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1. Important topics

UAE:

Dubai Customs organizes workshop on intellectual property for Custom Officers¹

The IPR Department at Dubai Customs has always exerted efforts to be in line with the needs and requirements of keeping its workforce updated, skilled and trained for the changes in the work environment as per the developing atmosphere.

As part of its efforts, the IPR department recently organized a workshop on its role of protecting intellectual property rights in controlling and managing commercial entities in Dubai, which was attended by 42 inspection officers of the department. Such programs aim at raising awareness and sharing knowledge with the customs inspectors so that they can assist to protect the intellectual property rights of commercial entities once they are registered with the customs department.

Mohammed bin Nasir, Manager of the IP Dispute Section highlighted that the training and the workshops that they periodically organize are with the objective to assist custom inspectors to deal with infringement issues with respect to the intellectual property rights of registered companies. In this scenario, companies from all sectors such as motor vehicle companies do benefit from such proactive efforts of the customs department.

As per their record in the year 2021, the IPR Department organized 10 workshops with trademark owners, including 11 events for students, and 8 activities for communities to bring up awareness. It brought the total to 29 initiatives attended by 2,413 participants.

Zayed Sustainability Prize empowers 60,000 farmers, 1,200 rural women in India²

What is the Zayed sustainability prize³?

The Zayed Sustainability Prize, established in 2008, is an evolution of the Zayed Future Energy Prize, which is the UAE's pioneering global award in sustainability and a tribute to the legacy of the late founding father of the UAE, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan. This award recognizes and rewards the achievements of those who are driving impactful, innovative, and inspiring sustainability solutions across five distinct categories: Health, Food, Energy, Water and Global High Schools.

¹ <https://www.dubaicustoms.gov.ae/en/NewsCenter/Pages/NewsDetail.aspx?NewsId=1819>

² <https://www.khaleejtimes.com/uae/uae-zayed-sustainability-prize-empowers-60000-farmers-1200-rural-women-in-india>

³ <https://zayedustainabilityprize.com/en/>

In its latest receipt, the Zayed Sustainability Prize has been able to recognize the efforts of an Indian-based startup called Science for Society (S4S) Technologies, which intends to help farmers and rural women to raise their income by way of cutting down on food waste.

It was a realization of the fact that a significant amount of farmers' produce goes to waste due to several reasons some of which are listed below:

- The farmers lack the means to store/preserve their harvest
- They do not have the experience to sell it on a wider scale
- They lack technical knowledge of modern agricultural practices.

Science for Society (S4S) Technologies has been able to invent a solar food hydrator, as a solution to help the farmers in addressing issues with respect to food wastage in the process of farming. This invention will help the farmers to convert food waste into non-perishable food ingredients that can be sold, which will in turn be another source of income for the farmers.

This invention has been patented by the founders, which is electricity-free, hence avoiding the problems caused by long power cuts.

The SME also digitalized its value chain after receiving a \$600,000 cash prize as the Prize under this Zayed Sustainability Prize.

Dubai Customs and American Embassy cooperate to fight against counterfeiting⁴

To strengthen cooperation with foreign diplomatic missions on the protection of intellectual property rights, the IPR department of Dubai Customs held a virtual meeting with the American Embassy.

The meeting emphasized the importance of cooperation between the diplomatic missions with companies with the Treaty Trader to combat counterfeiting including recycling counterfeit products.

The IPR department resolved 390 IP disputes estimated at AED 14.8 million in 2021, and 2.112 million counterfeit products from 221 trademarks were recycled.

Saudi Arabia:

Adoption of the appointment of the Executive Director of Intellectual Property as Vice-Chairman of the Enforcement Advisory Committee of the World Intellectual Property Organization⁵

During the meeting of the fifteenth session of the Advisory Committee For enforcement, at the headquarters of the World Intellectual Property Organization in Geneva, the Saudi Authority for Intellectual

⁴ <https://www.dubaicustoms.gov.ae/en/NewsCenter/Pages/NewsDetail.aspx?NewsId=1831>

⁵ <https://www.saip.gov.sa/en/news/1362/>

Property (SAIP) announced the approval of the appointment of His Excellency the Executive Director for Intellectual Property, Mr. Yasser bin Saleh Al-Dabbasi, as the Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Yasser Al-Dabbasi took this opportunity to highlight activities and the initiatives of the SAIP in the protection and regulation of the enforcement system thereby keeping control of the infringements of intellectual property rights of parties in the Kingdom.

Saudi police bust four-member gang dealing in counterfeit money⁶

Four citizens from Saudi Arabia were arrested by the police in the act of counterfeiting banknotes in Riyadh, reported by the Saudi Press Agency.

