NIPO Infrastructure Modernization Project
Outline

• National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka (NIPO)
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National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka (NIPO)

• Act No. 36 of 2003 governs the Administration of Intellectual Property in Sri Lanka.

• NIPO presently Register
  – Trademarks
  – Patents
  – Industrial Designs etc ….
Office Automation Project at NIPO

• Name: Office Automation Project
• Objectives:
  – Automation of IP administration system
  – Setting up of web-based IP information dissemination system
• Budget: Rs.10,000,000.00
• Starting date: June 2007
• Scope:
  – Digitization of IP data (Trade Mark, Patent & Industrial Design) and implementation of automated system to handle administration processes of trademarks, patents and industrial designs
  – Establishment of office infrastructure to support the automation process

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Implementation of IP Automation

• Implementation is in 3 stages
  - Completion of the installation of IPAS
  - Data Migration validation & operation
  - Online Information dissemination and filing
Status before implementation of the project

Trade Marks, Patent, Industrial Design

- Public Search (Examination for existing marks) - Conducted manually using the collection of Trade Mark representations
- Issuance of Office Documents
  - Manually prepared office documents
- Registration Certificates
  - Type written
- Substantitative Examination
  - Manually performed using Trade Mark records (registered & pending).
- Gazetting
  - Type written on printed forms & sent to Government Printer in paper media

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Status at present

• **Public Search (Examination for existing marks)**
  – conduct using a computerized database

• **Office Documents**
  - Automatically generate using the IPAS system

• **Registration Certificates**
  - Automatically generate using the IPAS system

• **Substantitive Examination**
  - Both interactive search and Logo search are done using the IPAS system.

• **Gazetting**
  - Generated by the system & sent to the Government Printer in digital media

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Future Expansions

• On-line public search
• On-line filing
• Publication of online journal
Achievements

• Data migrated to the IPAS system in year 2007
  - Trade Marks - 88463
  - Patent - 4924
  - Industrial Design - 6887
• Direct filing of Trade Marks, Patent and Industrial Designs

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• Almost 90% of the Trade Marks, Patent, Industrial Design, data validation has been completed.
Challenges

- Recruitment of staff
- End-user training
- Building confidence towards the system
- Setting-up new office procedures
- Changing document format
- Information Security
THANK YOU