



EGYPO's Annual Report (January to December 2016)

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&
Egyptian Patent Office*



1- Egyptian Patent Office (EGPO)

Historical Background

Egyptian Patent Office (EGPO) was founded in 1951, which function is to issue patents and protect the IP rights of inventors, in application of the Law no. 132 of 1949 on the Patents and Industrial designs and amendment thereof; the IPPR Law no. 82 of 2002.

The Egyptian patent office is one of the most prominent bodies of Egypt. It is crucible of creativities and innovations directed to the world of technology and industry and global market, thus fueling the wheel of economic and industrial development in Egypt.

Due to the importance of this role, Egypt has devoted all its efforts and focused on the support of innovation and creativity and the link of scientific research with the industry via utilizing outputs of researches and technological knowledge derived from the inventions and their industrial applicability for the sake of public benefit and coping with the modern technology revolution.

Accordingly, the Egyptian patent office has undergone different developmental phases since its establishment in 1951. It reaches nowadays the highest level of coping with modern technology under the effect of international treaties and agreements that aim at enhancing the office's efficiency. As a result, the Egyptian patent office has acquired the first rank among the Arab patent offices and becomes on an equal footing with European offices.

Objectives

The Egyptian patent office has been established with the aim of protecting the intellectual property of patents and utility models in Egypt, as well as encouraging invention and innovation in favor of the economic growth.

Tasks

- Proceeding with the required actions for patent and utility models protection
- Filing and examining patent applications and utility models
- Granting both Egyptians and non-Egyptians patents for inventions and utility models
- Contributing to develop the citizens' innovation skills
- Supporting industries
- Encouraging specialists in the production and scientific research sector to register their inventions



Patent Information

Introduction

Patent information adds to the value of protection applications. It is the means by which the latest technical information in different fields of science is disseminated. Hence, the Egyptian patent office seeks to build a public database of all published documents, in accordance with the system and executive legislation of patents and utility models.

The statistical report for year 2017 includes the most important information and statistics of protection applications submitted to the Egyptian patent information. It is the starting point for issuing more reports to grasp the attention of those interested.

2- Patents

Introduction

The current vision of economic development focuses on supporting innovation and invention and encouraging creative inventors. Hence, the Egyptian patent office was so keen to activate such modernized system of patent management, as the most important factor for increasing and improving the services provided to both national and international patent applicants. This is achieved via E-network for supporting the inventions, competing and coping with the most contemporary and biggest world networks in such field.

Introducing information technology tools and their application in the management of EGYPO work system is a key mechanism to confront IP challenges of the age. As a result of the previously mentioned efforts, an agreement has been signed between the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) for opening technology support and development center as well as technology transfer