The suspects used houses located east of Riyadh as their headquarters in order to carry out the illegal work, wherein the police witnessed evidence that included counterfeited money as well as a stolen vehicle, all of which was seized by the police.

It is worth noting that the administrative police body in Saudi Arabia intends to exert all efforts in an attempt to get rid of such crimes that endanger the National interest.

Turkey and Qatar:

Türkiye, Qatar sign 11 cooperation agreements to enhance ties, including an agreement on patents and copyrights⁷

In a bid to further strengthen the turkey- Qatar relationship, the two countries have entered into 11 new cooperation agreements, in the eighth meeting of the Supreme Strategic Committee in Istanbul on Friday, which circled around various fields, including diplomacy, media, culture and disaster and emergency management.

The meeting was co-chaired by President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani.

Out of the 11 agreements, it is vital to highlight that a cooperation agreement on patent and copyright was executed between Industry and Technology Minister Mustafa Varank and his Qatari counterpart Mohammed bin Hamad Al Thani. Without missing to mention that an agreement between Türkiye's Information Technologies and Communication Authority (BTK) and Qatar's State Communications Institution was inked by Transport Minister Adil Karaismailoğlu and Qatari Foreign Minister Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani.

⁶ <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2170936/saudi-arabia>

⁷ <https://www.dailysabah.com/politics/diplomacy/turkiye-qatar-sign-11-cooperation-agreements-to-enhance-ties>

Qatar:

The Ministry emphasizes on the penalty of infringing FIFA's Intellectual Property⁸

In its latest official announcement from the Ministry of Justice- Qatar, in line with Law No. 10 of 2021 on measures to host the FIFA World Cup Qatar™ 2022, it was declared that anyone who uses FIFA's intellectual property rights without obtaining a license, shall be punished by imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year and a fine not exceeding QAR 500,000 or by either of these two penalties.

Kuwait:

Ministry of Trade and Industry released a report on the seizure of counterfeit goods⁹

The Ministry of Trade and Industry issued a report on the seizure of counterfeit items offered for sale in a commercial complex in Salmiya.

The offense was reported by one of the consumers. The Ministry initiated a quick action, wherein the premises were raided and the counterfeit goods bearing famous international brands were confiscated as per the procedures.

Such swift action from the Kuwait authorities is worth applauding since it reflects the non-tolerance attitude of the Authorities towards such illegal crimes in the Country.

GCC:

Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the General Secretariat of the Cooperation Council for the States of the Gulf and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)¹⁰

The General Secretariat of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf and the World Intellectual Property Organization WIPO signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the provision of alternative services for settling disputes in the field of intellectual property, recently , in the Swiss capital, Geneva.

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed on behalf of the General Secretariat by His Excellency Eng. Abdullah bin Saleh Al Mazrou, Director General of the Patent Office, and on behalf of the World Intellectual Property Organization, Mr. Marco Aleman, Assistant Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization, and in the presence of His Excellency Ambassador Adel bin Issa Al Mahri - Permanent Representative of the GCC Al-Taawun - Geneva and Eng. Musab bin Ahmed Al-Fadala, Director of the Deposit and Grants Department in the Office.

The objective of this MoU is to support the cooperative relationship between the General Secretariat represented by the Patent Office and the WIPO with the mutual aim of settling disputes related to intellectual property rights in various fields of intellectual property.

⁸ <https://twitter.com/mojgovqa/status/1577587354323369986>

⁹ <https://twitter.com/mociq8/status/1573901887048491008>

¹⁰ <https://gccpo.org/AboutUsEn/ShowNews?id=67>

2. Additional topics

UAE:

The Emirates Intellectual Property Association held a workshop on the "Madrid System for Registration of Trademarks" (2022.9.28)

<https://www.facebook.com/eipa.ae/photos/a.3219174614804651/5418498731538884/>

The FoodTech Challenge selected 30 shortlisted start-ups in competition for a \$2 million prize and offer support such as patent registration (2022.9.29)

<https://wam.ae/en/details/1395303087360>

https://www.foodtechchallenge.com/?trk=organization-update_share-update_update-text

The Department of Health (DoH) launches the first edition of the healthcare grant to increase clinical research and Intellectual Property generation in Abu Dhabi (2022.9.30)

<https://wam.ae/en/details/1395303088611>

USA-UAE Economic Policy Dialogue: The progress made on appointing the UAE's first Intellectual Property Attaché (2022.9.30)

<https://wam.ae/en/details/1395303088619>

4IR technologies and regionalization of supply chains: Deep trade agreements cover a multitude of policy areas including technology, labor, investment and intellectual property rights (2022.9.30)

