

Japan Patent Office Cooperation for Developing Countries

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Overview of JPO Support

Background of Support in the IP field

Expansion of economic globalization

- **Trends in global applications**
- **Needs for improvement of IP system**

**Sustainable
Global Economic
Growth**

***JPO's Efforts for Developing
IP Systems are...***

**Intellectual
Creation Cycle**

**Autonomous
Economic
Development**

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

	Legal system	IP administration
Obtaining IPRs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Applying well-established examination standards ✓ Streamlining procedures ✓ Acceding IP treaties ✓ Clarifying scope of rights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Conducting speedy and accurate examinations ✓ Ensuring transparency of procedures ✓ Providing IP Documents and Information
IPR Enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Enhancing stipulations of IPR enforcement ✓ Expanding scope of protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Cracking down on counterfeiting and piracy ✓ Raising public awareness



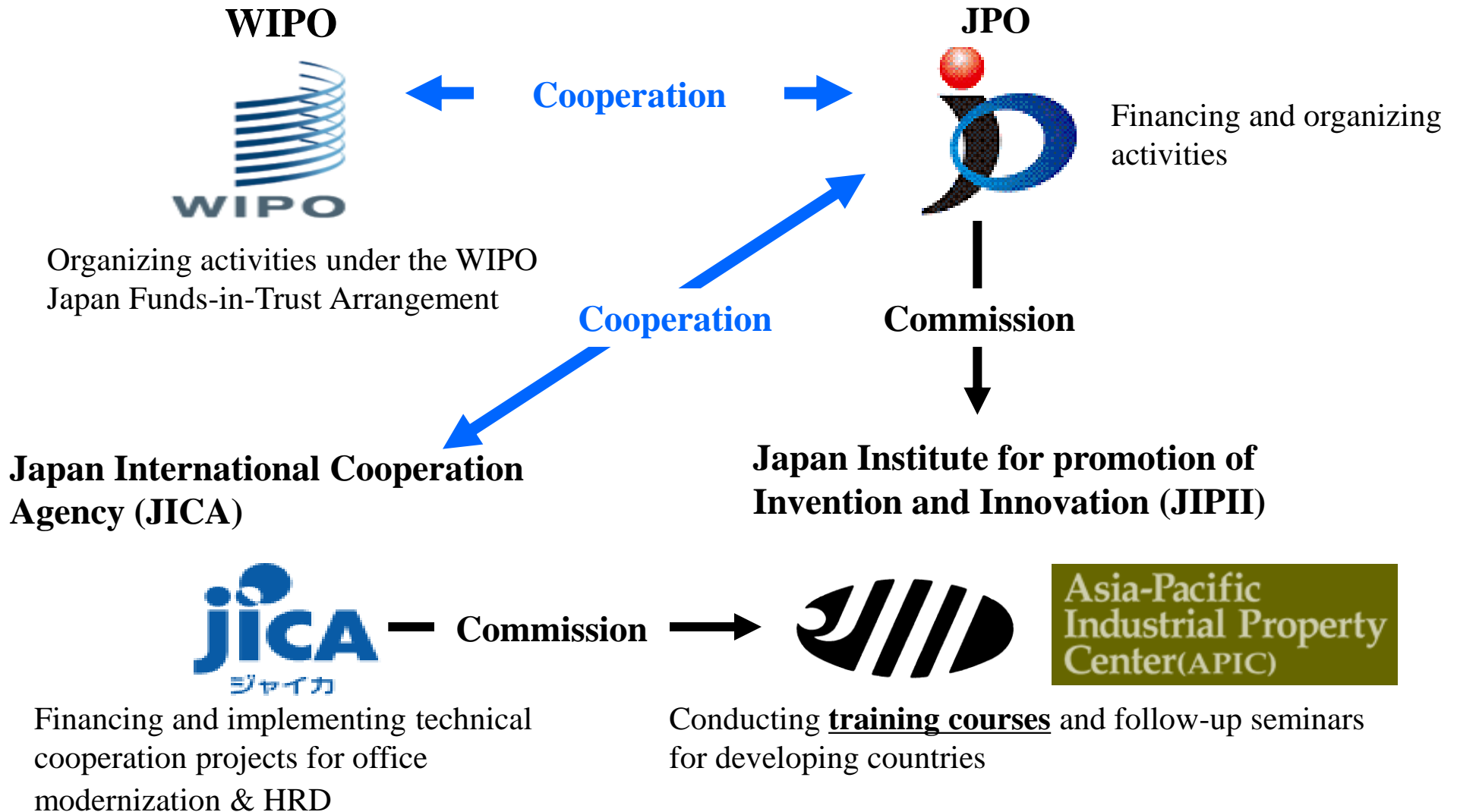
Support areas of technical assistance

Measures against counterfeiting and piracy

Cooperation in examinations

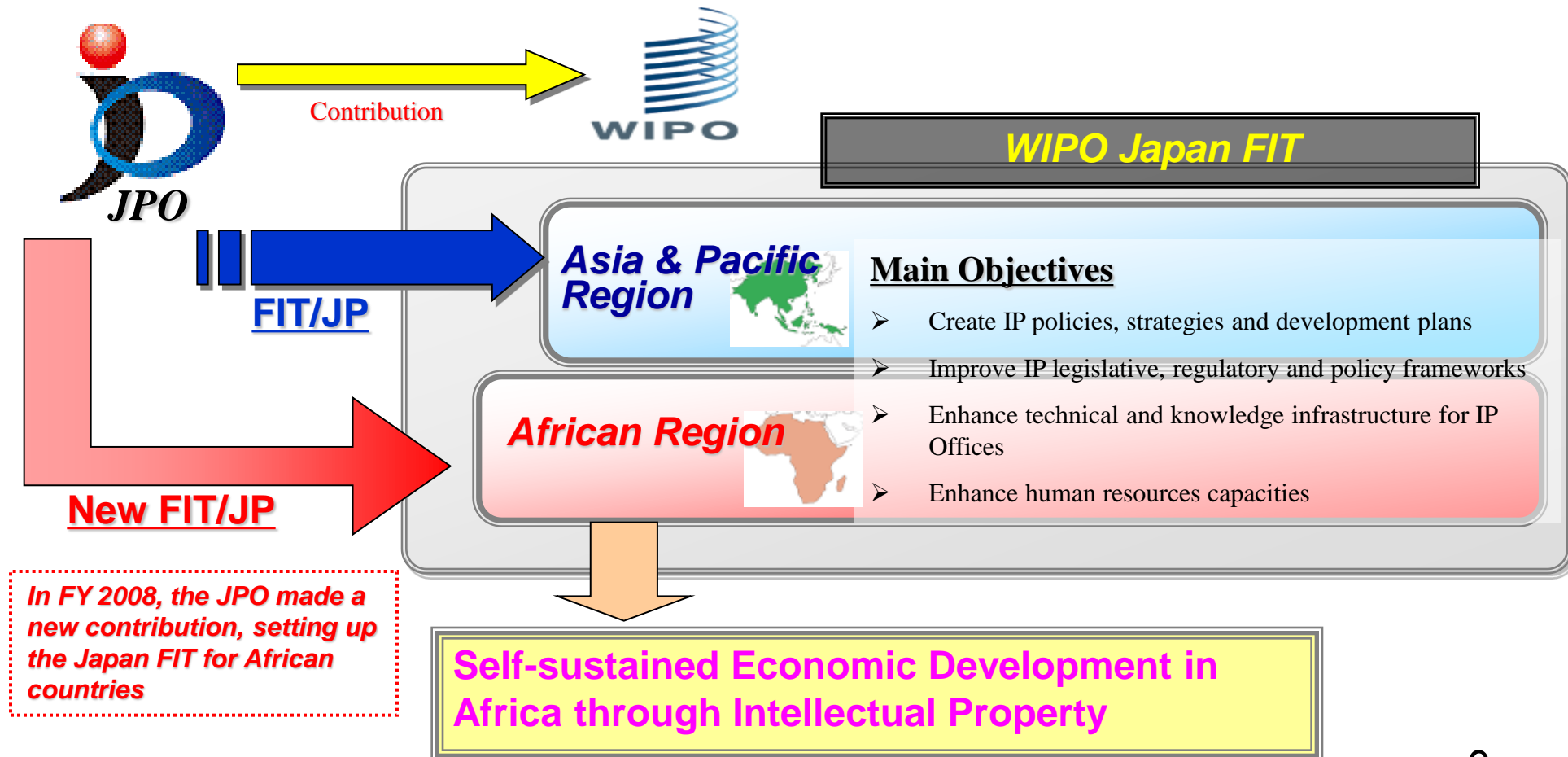
Support to development human resources

Organizations connected with JPO activities



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.



