

## Topic3: Establishing Examination Cooperation Mechanisms to Support Patent Work Sharing -Global Dossier

## **Linkage System Between OPD and WIPO-CASE**

JAPAN PATENT OFFICE



## <u>Outline</u>

- ✓ Background and a Brief History
- ✓ Characteristics of the Linkage System
- ✓ User Interface



## ■ October 2008 Meeting of IP5 Heads

- > IP5 Foundation Projects commenced; One Portal Dossier
- ➤ OPD Vision: Contribution to Work Sharing

  Access to dossier information eliminates duplication of work for search

  and examination, enhances efficiency and quality, thereby improves the

  stability of patent rights worldwide

## ■ June 2009 Meeting of IP5 Deputy Heads

"OPD Roadmap" agreed

## ■ July 2013 Launch of OPD service

➤ OPD service launched among IP5 offices



#### ■March 2011

- > Became operational for Vancouver Group Offices (AU, CA and GB)
- ➤ Initial scope for sharing only search and examination reports of published applications.

### ■July 2012

> Access to AU application data and documents through web services

### ■September 2013

> Access to PATENTSCOPE data

### ■June 2014

- ➤ Offices operating under the CASE framework
  - AU, CA, CN, GB and IL as both Depositing and Accessing Offices
     For CN and IL, operations planned in 2014
  - MN, NZ, SG, VN and MY as Accessing Offices only



## ■ June 2012 Meeting of IP5 Heads

> Heads of Five Offices agreed on Global Dossier Concept

## ■ June 2013 Meeting of IP5 Heads

➤ JPO announced its plan to implement the linkage of OPD and WIPO-CASE as a pilot

# ■ March-April 2014 Establishment of the Linkage System and Start of pilot

➤ The linkage system was established in March, and the pilot started in April



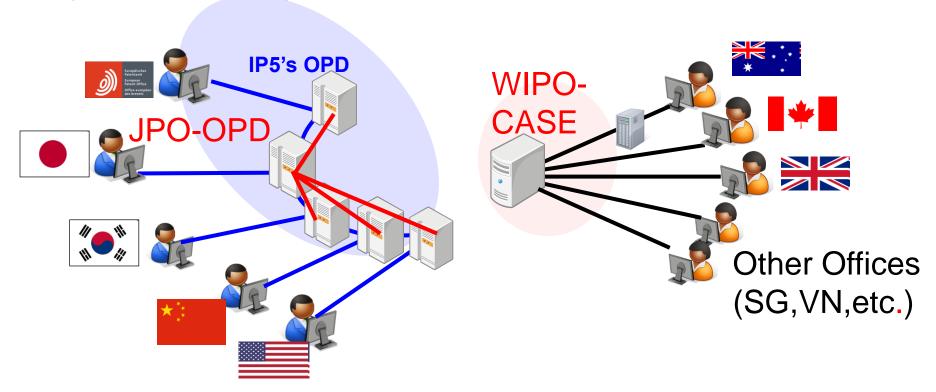
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#### <<OPD>>

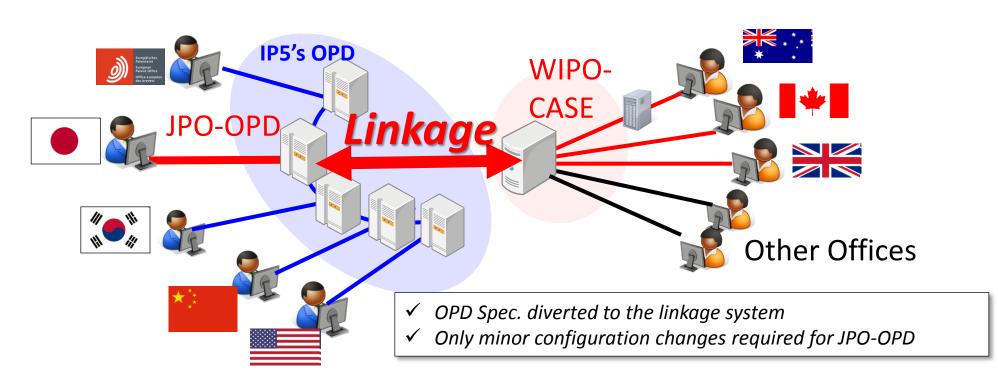
- ■Distributed architecture: JPO-OPD has 4 nodes toward the other Offices' OPDs
- ■JPO-OPD and the other Offices' OPDs exchange Dossier Information under a common protocol "OPD Spec"



### Linkage System: Post-March 2014



- Linkage between JPO-OPD and WIPO-CASE established at the End of March 2014, JPO and VG Offices (AU,CA, GB) exchange dossier documents
- Maintaining distributed architecture:
- ✓ Just adding the 5th node to WIPO-CASE (From a JPO-OPD Viewpoint)
- ✓ The linkage (the 5<sup>th</sup> node) adopts "OPD Spec"
- ✓ Gateway at WIPO for the linkage buffers the difference in technical specifications between OPD and WIPO-CASE



### Guideline on Use of Linkage System



- "Guideline" defines rules to be followed by IP offices when joining dossier information exchange using the linkage system
- <Contents>
- ✓ Scope of Use
- ✓ Prohibition on Secondary Use of Dossier Information
- ✓ Principle of Reciprocity
- ✓ Independence of Governance of Each System
- ✓ Development and Maintenance of the Linkage System
- ✓ Procedures for Newly-Participating Offices