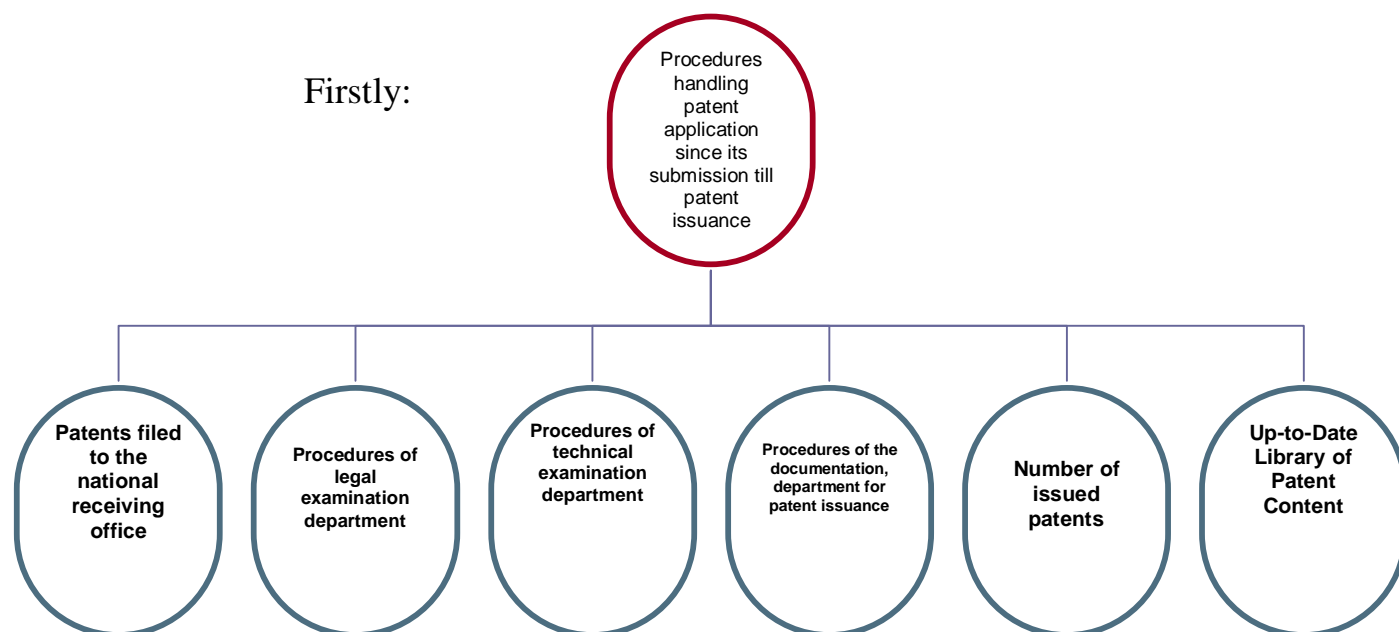
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center to be a cornerstone for boosting
medium-sized industries with for the
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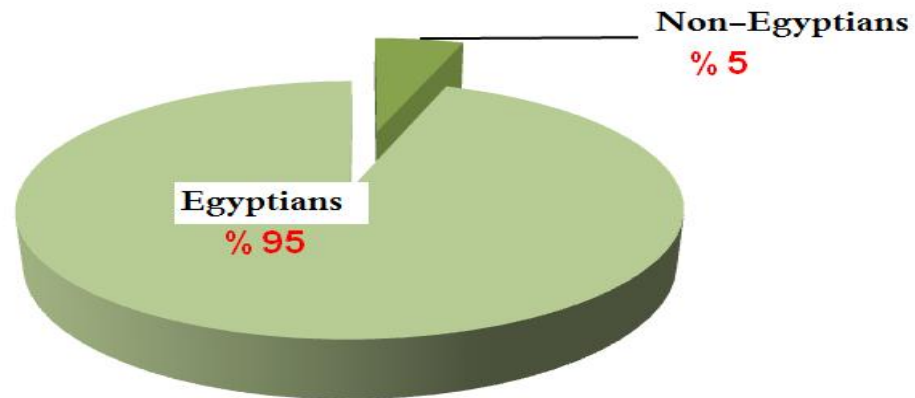
Number of filed patents at the receiving office:

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Description	Total
National –Phase Applications (non-Egyptians)	63
National –Phase Applications (Egyptians)	918
Applications submitted under PCT treaty (non-Egyptians)	1114
Applications submitted under PCT treaty (Egyptians)	0
Total applications submitted	2095

National-Phase Applications Submitted



Statistics of the Legal Examination Stage Procedures

Description	Paris	PCT	Total
Number of applications preliminarily examined	472	1645	2117
Number of allowed applications	85	408	493
Number of refused applications	90	115	205
Number of applications with to-fulfill-data requests	1258	1471	2729
Number of applications regarded as abandoned	413	487	900
Number of applications subjected to the Objection/Protest Committee	0	60	60
Numbers of Notes made	53	92	145
Number of Relies to the petitions	0	60	60

Statistics of Technical Examination Stage Procedures:

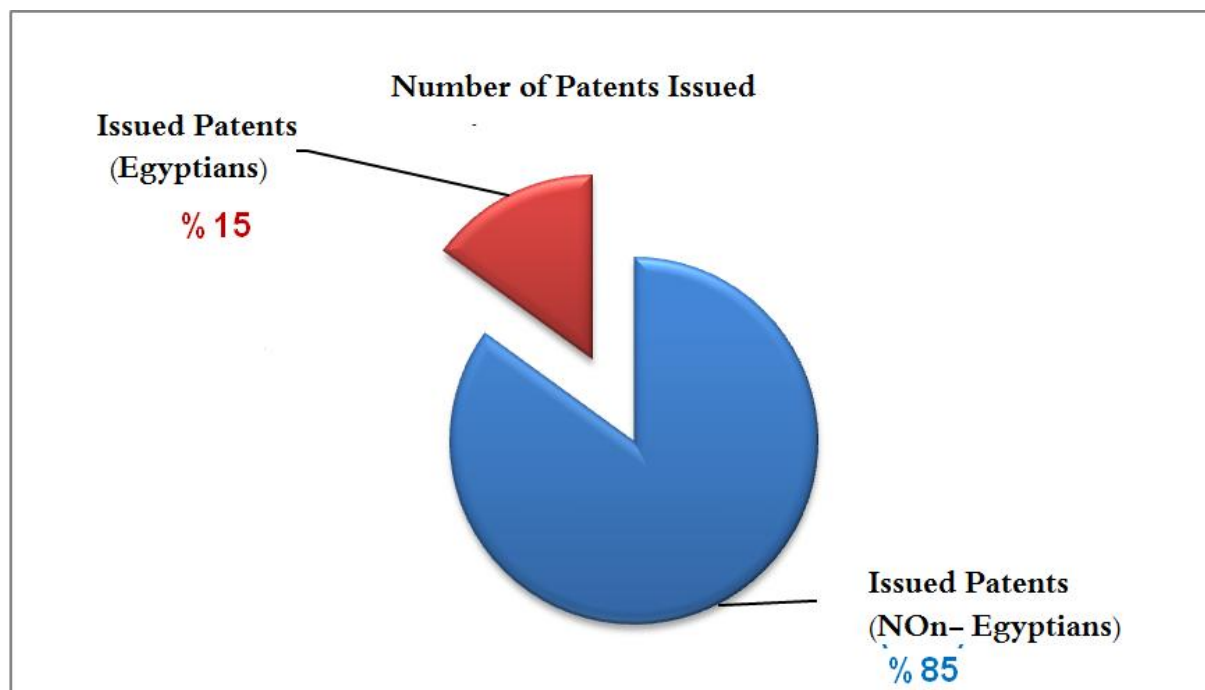
Description	Paris	PCT	PCT GAT (mailbo x)	GAT (mailbo x)	Total
Number of applications of Technical Allowance	84	411	5	8	508
Number of applications of Technical Rejection	81	94	45	15	235
Number of applications having to- fulfill-data requests	802	1005	148	37	1992
Number of applications which revised printouts are in progress	72	401	1	4	478
Number of applications having revised printouts	77	401	1	4	483

Statistics of Patent issuance procedures at the Department of Documents and records

Description	Paris	PCT	GAT	Total
Number of allowed applications	75	413	0	488
Number of applications with notification of allowance	75	389	0	-464
Number of applications with notifications of printouts-cost payments	217	279	0	496
Number of applications which printouts cost has been paid	107	345	0	542

Number of issued patents, classified as follows

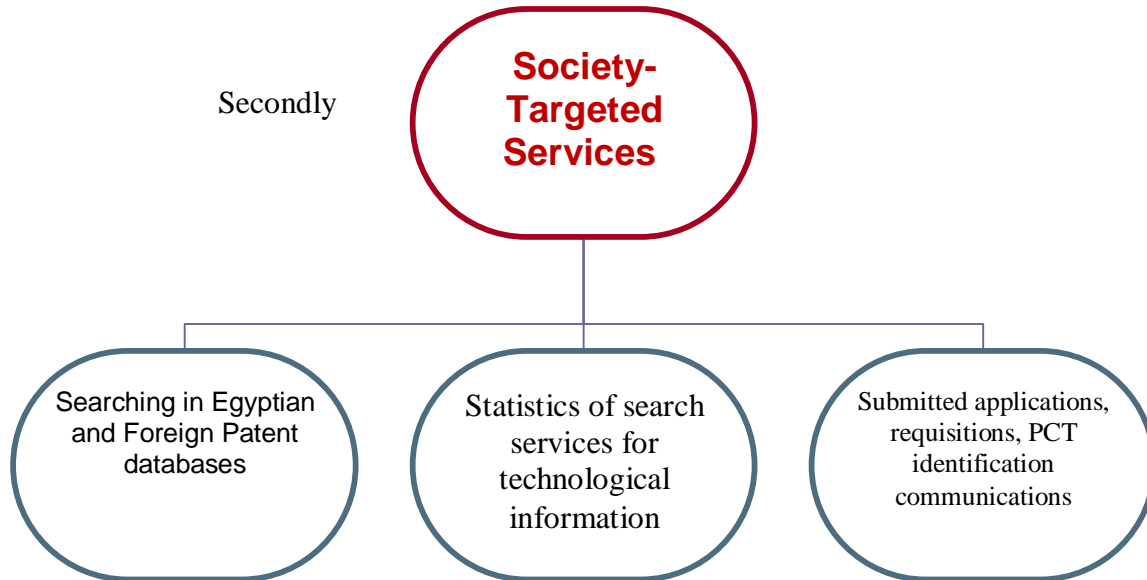
Description	Total
Issued patents (Non-Egyptians)	375
Issued patents (Egyptians)	75
Total number of issued patents	450