Activities under the FIT

- Regional/National Conferences, Forums, Workshops, Seminars, etc.
- Expert Advisory Missions
- Support of IT and IP information
- IP Education and Training
- Public Outreach

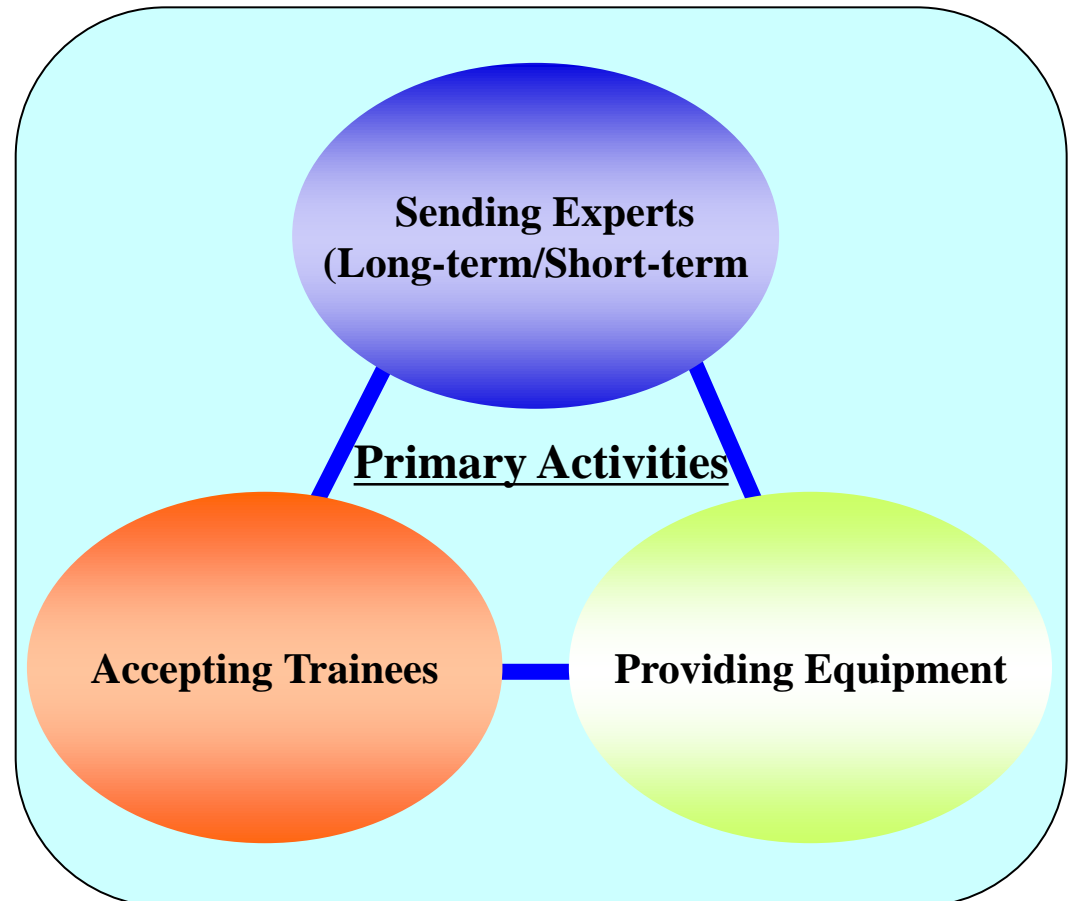
DATE & VENUE	SUBJECT
Namibia April 16-20, 2012	Seminar on commercialization of research and development results and competitiveness of small and medium sized enterprises
Cameroon April 20-27, 2012	National TISC training seminars in searching patent and scientific and technical literature databases
Thailand May 16-17, 2012	WIPO Sub-regional Workshop on Effective Use of the PCT System
Sri Lanka May 28-29, 2012	WIPO Regional Forum on Access to Environment-Friendly Technologies
Ivory Coast June 12-14, 2012	National TISC training seminars in searching patent and scientific and technical literature databases
Zimbabwe July 10-12, 2012	Regional workshop for patent examiners on utilization of examination results of other IPOs for English Speaking countries
Kenya July 10-12, 2012	Training program on Classification Standards for Trademark Examiners
Malaysia Sep 3-4, 2012	WIPO Regional Seminar on Effective Use of the Utility Models Protection System

Workshops and Seminars under FIT/JP in FY2012(Cont'd)

