

Japan's intervention at 64th WIPO Assemblies (July 6th-July 14th, 2023)

Agenda item 13 (iv): Report on the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP) and Review of the Implementation of the Development Agenda Recommendations (WO/GA/56/9)

Thank you, Madam Chair.

The delegation of Japan aligns itself with the statement made by the distinguished delegation of Switzerland on behalf of Group B.

We greatly appreciate that WIPO has been steadily working toward implementing the Development Agenda recommendations. We attach great importance to development-related initiatives, including technical assistance and capacity-building.

Through the Funds-in-Trust Japan Industrial Property Global, namely FIT Japan IP Global, we have been providing various types of assistance to developing countries all over the world in the field of IP.

We would like to highlight three points with respect to our recent initiatives through FIT Japan IP Global.

First, the Asian-Arab IP Dialogue that was held in Cairo, Egypt in January and February 2023.

Second, this year, we provide support for IP-related projects by women entrepreneurs from Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

Third, in terms of assistance for developing countries, we are presently focusing on project-based programs that produce actual result through FIT Japan IP Global. One example in this regard is the IP Support Project for Young Entrepreneurs and Start-ups in the Asia-Pacific Region.

In addition, the Japan Patent Office continues to place importance on workshops and seminars through FIT Japan IP Global. For example, the WIPO Regional Meeting of Directors of Industrial Property Offices in Latin American Countries was held in Peru last October with financial support received from the FIT Japan IP Global, and was attended by 16 Latin American countries.

This delegation also has high expectations for WIPO GREEN, a platform that promotes the use of green technologies. To further develop this platform, we should promote its utilization by creating best practices and sharing them with others.

Since the number of WIPO GREEN partners in Japan is the largest in the world, and each partner has been proactive in terms of participating in related activities, this delegation accordingly recognizes we can make a significant contribution to the development of WIPO GREEN.

We would like to continue cooperating with WIPO and actively supporting its projects so that more and more matches will be established in the future.

We look forward to working with many partners in this regard.

In order to protect IP, Japan recognizes the importance of conducting development-related activities effectively and efficiently, and in line with WIPO's objectives. Going forward, the government of Japan is committed to cooperating with WIPO to further improve its cooperative initiatives in order to ensure that FIT Japan IP Global is used even more efficiently and effectively.

I thank you, Madam Chair.