

General Statement by Japan at the 65th Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in 2024

Thank you, Chair.

Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It's a great pleasure for me to make some remarks on behalf of Japan. Please allow me, at the outset, to express my sincere gratitude to the chair and Secretariat for all their works in organizing this General Assembly. I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to Director General Daren Tang for your great leadership in holding this meeting.

Taking this opportunity, we would like to show our expectations for WIPO and Japan's commitment.

First, Japan will work with WIPO on developing IP infrastructure through continued voluntary contributions, FIT Japan IP Global. In this context, the JPO and WIPO have agreed to strengthen cooperation in supporting SMEs, start-ups, and entrepreneurs in developing countries through the FIT Japan IP Global.

We look forward to WIPO's continued expansion of its support for these SMEs and start-ups, as well as youth, universities, and Diversity and Inclusion.

Second, Japan recognizes the importance of IP in achieving the SDGs. Japan has the largest number of WIPO GREEN partners in the world, and the JPO is contributing, together with WIPO and other global stakeholders, to increasing success stories of WIPO GREEN technology matching.

Third, the JPO hopes that the DLT will promote international harmonization of design systems. We will proactively participate in the Diplomatic Conference on the DLT so that it becomes beneficial for users to apply in different countries.

Last but not least, Japan plans together with WIPO to highlight the importance of IP at the Expo 2025, Osaka, Kansai, Japan. The JPO will present ideas for further making use of IP toward achieving the SDGs.

I'd like to conclude by saying that Japan will continue to cooperate with WIPO and Member States and to contribute proactively to developing the Global IP ecosystem.

Thank you, Chair.