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Tokyo Sep 6-7, 2012	WIPO ASEAN Sub-regional Workshop on Establishment of an Information Technology Infrastructure for Effective Utilization of External Patent Examination Results
Thailand: Nov 21-23, 2012 Vietnam: Nov 26-28, 2012	WIPO National Workshops for Patent Examiners on the Utilization of External Patent Examination Results
Indonesia, Malaysia Jan-March, 2013	WIPO National Workshops on Mediation in Intellectual Property Disputes
Sri Lanka or Malaysia Oct-Dec, 2012	WIPO Regional Workshop on Raising Public Awareness on the Impact of Counterfeit Goods
Tokyo January-March, 2013	WIPO Workshop on Effective Utilization of Search Results and Communications Derived from the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) System in the National Stage
Philippine January-March, 2013	WIPO ASEAN Sub-regional Seminar on Accession to the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement
Venue (TBD) February, 2013	WIPO regional Workshop for Africa
Tokyo In FY2012 (TBD)	Support to Study Visits to Japan for the Establishment of National IP Strategies and Policies
Cambodia, Bangladesh In FY2012 (TBD)	Project for Digitization and Data Capture of IP Documentation

DATE & VENUE	SUBJECT
Algeria, Egypt, Morocco In FY2012 (TBD)	Access to Commercial Patent databases for Algeria, Egypt and Morocco (countries which are not eligible under the WIPO Access to Specialized Patent Information (ASPI) Program) Project for Digitization and Data Capture of IP Documentation
Nigeria In FY2012 (TBD)	Sub-regional Workshop on the Social and Economic consequences of counterfeiting and other IP rights infringements for the Economic Community of the West African States
South Africa In FY2012 (TBD)	WIPO IP Africa Summit
OAPI In FY2012 (TBD)	Regional workshop for patent examiners on utilization of examination results of other IPOs for French Speaking countries
Venue (TBD) In FY2012 (TBD)	WIPO/JPO Regional Forum to Promote Green Technology Transfer in Africa
Venue (TBD) In FY2012 (TBD)	Regional workshop on IP assets management, awareness raising and capacity building activities for SMEs (OAPI Member States)
Venue (TBD) In FY2012 (TBD)	Use of IP Assets Management to Enhance the Value and Competitiveness in the Agribusiness Sector

- Features
 - ✓ Request basis
 - ✓ Assessment Process
 - ✓ Sharing Responsibilities
- Advantages
 - ✓ Broad and Comprehensive cooperation
 - ✓ Mid/long-term project (2-4years)
 - ✓ Ownership
- Disadvantages
 - ✓ Time consuming for assessment & decision-making (at least 1-2 years until launch)
 - ✓ Sharing expenses (i.e. costs, facilities)



Activities under the JICA Technical Cooperation Project

➤ Improvement of IP Administration/IPR Protection

- Indonesia

✓ *Project for Strengthening IPR Protection (2011-2015)*

- Vietnam

✓ *Project for Strengthening the Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in Vietnam(2012-2015)*

➤ Computerization

- Philippines

✓ Modernization of Industrial Property Administration Project (1999-2007 including the follow-up project)

- Thailand

✓ Industrial Property Rights Information Center (IPIC) Project (1995-2000)

- Vietnam

✓ Modernization of Industrial Property Administration Project (2000-2004)

✓ Project for Utilization of Intellectual Property Information (2005-2009)

Support Activities by JPO

◆ For Government Officials

Short-term (1 to 3 weeks)

- Examination Practices of Industrial Property (Basic/Intermediate & Advanced Program)
- Patent Examiners on Specified Technologies
- Patent Examination Practices for ASEAN
- Patent Examination Practice for APEC Economies
- Industrial Property Administration
- Enforcement of IPR
- Use of IT in IP Administration

Mid-term (3 months)

- Patent Practical and Tailored Training (PPTT) Program

Long-term (6 months)

- Long-term Fellowship Programs

◆ For Both the Private Sectors and Government Officials

Short-term (3 weeks)

- IPR Training Course for Lawyers
- IPR Training Course for IP Trainers
- IPR Training Course for Advanced IP Practitioners
- IPR Training Course for Patent Experts

Follow-up Seminars for Trainees

FY2011		FY2012	
Vietnam	“The Relationship among IP Office, IP Attorneys and Applicants in relation to improving the effectiveness of IPRs acquisition “ (Oct 5-6,2011 , Hanoi)	Philippine	“Pathways to progress: Advancing IPRs in SMEs “ (Nov 8-9, Manila)
Thailand	“Leveraging IP Management of Thailand throughout Force of Global Competition” (Dec 21-22,2011 Bangkok)	India	“Role of IP and Economic development” (Dec 22, Delhi)
Indonesia	“The Impact of the Economic Crisis on IP Protection - IP Management for Economic Activation-“ (Jan 28,2012 Surabaya)	Indonesia	TBD (January, Jakarta)
		China	TBD (January, Guangzhou)



