Progress of regional patent office cooperation

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Overview of Regional Patent Office Cooperation

1983~ Trilateral

2001~ Asian Trilateral

2007~ IP5

2012~ ASEAN-JAPAN
19th Trilateral Heads of Offices Meeting (Nov. 2011)

From the left: Commissioner Iwai (JPO), President Battistelli (EPO), and Director Kappos (USPTO)

Results of the Meeting

Patent Harmonization
- Confirmed that the Trilateral Offices will continue to lay the groundwork and cooperate to promote discussions in other fora on patent harmonization. Also discussed the ways of advancing discussions at the Tegernsee Meeting and IP5 Meeting.

PPH
- Agreed to extend the PCT-PPH pilot programs between the Trilateral Offices. At the same time, agreed to extend the PPH programs between EPO-JPO and between EPO-USPTO. The EPO also agreed to adopt the PPH-MOTTAINAI model.

Improvement of the PCT
- Agreed that the Trilateral Offices will discuss the next step for the PCT roadmap in the future.

CCD
- Launch of the Common Citation Document (CCD) website. Agreed on improving the CCD reflecting users' feedback.

11th Asian Trilateral Heads Meeting (Dec. 2011)

Outcomes of the Meeting

Report on Case Study of Inventive Step
- Approved the “Comparative Case Study on Inventive Step,” reported by the experts in the Three Offices.

Exchange of Opinions on Utility Model
- Reviewed the Comparative Table of the Utility Model Law and continue the comparative study.

Patent Harmonization
- SIPO and KIPO stated the importance of harmonization, and the JPO-led Matrix Study would become the foundation for harmonization.

Patent classification
- Exchanging their views in advance on how to proceed with the Common Hybrid Classification project, where IPC and ECLA would be integrated.

Machine Translation Cooperation

Renewal of trilateral Roadmap
- Revised Roadmap for the Three Offices’ Cooperation, including harmonization, PPH, classification, and user services.
Roadmap of Trilateral Cooperation (Revised in 2011)

- **Objective**: Enhanced mutual understanding between the three offices and areas
- **Immediate Achievement**
  - Enhanced cooperation on IP capacities of users
- **Future Action**
  - Enhanced mutual understanding between the three offices and areas

### Patent Harmonization
- Reconfirmed the importance of patent harmonization and cooperating in the "IP5 working-level study for Patent Harmonization".

### Machine Translation Cooperation

### Patent Legislations and Practices
- Continuing exchanging views on patent legislations and practices.

### Cooperation on IP laws and practices
- Cooperation on Automation
- Cooperation on Services to users

### Cooperation among the three offices

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**JPO-SIPO Heads Meeting (Oct. 2011)**

**Japan-China PPH**
- Launched Japan-China PPH Pilot program on November 1, 2011.

**Patent Harmonization**
- Reconfirmed the importance of patent harmonization and cooperating in the “IP5 working-level study for Patent Harmonization”.

**Machine Translation Cooperation**

**Patent Legislations and Practices**
- Continuing exchanging views on patent legislations and practices.

**Meeting with State Administration for Industry and Commerce (Dec. 2011)**

**Misappropriated Trademark application**
- Requested a strict examination for misappropriate trademark applications containing geographical names and famous trademarks in Japan.

**Cooperation in the Trademark Field**
- Launching the Trademark Examiner Exchange Program.
5th Meeting of IP5 Heads of Office (June 2012)

From the left:
Director General Gurry (WIPO),
Commissioner Kim (KIPO),
Commissioner Iwai (JPO),
President Battistelli (EPO),
Commissioner Tian (SIPO) and
Director Kappos (USPTO)

Results of the Meeting

Patent Harmonization
➢ Agreed to set up a Patent Harmonization Expert Panel in the IP5, to continue discussing patent harmonization at the IP5.

Global Dossier
➢ Agreed to advance discussions toward establishing a “Global Dossier” which virtually consolidates dossier information of each office and provides one-stop service to users and the offices. Also agreed to form a Task Force that will integrate user needs.

CHC
➢ Agreed to accelerate the CHC project by merging the CPC and the Japanese classification (FI/F-term) after January 2013, when the CPC is completed.

IP5 Heads/IP5 Industry Meeting
➢ Meeting with the IP5 industry representatives was held for the first time. Representatives from the IP5 Industry and the IP5 Heads of Office reached a common understanding on the importance of exchanging opinions and agreed to hold an IP5 Heads/IP5 Industry Meeting at the time of IP5 Heads meetings in the future.

1st ASEAN-JAPAN Heads of IP Offices Meeting (Feb. 2011)

The Meeting adopted “Tokyo IP Statement,” confirming that ASEAN should reinforce the IPR protection for the economic development in the Region, and Japan would actively cooperate for such development.

The Periodic Heads Meetings will be held to facilitate cooperative activities to meet the ASEAN needs, such as accession to the IP5-related treaties, improvement of examination / administrative capabilities and raising public awareness.

Tokyo IP Statement
➢ The importance of further strengthening cooperation between ASEAN and Japan for their mutual prosperity
➢ The importance of industrial property system in facilitating trade and investment and fostering innovation and technology transfer to achieve sustainable economic development
➢ The cooperation between ASEAN and Japan, especially in the implementation of the ASEAN Intellectual Property Rights Action Plan 2011-2015 is beneficial for both ASEAN and Japan
➢ Furthering this cooperation in conduct of needs-based cooperative activities among ASEAN and Japan collectively or among the individual IPOs based on continuous dialogue, directly or through concerned institutions such as the WIPO, taking into account the diverse needs and varying levels of capabilities
➢ The Second Heads of IPOs Meeting will be held in Singapore in next July

JPO would like to engage in the dialogue with ASEAN IPOs in order to support the business activities of Japanese companies in ASEAN
Thank you!