<https://wam.ae/en/details/1395303088623>

DP World launches the GBC license to build functional expertise and regional management capabilities (2022.10.3)

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/business/dp-world-launches-global-business-corporation-to-support-growth-ambitions-of-large-companies>

<https://wam.ae/en/details/1395303088905>

Emirati talents: innovation specialists continue to move forward (2022.10.3, 2022.10.9)

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/wknd/the-achievers-dilemma>

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/uae/uae-dr-bushra-alblooshi-a-hidden-gem-of-innovation-to-her-beloved-emiratis>

UAE Universities publish research papers and obtain patents to stimulate the environment for creativity and innovation (2022.10.3, 2022.10.17)

<https://www.albawaba.com/business/pr/abu-dhabi-university-publishes-2125-research-papers-and-obtains-11-patents-1493356>

<https://www.albawaba.com/business/pr/uae-university-published-1708-research-papers-end-third-quarter-2022-1495241>

Abu Dhabi Businesswomen Council, Women Empowerment Committee highlights the importance of mentorship (2022.10.5)

<https://wam.ae/en/details/1395303089475>

Stay innovative to sustain the momentum and obtain intellectual property rights on their originator drugs: Globalpharma talks about how the UAE has become a regional hub for the pharmaceutical industry (2022.10.6)

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/supplements/a-track-record-of-growth>

<https://www.globalpharma.ae/>

Fake shoes and bags seized in Abu Dhabi, fake Red bull cans were confiscated in Ajman: authorities continue to fight against counterfeiting (2022.10.6, 2022.10.19, 2022.10.21, 2022.10.24)

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/uae/sorry-even-your-dh190000-watch-could-be-fake>

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/uae/fake-energy-drink-cans-seized-from-stores-in-ajman>

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/uae/6230-fake-shoes-bags-seized-in-abu-dhabi>

<https://twitter.com/Economyae/status/1584532111985254401>

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/uae/dubai-customs-american-embassy-discuss-strategies-to-counter-piracy>

<https://wam.ae/en/details/1395303094014>

The UAE Trade Connect (UTC) system, distributed ledger technology or blockchain, presents a decentralized, secure and speedy alternative (2022.10.6)

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/supplements/fueling-global-commerce>

CoRover Private Limited partners with Google's Business Messages to leverage a human-centric conversational AI platform authorities cooperate to combat counterfeiting (2022.10.7)

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/kt-network/corover-private-limited-corover-partners-with-googles-business-messages>

<https://corover.ai/>

GLEAC launches the world's first utility NFT to embrace innovative technologies (2022.10.7)

<https://wam.ae/en/details/1395303090143>

<https://www.gleac.com/about-us/>

Sharjah International Book Fair brings 2,213 publishers from 95 nations, recognized as the largest book fair in the world in terms of buying and selling intellectual property rights (2022.10.10)

<https://wam.ae/en/details/1395303091504>

Gitex: startups use Dubai as a platform to access MENA markets (2022.10.11)

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/tech/gitex-indian-startups-use-dubai-as-a-platform-to-access-mena-markets>

Abu Dhabi Investment Office (ADIO) and Siemens Energy partner to launch an innovation center to accelerate UAE's net-zero drive (2022.10.11)

<https://wam.ae/en/details/1395303091075>

The Telecommunications & Digital Government Regulatory Authority (TDRA) launches a white paper on the study of industrial applications of 5G mobile networks (2022.10.12)

<https://wam.ae/en/details/1395303091425>

UAE calls for joint action to modernize the global trade system to ensure the WTO remains a credible custodian (2022.10.12)

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/business/uae-calls-for-joint-action-to-modernise-global-trade-system>

The Museum of The Future launched its own NFT, understanding NFTs and intellectual property rights in the Metaverse (2022.10.14)

<https://twitter.com/GulfBPG/status/1580800571979624448>

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DNSJ8ibt_tMan32wh08RS8vSsXABQ3M2kVw_MmWocg8/edit

World's first production-ready solar electric car launched to boost as a nation at the frontline of transition to sustainable mobility (2022.10.15)

<https://techstory.in/worlds-first-production-ready-solar-electric-car-launched-in-uae/>

<https://www.siasat.com/worlds-first-solar-electric-car-lightyear-0-launched-in-uae-2433940/>

<https://srtip.ae/>

17 categories of online content, websites that are blocked in the UAE: 883 websites were blocked in the first quarter of 2022 (2022.10.20)

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/crime/uae-17-categories-of-online-content-websites-that-are-blocked-in-the-emirates>