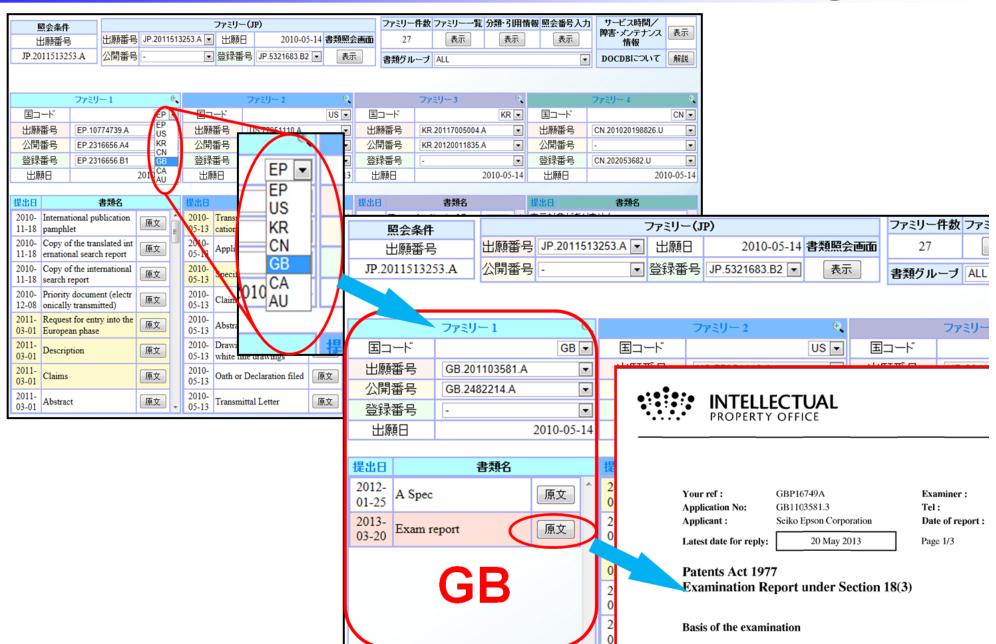
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### UI of JPO-OPD System (1)



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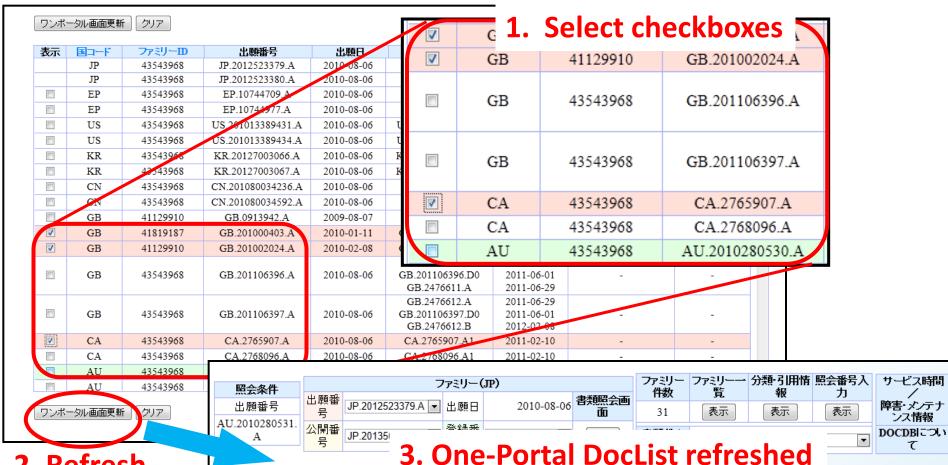


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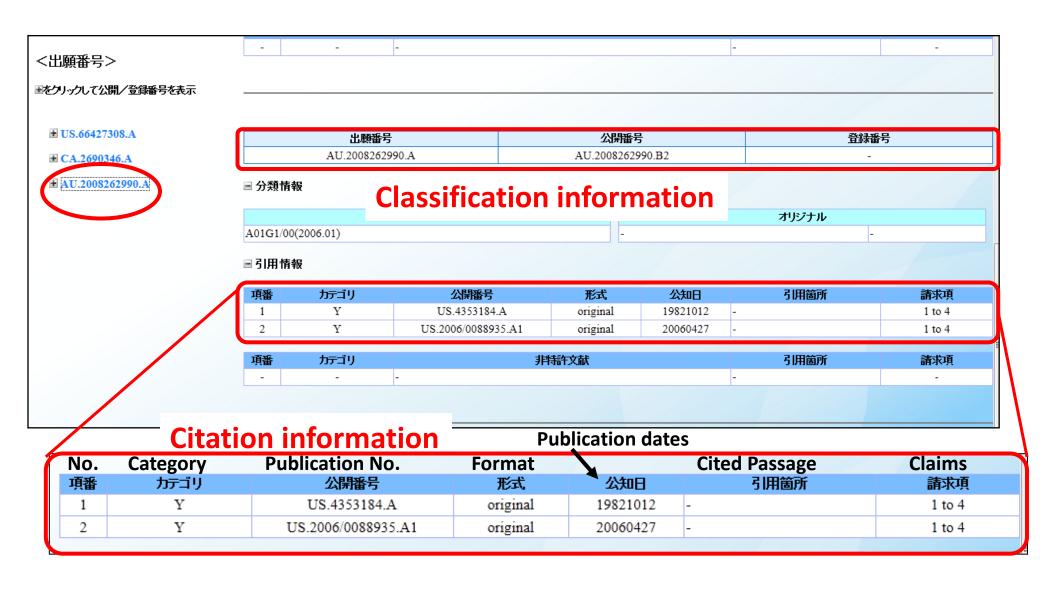


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