

The WIPO Singapore Office

Singapore Office
世界知识产权组织
Established

patents
trademarks
designs
copyright
protection
creativity
innovation





Intellectual Property (IP)

Intellectual property (IP) refers to creations of the mind, such as inventions (protected by patents); literary and artistic works (protected by copyright); designs (protected by registered designs); and symbols, names and images used in commerce (protected by trademarks).

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

A specialized agency of the United Nations, WIPO assists its member states in developing a balanced international IP legal framework to meet society's evolving needs.

Our goal is to make IP work. For Everyone.

The WIPO Singapore Office

After receiving endorsement from WIPO's Member States in 2004, the Singapore Office was officially inaugurated in June 2005. Since then the office has organized and participated in hundreds of regional IP workshops, training programs and events throughout the Asia-Pacific region, designed to increase awareness and understanding of the different aspects of the IP system.

Helping Make IP Work in the Region

The WIPO Singapore Office (WSO) serves as a regional focal point for WIPO's activities in Asia-Pacific. In close consultation and coordination with colleagues from WIPO's headquarters in Geneva, the Singapore Office assists in the delivery of WIPO's technical assistance and capacity building efforts, primarily in the ASEAN region.

We provide assistance to Member States to build a stronger IP eco-system in the region, as identified as a priority in the ASEAN IP Rights Action Plan.

Activities

The staff at the WSO organize and participate in a large number of webinars, regional workshops and training programs which are attended by key stakeholders from across Asia-Pacific. The Office seeks to increase awareness, understanding and use of WIPO's global IP services, tools and platforms.

In addition, staff from the Singapore Office often speak at IP or innovation themed events in Singapore and the region. Another significant area of work is the assistance provided to Member States in their efforts to improve their IT infrastructure and automate their processes and procedures.

Micro-sized businesses and SMEs are important to every economy in the region, as a result the WSO has a range of initiatives for SMEs to ensure they can use the IP system effectively.

The Office also plays an important part in WIPO's 'round-the-clock' customer service by providing information on the global IP systems of WIPO.

Relationships

Our strong relationships with national and regional IP associations in each ASEAN country, along with the IP offices in the member states, are crucial to the success of the WSO. Our excellent collaboration with the Singaporean Government is also a key success factor. We also have excellent interaction with regional organizations such as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and its Working Group on IP Cooperation (AWGIPC), and inter-governmental agencies with a presence in the region such as the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF).

Arbitration and Mediation

With offices in Singapore and in Geneva, Switzerland, the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center is a neutral, independent, international and non-profit dispute resolution provider. WIPO alternative dispute resolution (ADR) options, namely arbitration, mediation and expert determination, enable private parties to settle their domestic or cross-border IP and technology disputes in a time- and cost-efficient manner. The WIPO Center's Office in Singapore signifies WIPO's commitment to the promotion of ADR services in IP in Singapore and the region.

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