Unique antibodies found in camel's milk: curative efficiency of the milk on different chronic and serious diseases (2022.10.26)

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/uae/camels-milk-may-treat-aids-cancer>

Cambodia-UAE CEPA: the agreement includes negotiations on the liberalization of goods and services, investment promotion and key provisions, trade technical barriers and intellectual property rights, economic and SME cooperation (2022.10.26)

<https://www.cpp.org.kh/en/details/330144>

Saudi Arabia:

Saudi Arabia steps up their effort for a balanced approach to e-cigarette taxation (2022.9.27)

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2170691>

SAIP conducts extensive inspection campaigns to protect creative rights holders (2022.10.1)

<https://twitter.com/SAIPKSA/status/1576215543543394306>

The Saudi's remarkable accomplishment was the record number of 1,746 patents in 2021 (2022.10.2)

<https://www.jordannews.jo/Section-36/Opinion/The-not-so-silent-revolution-in-Saudi-Arabia-22640>

Highlighting the Kingdom's role as an influential axis in intellectual property (2022.10.5, 2022.10.12)

<https://twitter.com/SAIPKSA/status/1577572740940308480>

<https://twitter.com/SAIPKSA/status/1577285250589151233>

<https://twitter.com/SAIPKSA/status/1580256857649602560>

Turkey:

Turkey shared its experiences at the conference "The Role of Intellectual Property Offices in the National Innovation Ecosystem" (2022.10.12)

<https://twitter.com/CemilBASPINAR/status/1580192924650065920>

Oman:

Omani inventor has been awarded by the Kingdom of Morocco Union of Inventors for inventing an emergency device to speed up response time during traffic accidents (2022.10.24)

<https://www.muscatdaily.com/2022/10/24/omani-inventor-honoured-with-doctorate-for-road-safety-device/>

Bahrain:

Radio participation of "Industrial Property Specialist" from the Department of Foreign Trade and Industrial Property (2022.10.9)

<https://www.facebook.com/moicbahrain/videos/776849880076586>

GCC:

The Grievances Committee of the Patent Office of the General Secretariat of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf discussed a number of grievances submitted by patent agents regarding patent applications that have already been filed with the Office (2022.10.4)

<https://www.gcc-sg.org/ar-sa/MediaCenter/NewsCooperation/News/Pages/news2022-10-4-4.aspx>

The General Secretariat of the Gulf Cooperation Council participated in the meeting of the Council of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) to discuss the effects of the Coronavirus faced by the various IP assets (2022.10.13)

<https://www.gcc-sg.org/ar-sa/MediaCenter/NewsCooperation/News/Pages/news2022-10-13-4.aspx>

A delegation visits the Saudi Food and Drug Authority to learn the mechanism of registration of pharmaceuticals and their link to the granting of patents for innovative drugs (2022.10.18)

<https://www.gcc-sg.org/ar-sa/MediaCenter/NewsCooperation/News/Pages/news2022-10-18-1.aspx>

Worldwide:

Global Innovation Index 2022: UAE takes a big leap forward this year closer to the top 30, Türkiye has the potential to undergo innovation performance growth (2022.9.27)

https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/mdocs/en/wipo_ip_inn_ge_22_5/wipo_ip_inn_ge_22_5_inf1.pdf

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CjDFgscMkJX/>

The eighth session of the Tokyo International Conference for African Development (TICAD) webinar on IP and Innovation for SMEs (2022.9.29)

<https://www.wipo.int/edocs/pubdocs/en/wipo-pub-2000-2022-en-main-report-global-innovation-index-2022-15th-edition.pdf>

https://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2022/article_0011.html

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k0qvxwSWveM>

<https://wam.ae/en/details/1395303088375>

<https://twitter.com/RDIA/status/1575535921767718913>

<https://twitter.com/TURKPATENT/status/1575744270941966336>

<https://twitter.com/TURKPATENT/status/1575744276985962496>

<https://twitter.com/aalswailem/status/1575553626864758785>

Five Resolutions were adopted during 2022 AIPPI World Congress (2022.10.11)

<https://aiippi.org/about-the-library/aiippi-resolutions/>

The 12th edition of the Nice Classification into force on January, 2023 (2022.10.14)

https://www.wipo.int/edocs/madrdocs/en/2022/madrid_2022_28.pdf?utm_source=WIPO+Newsletters&utm_campaign=c1ad9a2d9d-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2022_10_14_03_47&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_bcb3de19b4-c1ad9a2d9d-256889069

INTERPOL launches first global police Metaverse to define and govern (2022.10.20)

<https://www.interpol.int/en/News-and-Events/News/2022/INTERPOL-launches-first-global-police-Metaverse>

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