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PROGRAM

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Thursday, February 2, 2012

9.00 – 9.30 Opening ceremony

Welcome addresses by:

Mr. Takashi Kumagai, Director-General, General Affairs Department, Japan Patent Office (JPO), Tokyo

Mr. Ye Min Than, Senior Program Officer, Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, Development Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva

9.30 – 9.45 Coffee Break


Speaker: Mr. Ye Min Than

Discussion

10.45 – 12.15 Topic 2 The Critical Role of IP Policies in Modern Economies

Speakers: Mr. Mart Leesti, Intellectual Property Management Consultant, Ontario

Mr. McLean Sibanda, Partner, Sibanda & Zantwijk Attorneys, Johannesburg

Discussion

12.15 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 15.30 Topic 3 Country Presentations on Challenges in Formulation and Implementation of National IP Policies and Strategies

Speakers: Participants from India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines and Sri Lanka

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee Break

16.00 – 17.30 Topic 3 (Cont’d) Country Presentations on Challenges in Formulation and Implementation of National IP Policies and Strategies

Speakers: Participants from Egypt, Ghana, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra-Leone, Thailand and Viet Nam

Discussion
Friday, February 3, 2012

9.00 – 10.30  Topic 4  Formulation of IP Policies:

(a) Methodological Issues: Conducting IP Audits, Setting the Objectives, Identifying Priority Areas, Alignment with National Developmental Goals

Speakers: Mr. Mart Leesti

Mr. Shintaro Takahara, Counselor, Secretariat of Intellectual Property Strategy Headquarters, Cabinet Secretariat, Tokyo

Discussion

10.30 – 10.45  Coffee Break

10.45 – 12.15  Topic 4 (Cont’d)  (b) Institutional Issues: Optimal Mechanisms for Consultations, Coordination, Drafting, Decision Making

Speakers: Mr. McLean Sibanda

Mr. Shintaro Takahara

Discussion

12.15 – 13.30  Lunch Break

13.30 – 15.00  Topic 5  Implementation of IP Policies

(a) Methodological Issues: Establishing Action Plans with Specific Indicators

Speakers: Mr. Mart Leesti

Mr. Yoshihiro Nakayama, Assistant Director, International Affairs Division, General Affairs Department, the Japan Patent Office (JPO), Tokyo

Discussion

15.00 – 15.15  Coffee Break

15.15 – 16.00  Topic 5 (Cont’d)  (b) Institutional Issues: Optimal Monitoring and Review Mechanisms

Speakers: Mr. McLean Sibanda

Discussion
16.00 – 16.45  **Topic 6**  Technical Assistance and Capacity Building, including on IP Policy Formulation

Speakers:  Mr. Yoshihiro Nakayama

Discussion


Moderator:  Mr. Kenichiro Natsume, Head, Global Infrastructure Sector, WIPO Japan Office, Tokyo

All speakers and participants

17.30  Closing ceremony

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