would like to inform its clients that filing trademark applications in Japan doesn't require the submission of a Power of Attorney (PoA) any more.

However, an original signed Power of Attorney is still required for filing Madrid Protocol Applications.

Emirates Publishers Association and Intellectual Property

Association Sign MoU



SHARJAH - Emirates Publishers Association signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Emirates Intellectual Property Association to jointly set the general framework of strategic cooperation between the two parties and to identify basic guidelines and areas of cooperation between the two parties in order to achieve their common interests in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.

The two-year agreement aims to support

and develop the work mechanisms of the two parties, coordinate and strengthen cooperation, raise awareness on the importance of intellectual property among all segments of society, and provide optimal care and technical, legal, and management expertise in this regard.

The agreement provides for cooperation between the two parties to develop writing and publishing, exchange studies and practices related to copyright, propagate awareness of intellectual property and its regulations, and seek to highlight the importance of protecting copyright.

Moreover, both parties will develop advanced programs and awareness campaigns to spread awareness about intellectual property through public and private organizations in the UAE, raise awareness on the benefits of legal publishing, encourage the ownership of

legal books and publications, and clarify the economic and social impact of the copyright infringement.

According to the agreement, the EIPA will participate in the courses and workshops organized by the EPA and will offer advice on intellectual property and methods of protection to the newly selected EPA's members.

The UAE is well known for its commitment to international laws related to publishing, and its entry into many international agreements. It is a signatory to the Berne Convention, the Treaty of the World Intellectual Property Organization, the TRIPS Agreement of the WTO, and the Arab Convention for the protection of copyright, also classified as the first in the Arab world, and is one of the top 30 countries globally in the protection of copyright and Intellectual Property.

IIAA Promotes Intellectual Property in Bahrain



MANAMA - The Information Affairs Authority (IIAA) is stepping up efforts to promote intellectual property among school students, according to Bahrain news Agency.

The IAA Directorate of Publications and Publishing launched the campaign last April in coordination with the Education Ministry.

A series of forums have been organized

in this regard for Intermediate School students, highlighting the concept of individual and corporate intellectual property.

The detrimental impact of cyber piracy and pirated copies were also highlighted.

IAA Directorate of Publications and Publishing legal researcher Mariam Omran said that the campaign would also benefit high school and university students.

When & Where to Meet AGIP Professionals

Who	Where	When
Mr. Luay Abu-Ghazaleh Ms. Dima Naber	ECTA Annual Conference, in Palermo, Italy	June 20-23

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