

## **Patents and development issues**

The Intellectual Property(including the Patent system) as an important element in the institutional infrastructure to encourage private investment in research and development, particularly in the industrial, scientific and commercial fields.

This is the contents of the WTO agreement on intellectual property related aspects of trade (TRIPS Agreement)

Which led to increased awareness among policy makers With respect to patents and its role in economic development, where some argue that the absence of or failure to provide adequate protection for patents would encourage the transfer of technology, while others go the other that the patent system is a mechanism to encourage the transfer of technology abroad in the form of direct investments or licenses.

The role of the patent system in the economic development depend on different the industries and contrast between countries

Patent can be to adopt a leading role "in turning innovative ideas and inventions into competitive products and market them successfully.

in according to the foregoing, the Industrial Property Division / Iraqi Patent Office, adopts a major role to promote the patents through the patent published on the Internet sites and is available to all who wish to take advantage of them.

And also to be published in scientific journals, as well as to be connection and addres with all the relevant ministries and provide them with summaries of patents with diverse disciplines that is compatible with the work of those ministries and government institutions.

There are membership in the executive Commission of the International Federation of Inventors' Associations IFIA, by one of Iraqi inventors who represented Iraq, where Iraq recently received" five gold medals for his participation in a fair global patent.

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