Effective Utilization of Patent Classification Systems

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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.
- The 158th member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) 2013.
Law on Intellectual Property No. 08/NA dated December 24\textsuperscript{th}, 2007. Amended No. 01/NA dated December 20\textsuperscript{th}, 2011. (Articles Concerning Patent 13, 21, 26, 30, 31, 48, 55, 63)


Regulation the Implementation of Trademarks and Trade Names No. 0753/MOST dated September 20\textsuperscript{th}, 2012.

Regulation the Implementation of Copyright and Related Rights No. 0754/MOST dated September 20\textsuperscript{th}, 2012.

Regulation the Implementation of Industrial Designs No. 0755/MOST dated September 20\textsuperscript{th}, 2012.
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- 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

- Giving by the Applicants (Representative)
- Re-check (Formality), Important Process
- Amendment or Request, do very carefully
According to knowledge about classification still low, so the use of classification in searching is not using.
CHALLENGES

- Lack of human resource.
- Less knowledge on legal framework.
THANK YOU for attention!

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