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Protection of *Intellectual Property Rights* and *Patents Registration* at Kuwait University are done through the Patent Office, under the Vice President for Research.

Patent Office

The Patent Office was established in response to Kuwait University President's Decision No. 886, issued on April 30, 2005, to deal with legislative matters and procedures concerning legal protection of inventions achieved by KU faculty, students and staff.

Purpose of Establishing the Patent Office at KU

- Providing legal protection to discoveries and inventions achieved by researchers at Kuwait University.
- Supporting developmental plans of industrial activity in the State of Kuwait through providing information on local and international inventions for governmental and private sectors.
- Encouraging researchers at Kuwait University to discover and innovate, and to participate in supporting industrial and economic development in the State of Kuwait.

Patent Office

- Cooperating with other offices of Patent Registration, regionally and internationally, in the field of Patent Registration and Intellectual Property Rights.
- Encouraging investment of Patent Registration, leading to developing the level of industrial technology.

Mission & Goals of Patent Office

- Undertaking the registration and documentation procedures for inventions achieved by researchers at Kuwait University.
- Providing legal protection for Patent Registration in the University, protecting the researchers rights depending on their inventions, and initiating all legal procedures in this regard.
- Offering services and information concerning Patent Registration.
- Implementing cooperation program with organizations and

institutions, regionally and internationally, as well as research centers in the field of Patent Registration and Intellectual Property Rights.

- Investing University Patent Registration in the local market.
- Marketing information of Patent Registration in the industrial and economic sectors in the State of Kuwait.
- Holding conferences and scientific symposia concerning Patent Registration and Intellectual Property Rights, in general.
- Preparing research, publishing manuals and information guide(s) on Patent Registration and Intellectual Property Rights.
- Preparing instruction manuals and guides concerning procedures of Patent Registration within and outside.

Patent Office

- Saving and organizing applications and records of Patent Registration.
- Giving opinions and consultations concerning Patent Registration and Intellectual Property Rights in general.
- Studying Patent Registration applications, in the light of the subject and its applicability, and taking requisite decision as regards its registration.
- Offering legal consultation to inventors concerning Patent Registration, and its investment.
- Preparing requisite databases concerning Patent Registration and Intellectual Property Rights.