

# Questionnaire on the Term “Quality of Patents” and Cooperation between Patent Offices in Search and Examination

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**Answers to the 6 questions:**

**Q1: Quality of Patents:**

Our office defines “quality of patent” as something related to the way of handling with patent filing, patent search and examination, patent grant and how patent is processed by the office efficiently.

- Quality of search and examination: our office relies on the examination result from other offices. Especially, the well-known IP offices.
- Quality of Grant Patent or Quality of patent system: After receiving examination result from other offices; we will process to grant the patent. We also check if it complies with our patent law. If no contrary to the law and regulation, we process to grant immediately and issue certificates of patent to applicant.

**Q2: We have cooperation with the following offices:**

**IPOS:** search and examination for Cambodian national applications and an ISA for patent application under PCT.

**JPO:** an ISA for PCT patent applications.

**EPO:** an ISA for PCT applications.

**Q3:** Our office doesn't perform any search and examination. We rely on the search result from partner offices. However, Cambodia exchanges examination result under ASPEC program.

**Q4:** Cambodia is a member of WIPO CASE, so we use this to share information on Search and Examination result.

**Q5:** Cooperation with ASPEC: We can facilitate the application through ASPEC.

**WIPO CASE:** None.

**JPO&IPOS cooperation:** Accelerate patent grant in Cambodia.

**Q6:** Capacity building on search and examination is required as follows:

- Training on the usage of WIPO CASE.
- Training to patent examiners in novelty & inventive step, prior art search and evaluation of search and examination report.