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Challenges in Patent Examination

Egyptian Patent Office



Challenges of examination at the Egyptian patent office

- Lack of training opportunities available to examiners technicians Specialized areas
- Lack of examiners who specialized in the field of applications submitted and in this case the examiner should cover many classes.

Challenges of examination at the Egyptian patent office

- Private databases NLP
 - Data for scientific conferences, journals for scientific research , Published scientific research
 - Lack of available databases for sequences
- Classification tools
 - Classification problem is different class such USA class



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- Save time and effort which will leads to reduce the Pendency

Challenges of examination at the Egyptian patent office

➤ Types of patent applications

- Domestic first filling
- Foreign Application:
 - Paris route
 - PCT route

Challenges of examination at the Egyptian patent office

- Domestic patent applications
 - Lack of knowledge skill patent drafting
 - Lack of a culture of inventors intellectual property
 - Files provided lacks professionalism
 - Expressive graphics
 - Elements of protection provided (claims) is not clear
 - Several are sent correspondence to the inventor to amend the patent application Thus delaying the issuance of the final decision of the Technical examiner

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➤ Data bases

- Databases of different countries are available in the language of these countries
- Languages of databases that are not available where a translation of the languages such as Korean, Chinese , Russian and Japanese offices
- Except for some of the databases for the Japan patent office, which are translated by (Language Translation mechanism)
- Some languages are not included in the WIPO languages such as Arabic language especially Egyptian patent office became international search and examination
- bibliographic data (title & abstract)
- publication only for the grant patent (full description)

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➤ Unity of invention

- How do you determine that the subject invention unit, especially if the invention contains different elements but complement each other
- How to separate the elements that lose the subject and unity in this case

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➤ Inventive step

- How the examiner to determine inventive step especially when there is a little changes from the prior art or cited document are very similar (little change)
- It depends of the experience of the examiner
- The culture of the examiner

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➤ Foreign Application

- To avoid the duplication of work in examination procedure
- EGPO is embarking Patent Prosecution Highway with large offices for example: USPTO , EPO , JPO ,

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➤ How to overcome challenges

- To increase the number of specialized examiners (part time)
- To maintain the confidentiality we hold a secure agreement with different specialized examiners.
- We expanded our coverage throughout different governors by establishing a lot of focal points ,this help to provide suitable advice for applicants.
- TISC office were established to re-assess the application.

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➤ How to overcome challenges

- Hold new agreement with new patent database for several offices and Companies specializing in databases
- Scan for the patent application (full text)
- Used the keyword to determine the classification
- To increase the awareness of:
 - Drafting of patent application
 - Pre-filing searches

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