Statistics of the EGYPO Library Contents

Description	TOTAL
CD-ROM	5195205
Microfilm (Non-Egyptians)	3096420
Microfiche (Non-Egyptians)	810134
Filed patents	24231
Total	9125990

Secondly



Types of search requests in Egyptian and foreign databases:

- Searching for a specific application by its number
- Searching via the company name
- Searching via the defined subject matter of patent
- Searching via by the patent number
- Copying the issued patents
- Copying the applications into the public domain
- Delivering documents
- Selective broadcasting of technical information
- Works of preparations and arrangements required for the patents nominated for awards

Statistics of technological information search services

Description	Total
Technical search	128
Bibliography search	214
Patent photocopying	66

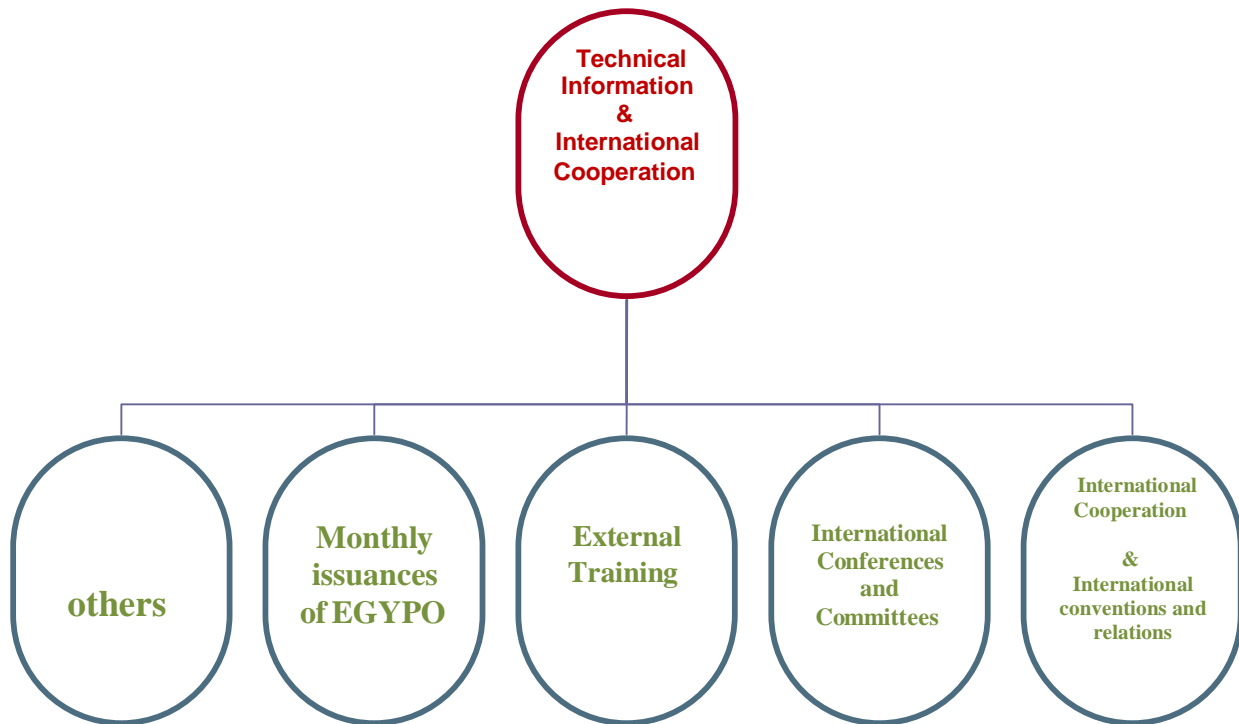
Submitted applications, requisitions, PCT identification communications

Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

Description	number
International-Phase Applications	40
Number of Inquiries	52
Number of Communications	55

EGYPO Revenues :

Fees-earned State's revenues	2.353.372
Research- funding Revenues	10.255.757



3- Technical Information and International Cooperation

International Cooperation & International Agreements and relationships

Korean International Cooperation

- On July 3rd, 2016, a cooperation proposal was made and delivered by the Korean side, wherein financing issue will, as indicated, be covered under the Korea-sponsored projects at the Egyptian Ministry of International Cooperation.
- Communication was made with the Ministry of International Cooperation, Asian Sector, inquiring about the legality of cooperation with Korean side. Confirmation on and approval of the Korean partnership/proposed project were collected for the development of the Egyptian Patent Office.
- The whole matter was presented to the President of ASRT on October 13th and January 22nd, 2016, and H.E approved to have a Korean delegation in its visit to

EGYPO, which mission was to make a study on EGYPO's needs in an attempt to cope with Egypt Vision 2030.

