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Introduction



SMEs play a major role in the economic development in countries all over the world

Economic Development of the Country

Large Companies Approx. 0.3%

SMEs Approx. 99.7%

Development of SMEs - Revitalizing the regions

Broadening the base of Intellectual Property

Support for the IP activity of the SMEs



Support for

- 1. Developing Human resources
- 2. Financing
- 3. Information

1. Support for developing human resources



Important to raise IP awareness of SME owners



Methods

- Seminars
- Face-to-Face consultations
- IP Support Counters



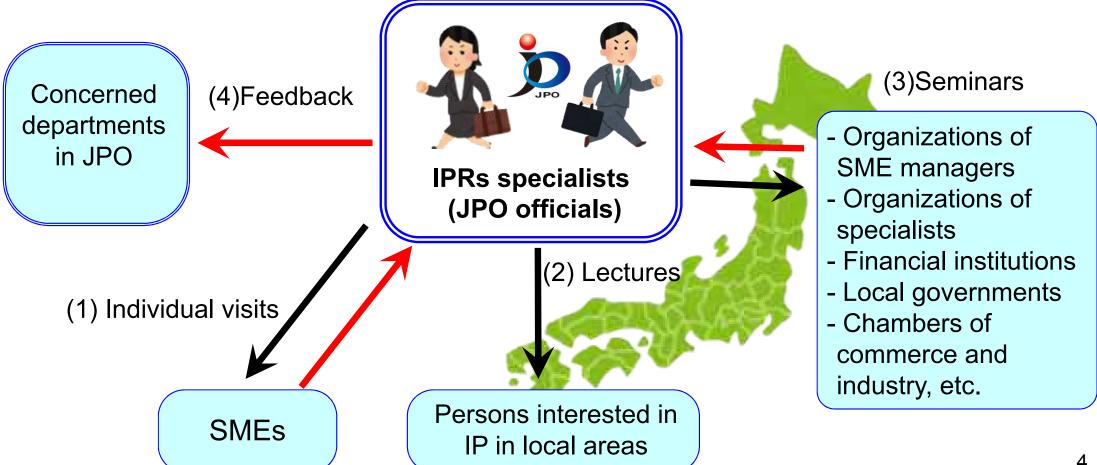


1. Support for developing human resources



JPO Officials visit SMEs

- Introduction of IP support measures, etc. for SMEs
- Hearing of opinions and requests of SMEs



1. Support for developing Human resources





- ➤ IP Support Counters assist SMEs (59 Support Centers nationwide)
- Collaboration with lawyers and patent attorneys.

- Proposing a means for protecting technology
- Providing support for Utilizing IP

Ideas R&D IP protection/Acquisition of IP rights under review:
Patent, UM, Design, Trademark

Commercialization

Overseas development

- Support for prior art search
- Support for necessary procedures for filing

- Support for overseas development
- Support for responding to infringements and counterfeiting

2. Support for financing

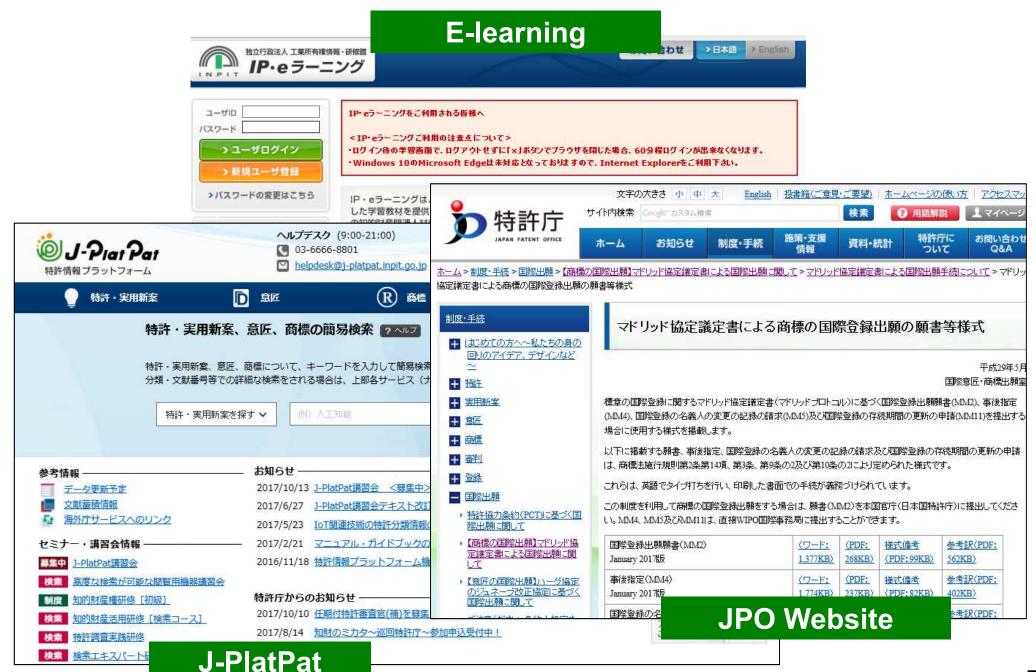


- Subsidy for Filling Foreign Applications
- Subsidy against Overseas IP Infringements



3. Support for Information







IP support based on the perspective of users

- How to utilize IP effectively in the business activities of users?
- •Which kind of tools is the most efficient and cost effective?

Listen to opinions from users Discuss more useful framework







Improvement of the Madrid system



Thank you for your attention!