IPR Seminar in the Vietnam,
2011 November

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

- 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 (Mar. 8-9, 2012)
- ASEAN Sub-Regional Workshop on the Establishment of an Information Technology Infrastructure for the Effective Utilization of Patent Examination Results of Other Intellectual Property Offices (Sep. 6-7, 2012)
- Regional Workshop on Effective Utilization of Search Results and Communications Derived from the Patent Cooperation Treaty System in the National Stage (TBD)

- Implemented under the WIPO Japan FIT/ JICA Project
- On a request basis
- Short-term (up to 2 weeks)
- Content: advice/ support on specific areas, on-site lectures

(Recent Activities)

- ✓ **Malaysia:** ICT Strategic Planning by WIPO Japan FIT
(March, 2011)
- ✓ **Indonesia:** Examination Seminar by JICA Project
(May and September, 2012)
- ✓ **Philippine:** Nice, Vienna & Locarno classification WIPO Japan FIT
(Oct. 2012)
- ✓ **Vietnam:** Appeal system for industrial designs by WIPO Japan FIT
(Dec. 2012)

- 3,678 short & midterm trainees from 58 countries / 1 region
- Acceptance of executive trainees of IP Offices or persons in positions of leadership in the IP field as long-term research fellows for 6 months (total of 52 persons)
- 469 Experts (short term / long term) to 24 countries / 1 region
- Around 20 Seminars regarding IP for developing countries held every year

**Total number of trainees accepted /experts sent
between FY 1996 and FY 2011**

Country	Trainees	Experts
China	690	35
Indonesia	528	91
Thailand	462	87
Vietnam	413	80
Philippines	384	44
Malaysia	343	37
India	195	14
Laos	57	10
Cambodia	57	6
Myanmar	33	0
Other	568	65
Total	3730	469



Tokyo Training Course in 2011

Support Activities by JPO

-Providing IP information via Internet-

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- 長期研究生コース(英文・和文)
- 侵害対策事業

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 ever 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 FY1996, the Japan Patent Office (JPO) as part of the technical cooperation under Article 67 of the TRIPS Agreement has supported human resources development in the field of intellectual property for developing countries mainly in the Asian Pacific Region. In the 15 years up to FY2010, 3500 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 the 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 resources 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.

<http://www.training-jpo.go.jp/en/>

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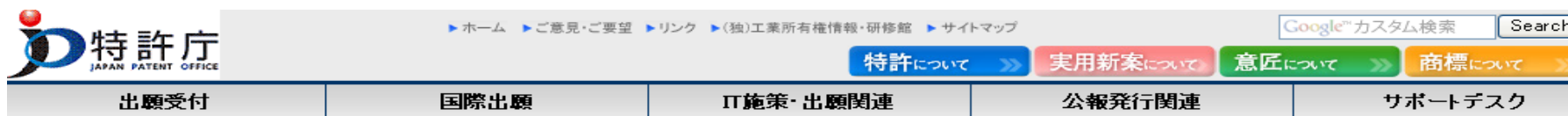
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IPR Textbooks prepared by JPO

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10	Countermeasures to Counterfeiting Problems	38	Legal Protection of Industrial Designs
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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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- ✓ Covers more than **80 countries and regions**

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



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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.

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✓ 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 Iwasaki, 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 all our lives." (Mr. Teiji Hayashi, Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

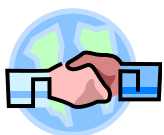
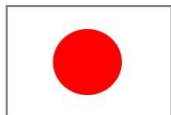
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The WIPO Manga Competition

During the summer of 2010, the WIPO Japan Office organized the Real Manga Competition. The competition was sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) of Japan and the Japan Patent Office (JPO), and supported by Kadokawa Shoten Publishing.



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The IP Advantage database provides a one-stop gateway to case studies that chronicle 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.

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Protecting Society and the Environment with a Geographical Indication

For hundreds of years, production of argan oil was only on a local, household scale. It was not until the early 1990s that women started to form cooperatives to better organize the production and commercialization of argan oil. Mechanized cooperatives changed the lives of women in southwestern Morocco. They started to expand their market reach beyond the local level, and grocers and exporters took notice. Protected by a geographical indication, argan oil has come to represent a chance for economic and social freedom for many rural women. > [Full Story](#)

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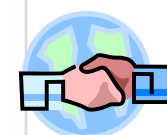
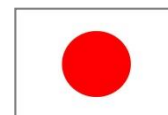
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✓ Short documentaries featuring innovators

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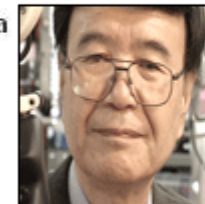
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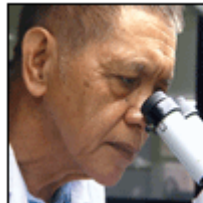
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