

General Statement by Japan at the 64th Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in 2023

Thank you, Madam Chair.

The delegation of Japan thanks the chair and Secretariat for their efforts in organizing this meeting, and congratulates DG Daren Tang, for the General Assembly being held under your leadership with many Member State delegates.

Taking this opportunity, we would like to present our expectations for WIPO, along with the commitment from Japan.

First, Japan looks forward to the achievement of WIPO's mission to lead the development of the Global IP Ecosystem under its MTSP 2022-2026.

Enhancing user-friendliness is essential for further development of the IP ecosystem. Working with the WIPO Japan Office, Japan can help to improve WIPO's services by listening to opinions from world's leading international applicants in Japan.

We also look forward to WIPO expanding its support for the young generation, Diversity and Inclusion, SMEs, start-ups, universities and so on.

Second, Japan will work with WIPO on developing IP infrastructure by continuing to make voluntary contributions, Funds-In-Trust Japan Industrial Property Global.

Third, Japan recognizes the importance of IP for helping to solve global issues. Japan has the largest number of WIPO GREEN partners in the world, and the JPO is working with WIPO and other global stakeholders to increase the number of WIPO GREEN matching cases.

In addition, the JPO has released the GXTI, which enables IP Offices and users to analyze various GX technological trends; and we published a survey report giving an overview of global patent applications trends in the area of GX technologies. We hope the GXTI and survey report will be of great use for WIPO and Member States.

Last but not least, Japan plans to highlight the importance of IP, along with ideas for further promoting its utilization toward achieving the SDGs at the World Expo 2025 in Osaka, Kansai, Japan.

Japan will continue to cooperate with WIPO and actively contribute to the development of the

Global IP Ecosystem.

Japan echoes the statement made by the Delegation of Switzerland on behalf of Group B and reaffirms its support for Ukraine and its people.

I thank you, Madam Chair.