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# Effective Utilization of Patent Classification Systems

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# BACKGROUND

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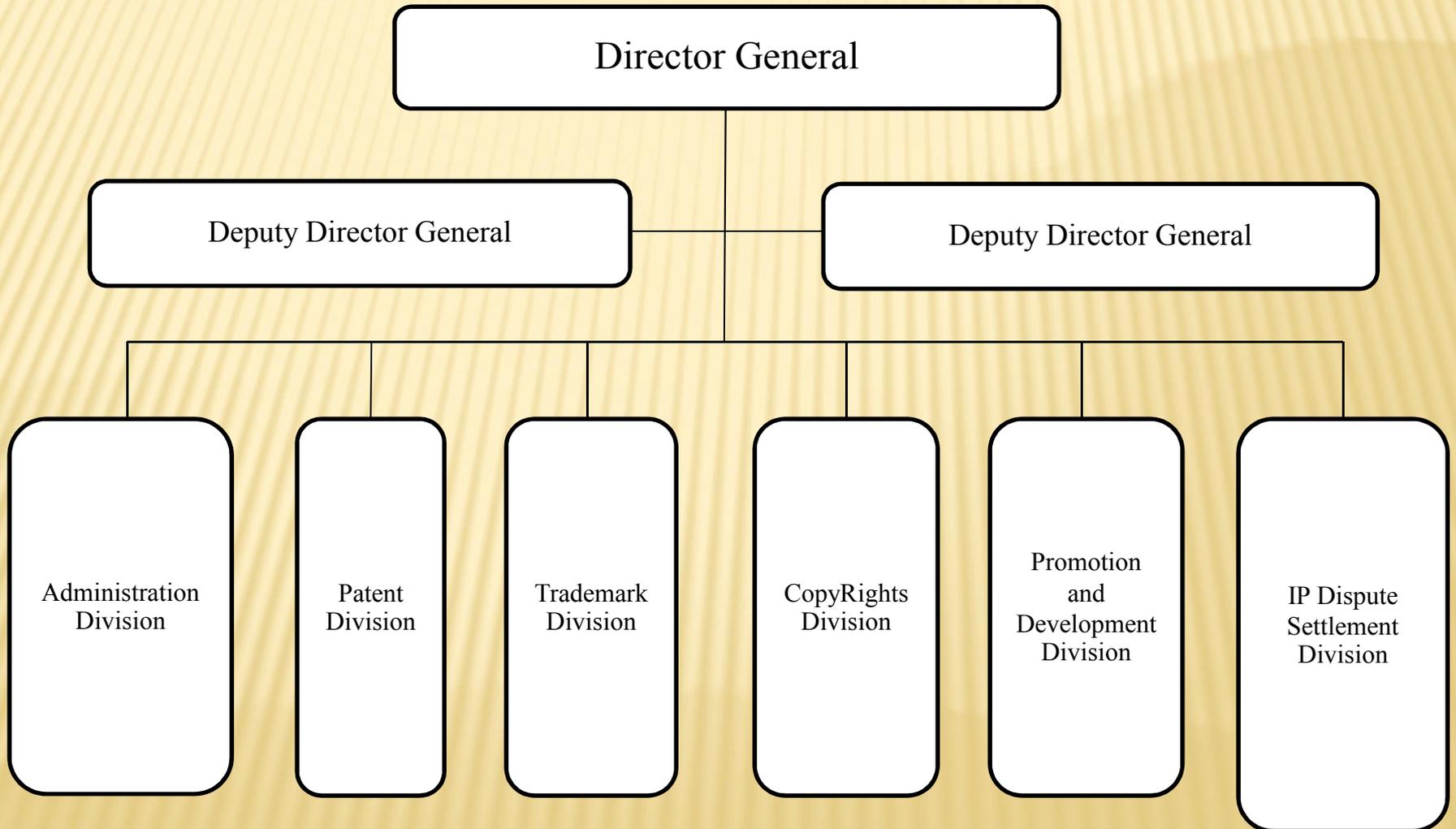
- ✘ Since 1993, the Department of Intellectual Property under the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) was in charge of Intellectual Property matters in Lao PDR.
- ✘ Member of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in 1995.
- ✘ Joined the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and ASEAN Working Group on IP Cooperation (AWGIPC) in 1997.
- ✘ Joined Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property in 1998.
- ✘ Joined Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) in 2006.
- ✘ The 158<sup>th</sup> member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) 2013.

# LEGISLATION

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- ✘ Law on Intellectual Property No. 08/NA dated December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Amended No. 01/NA dated December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011. (Articles Concerning Patent 13, 21, 26, 30, 31, 48, 55, 63)
- ✘ Regulation the Implementation of Patent and Petty Patent No. 0752/MOST dated September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
- ✘ Regulation the Implementation of Trademarks and Trade Names No. 0753/MOST dated September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
- ✘ Regulation the Implementation of Copyright and Related Rights No. 0754/MOST dated September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
- ✘ Regulation the Implementation of Industrial Designs No. 0755/MOST dated September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

# ORGANIZATION



# STATISTIC

2013 AS ON 10 DEC\*

YEAR	APPLICATIONS	REGISTERED
2004	11	0
2005	7	0
2006	12	0
2007	23	0
2008	27	0
2009	18	0
2010	20	0
2011	43	0
2012	53	0
2013	77	0
TOTAL	291	0

# STAFF

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Right now we have 36 Officers, including DG and DDG:

- Director General: 1
- Deputy Director General: 2
- Patent Division: 5
- Trademark Division: 9
- Copy Rights Division: 5
- Administration Division: 4
- Promotion and Development Division: 5
- IP Dispute Settlement Division: 5

# CLASSIFICATION

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- ✘ Giving by the Applicants (Representative)
- ✘ Re-check (Formality), Important Process
- ✘ Amendment or Request, do very carefully

# SEARCHING

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- <http://www.espacenet.com>
- <http://www.ipdl.inpit.go.jp>
- <http://www.epo.org>
- <http://www.uspto.gov.patft>
- <http://www.google.com/patents>
- etc.

According to knowledge about classification still low, so the use of classification in searching is not using.

# CHALLENGES

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- Lack of human resource.
- Less knowledge on legal framework.

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# THANK YOU for attention!



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