Japan Patent Office
Cooperation for
Developing Countries

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- Overview of JPO Support
- WIPO JAPAN Funds-in-Trust
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Overview of JPO Support

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Background of Support in the IP field

Environmental changes in the World

- Expansion of economic globalization
- Needs for improvements in the trade and investment landscape
- Trends in global applications
- TRIPS Obligations to member states
Main Objectives

- Raising awareness on the importance of IP systems for economic and technological development
- Assisting developing countries in establishing and strengthening their industrial property systems and institutions
- Supporting development of human resources in the field of industrial property
Areas of Focus

✓ Legal system and IP administration
✓ Examination practices
✓ IPR enforcement
✓ Computerization/digitization
✓ IP utilization
✓ Technology transfer
✓ IP education and awareness
✓ IP treaties (e.g. PCT, Madrid System)
## Challenges for Improving IP Infrastructure

### Obtaining IPRs
- Applying well-established examination standards
- Streamlining procedures
- Accessing IP treaties
- Clarifying scope of rights

### IPR Enforcement
- Enhancing stipulations of IPR enforcement
- Expanding scope of protection

### Legal system
- IP administration
- Conducting speedy and accurate examinations
- Ensuring transparency of procedures
- Providing IP Documents and Information
- Cracking down on counterfeiting and piracy
- Raising public awareness

Support areas of technical assistance
- Measures against counterfeiting and piracy
- Cooperation in examinations
- Support to development human resources
Outline of JPO’s Cooperation and Support

- Organizing workshops and seminars
- Offering training courses in Tokyo for the public and private sector
- Sending speakers/experts to participate in on-site seminars and/or to provide support/advice
- Supporting bilateral cooperation for IP modernization
  - JICA Technical Cooperation Project -
- Providing IP reference materials and information via the Internet
Organizations connected with JPO activities

WIPO

Organizing activities under the WIPO Japan Funds-in-Trust Arrangement

Cooperation

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

Financing and implementing technical cooperation projects for office modernization & HRD

JPO

Financing and organizing activities

Commission

Japan Institute for Promoting Invention and Innovation (JIPII)

Conducting training courses and follow-up seminars for developing countries

Asia-Pacific Industrial Property Center (APIC)
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“Provide additional assistance to WIPO through donor funding, and establish Trust-Funds or other voluntary funds at WIPO specifically for developing countries, while continuing to accord high priority to finance activities in Africa through budgetary and extra-budgetary resources, to promote, *inter alia*, the legal, commercial, cultural, and economic exploitation of intellectual property (IP) in these countries.”
WIPO Funds-in-Trust Japan (FIT/JP)

- Established in 1987
- Making voluntary contributions to improve systems, and enforce and computerize the field of industrial property in developing countries.

Main Objectives

- Raising awareness of the importance of the industrial property system
- Providing assistance to target countries in establishing/strengthening their industrial property laws and institutions
- Developing human resources

In FY 2008, the JPO made a new contribution, setting up the Japan FIT for African countries

Self-sustained Economic Development in Africa through Intellectual Property
Emphasized points under the current work plan of the FIT for Africa & LDC

- Public awareness activities to combat against counterfeits threatening people’s health, safety, and property;

- Efforts conducive to enhancing the capacity to link the intellectual property system to creative, inventive and innovative activities, and to link the intellectual property system to the commercialization of their creations, inventions, and innovations; and

- Fellowship for the nurturing of future leaders who will be able to incorporate the IP policy into the mainstream of national economic and scientific policies
Main Activities under WIPO FIT/JP for Africa

- Regional/National Conferences, Forums, Workshops, Seminars, etc.
- Providing IT equipments and digitizing IP information
- Setting up of IP and TISCs
- IP Education and Training
## WIPO JAPAN Funds-in-Trust (FIT/JP)

### Workshops and Seminars under the FIT for Africa

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Workshops and Seminars

Forums/Workshops in Tokyo (co-organized by WIPO/JPO under the FIT)

- WIPO High Level Forum on the Global IP Infrastructure for Promotion of Innovation (March 1-2, 2010)
  
  100 Participants: Heads of IP Offices and/or Senior Officials from 50 countries

- Study Program on Global IP Protection Systems with Particular Reference to the PCT and the Madrid System (Nov. 11-12, 2010)

- Study Program on Human Resource Development in the Field of Industrial Property (Feb. 2-4, 2011)

- Regional Conference on the Role of IP Offices in Promoting Innovation, Business Competitiveness and Economic Growth (Feb. 2-3, 2012)

- Regional Workshop on Measures for Accession to, and Effective Use of, the Madrid System (March 8-9, 2012)
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Cooperation in Human Resource Development

With the globalization of the world economy, business activities and R&D activities have increased and the importance of protecting IP rights on a global scale is over increasing.

For the developing countries, it is essential to implement obligations under the WTO/TRIPS Agreement as well as improve the operational structure of their IP systems. In particular, human resources development which underpins these matters is extremely important.