- A meeting was held with the officers of the Egyptian Ministry's International Cooperation, Asian Sector, and Korean delegation. Financing EGYPO's proposed project was open to discussion along two visits so as to cope with Egypt 2030 Vision Strategy as follows:

a presentation on the project contents was made, comprising:

- To Set up an informatics mechanism and database for information exchange and dissemination to be useful on the national, regional and global level and raise awareness of intellectual property within the framework of Egypt 2030 Vision Strategy and fulfillment of its goals.
- To convert the full description documents of all respective applications and patents into a researchable electronic form using OCR
- To convert applications into electronic form according to applicable WIPO standards to be easily exchanged with Worldwide patent offices.
- To establish a new platform and program for technical examiners, whereby they are able to examine patent applications via searching full or brief descriptions on all national and international accessible databases.
- To set up a new and separate database for the examination of applications using full description documents shared by EGPO and the IP5 participated states (Korea- China- Japan-European Office-US Office) and made available on the EGYPO's databases.
- To set up machine translation for rendering granted patents and application from Korean, Japanese, English and Chinese languages into Arabic and vice versa for the easier examination of patent applications filed in EGYPO.
- To make a plan for EGYPO-manpower training on IP and IT fields.
- To establish IP panorama in Arabic language for increasing awareness of IP crucial role in all sectors across the country.
- Financial support to provide the machines and equipment required for setting up Disaster Recovery.

- Financial support to bring machines and equipment required for increasing level of safety and protection so as to start Electronically furnishing the registration, payment and follow up procedures for the underlying patents and applications by applicants.
- It was agreed to make the preparations needed for a project of around \$ 3.000,000 budget, one million of which assigned for purchasing the required equipment and essentials for the Disaster Recovery Unit, increasing safety and protection for e-registration, payment and follow up of the applications and automation of the EGPO to be on a paperless system.
- A legal study was prepared and a comparison between Egyptian and Korean Laws in relation to patents was made in order to define the legal prerequisites for the said project.
- EGYPO's needs, including machines, equipment and programs, to achieve the project successfully, were highlighted within a respective study.
- A policy and plan for achieving the aforesaid studies were outlined in consistence with Egypt 2030 Vision Strategy for information and innovations.
- The aforesaid studies were made by a group of EGYPO experts to be presented and discussed with the Korean-side donors in presence of the Asian Sector officers of the Ministry of International Cooperation.
- It was agreed to sign the project draft in an ceremonial event in April, 2017 at the premises of the Egyptian Ministry of International Cooperation in presence of the President of the Academy.

2- Conferences and International Committees

Participation of EGYPO in conferences and international committees

The Conference Title	Period	The state where the event was convened	Number of Participants
A conference of High Standard	July, 2016	China	1
The 48 th Session of PCT Union Assembly	October, 2016	Switzerland	1
Assemblies of Member States of WIPO : Fifty-Sixth Session	October, 2016	Switzerland	1
International Conference on Building Respect for Intellectual Property – Stimulating Innovation and Creativity	November, 2016	China	1
Training for patent examiner	November, 2016	Vietnam	1

Training Program on Global Patent Issues: Patent Quality	December, 2016	South of Africa	1
Training for patent examiner	December, 2016	GEORGIA	1

Technical Information

- Preparing for IENA-Germany-based Exhibition 2015 for Inventions
- Addressing the organizers of exhibition to make discount for EGYPO to participate therein.
- Four Egyptian inventors had taken apart in that exhibition. They were awarded one gold, one silver and two bronze medals.
- The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Japanese Patent Office for bilateral cooperation with respect of experiences exchange and boosting up training activities for EGYPO's personnel, was studied and taken into consideration.
- The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between EGYPO and the Chinese Patent Office pertinent to speeding up the proceedings of PCT patent applications in both countries.

3- External Training

Title of the training course	Period	The state organizing the course	Number of trainees
Training Course on the industrial Property Office Management	16-23/2/2016	Japan	1

Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS), Fourth Session	21-24/3/2016	Switzerland	1
Workshop on Patent Law and Examination	23/3-1/4-2016	Korea	1
Innovation and Technology transfer training program	8-10/3-2016	Japan	1
Expert Group Meeting on the Information exchange and documentation for the Intellectual Property Offices	20-22/4-2016	Austria	2
35 th Session of IPC Revision Workgroup	11-15/4-2016	Switzerland	1
Geneva International Exhibition of Inventions	13-17/4-2016	Switzerland	2
PCT Working Group, Ninth Session	17-20/5-2016	Switzerland	1
Conference: Developing IP and Innovation Policy and Strategies in universities and Public Researches to facilitate the Transfer of Technology to Industry	11-16/2016	Morocco	2
Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore	30/5 to 3/6-2016	Switzerland	1
Training Program on Worldwide Patenting Procedures: Quality of Patents	23/5 to 3/6-2016	Norway	1
IP Training Course	24/5 to 3/6-2016	China	2

Standing Committee of Patent Law, 24 th Session	27-30/6-2016	Switzerland	1
Advanced Training Course on Intellectual Property, Technology Transfer and Licensing	13-24/6-2016	France	1
Advanced Training Course on Patent documents and Information	13-17/6-2016	Austria	1

4- Monthly Issuances of EGYPO

- Issuing Patent Official Gazette, Edition no. 771 to 784
- Abstract Bulletins issued in Arabic and English, Edition no. 226 to 238

5. Statistics sent to the International Patent Documentation Center (INPADOC)

- 450 Egyptian Patents was sent to INPADOC

6. Other Technical Information works

- preparing quarterly, bi-annual and annual reports to be submitted to the President of the Academy
- preparing quarterly, bi-annual and annual reports to be submitted to WIPO.

4- Internal Training and Regional Courses

- EGYPO training plan proposed for 2016/2017 was sent to the universities and research centers, focal points and patent attorneys
- Training one (1) employee of EGYPO in a training specialist program for the period extending from 7/2 to 25/2-2016
- WIPO expert visit to revise time schedule for developments works done in Egypt, dated 2-3-2016
- a committee was convened for selecting two (2) employees to travel to the Gulf Cooperation Council states and participate in a training course on work mechanism and technical examination procedures from 20-24/3-2016.

- on 20-3-2016, (2) employees of EGPO participated in a seminar for raising awareness concerning the importance of inventions and innovations and evaluating scientific ideas at the Helwan-based Institute for Leaders,
- On 21-3-2016, two (2) employees of EGYPO participated in a seminar at Theodor Bilharz Research Institute concerning the Intellectual Property Specifications and classification.
- On 30-3-2016, four (4) employees of EGYPO participated in seminar at Faculty of Engineering regarding the patentability requirements and procedures
- Taking part in the World IP Day in Mansoura University and giving lecture on the event: role of Intellectual Property in encouraging innovation and creativity
- Meeting of consultant committee was held to study and enforce the Law, being scheduled on Wednesday of each weak .
- Visit of Mauritian delegation to the Egyptian Patent Office (EGPO) to be familiar with the applied procedures in EGPO and exchange of experience between the two countries.
- Status data for five (5) applications were sent to Mansoura University.
- A meeting for the officers in charge of the focal points and promotion of innovation and marketing was convened.
- Five technical examiners attended a workshop on Applied Scientific Research and entrepreneurship organized by National Center For Women – Committee of Scientific Research, Cairo University.
- A WIPO-related Distance Learning expert was received.
- Three (3) officers of the Saudi Patent Office (SAPO) had training on legal procedures for Patent protection.
- Kafr-El Sheikh University had organized a workshop on general light shades on patents, databases research, how to make research reports and draft patent application and claims.
- -A cultivating workshop on patents was held at the Research Institute Of Medical Entomology on Thursday corresponding to 27-10-2016.

- Nine (9) officers from Yamen, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine and Sudan participated in a training course on Technical Examination from the period extending from 31-10 till 4-11/2016.
- Making preparations for the 3rd Innovation Conference held at Al-Qalah District from the period extending from 19-20/11-2016
- Making relevant preparations for implementing the training plan set for the first semester of 2016-2017.
- Second training program for new trainees in the National IP Academy for the period extending from 6-10/12-2016.
- Research, Development and Patents Seminar in the field of pharmaceuticals held in Mansoura University on 14-12-2016.