Against this background, since FY1995, the Japan Patent Office (JPO) as part of the technical cooperation under Article 57 of the TRIPS Agreement has supported human resource development in the field of intellectual property for developing countries mainly in the Asian Pacific Region. In the 15 years up to FY2010, 1350 trainees from developing countries have completed the IP training program organized by the JPO.

Various textbooks used in the above-mentioned support programs and research papers written by the long-term trainees are posted on this website. It is also possible to communicate with the alumni and send information through the Facebook.

We hope that many people will use this website and utilize the information provided for promotion activities in the field of intellectual property as well as deepen the understanding of the JPO’s cooperation in human resource development.

The JPO will continue to provide support for strengthening the IP systems in developing countries mainly in the Asian Pacific Region and contribute to their further economic development.
Web Contents

– Training Programs
– Follow-up Seminar Programs
– Reports on Long-term Research fellows
– IPR News Letters
– **IPR Textbooks** covering various areas

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More than **300 laws and regulations**

Covers more than **80 countries and regions**

- Patent laws
- Trademark laws
- Design laws
- Utility Models laws

Madrid Agreement & Protocol; and European Patent Office’s laws, etc.

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Or please enter from the “reference room” at the JPO website
We hope that the governments of developing countries use this site to refer to the legal systems of other countries in order to establish, revise, or contribute to their own industrial property laws. At the same time, we hope that those who apply for the acquisition of industrial property rights in other countries profit from the information contained in this site.

Please note that the translations of the texts and of the other information contained in this site are not official and are not always the latest. Please refer to the original texts of the laws of the countries concerned.

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The listed legislation is an unofficial translation of the original which should be used for reference purposes only. It is recommended to re-view the original for precise understanding of the actual legislation. If these unofficial translations differ from the original texts, the original texts are preferential. Official versions are in the respective official language (the language of government).

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Overseas application of the same patent

Applicants

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WIPO Japan Office

- Established on September 1, 2006
- Supports research, development, outreach and capacity building
- Works to enhance its function in promoting global IP systems

WIPO Japan Office

The WIPO Japan Office was established in Tokyo on September 1, 2006. During its first three years of operation, the Office focused almost exclusively on coordinating research projects with the United Nations University ( UNU ).

Recently, the Office has expanded the scope of its activities to support research, development, outreach and capacity building in coordination with WIPO’s Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific.

The Office also aims to provide Japanese-language information about WIPO, and promote the Organization’s services in Japan.

NEWS & EVENTS

- Call for Papers: “Second Asia-Pacific Innovation Conference” [extended until 30 Nov] (Nov 9, 2010)
- Archives
Manga Competition

WIPO Manga

✓ For increasing public awareness of the health and safety risks of counterfeit products.

Honmono – genuine goods

WIPO’s new manga, written and illustrated by Ms. Emiko wasaki, tells the story of how a young shop employee witnesses first hand the menace of fake products, how easily customers are duped into buying them and the serious harm they can cause.

English and Japanese versions were published in September 2011. Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish versions will be published in the coming months.

“Ms. Iwasaki drew a fantastic manga... I hope that by reading it, more people will have a better understanding of the dangers of purchasing fake goods and realize that they can make a difference and help reduce the harm these goods cause.” (Mr. Ken-Ichiro Natsume, Japan Patent Office)

“General understanding of the importance of protecting IP rights will help build support for creative activities which will enrich our lives.” (Mr. Teiji Hayashi, Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

The WIPO Manga Competition

During the summer of 2010, the WIPO Japan Office organized the Real Manga Competition. This competition was sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) of Japan and the Japan Patent Office (JPO), and supported by Kadokawa Shoten Publishing.
IP Advantage – Case studies on Intellectual Property

The IP Advantage database provides a one-stop gateway to case studies that showcase the intellectual property (IP) experiences of inventors, creators, entrepreneurs, and researchers from across the globe. The case studies offer insights into how IP works in the real world and how its successful exploitation can contribute to development.

IP Advantage is a joint project developed by WIPO’s Communications Division and the WIPO Japan Office, based on a proposal from Japan and supported by the Japan Funds-in-Trust for Industrial Property. It aims to promote a better understanding of how to create and protect intellectual property and reap the benefits provided by the IP system.

Please contact us to submit feedback and suggestions for new case studies.

Search here!
References

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  http://www.jpo.go.jp/index.htm

- **JPO Human Resources Development (Training Courses)**

- **Information on Foreign Industrial Property Systems**
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  http://www.ipdl.inpit.go.jp/homepg_e.ipdl

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Leaflet of JPO support activities (Sep. 2011)
http://www.jpo.go.jp/torikumi_e/kokusai_e/ipcoop_asia-pacific_e10.htm
Japan/JPO in cooperation with WIPO, will support Africa through the Japan FIT and mainly assist launching of an Intellectual Creation Cycle.

Through the activities, the importance and usefulness of the IP system would be acknowledged, which will lead to the self-sustaining development of each country.
Thank you for your attention!

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