

(vii) a document updating SCP/32/6 (patent law provisions that contribute to effective transfer of technology, including sufficiency of disclosure);

1 . WIPO GREEN

WIPO GREEN was launched in 2013 for the purpose of supporting the development and the diffusion of environmental innovation. Through its online database and regional activities, WIPO GREEN connects green tech seekers and providers. At present, the WIPO GREEN database with more than 129,000 technologies, needs and experts registered is utilized by more than 2,500 users across the world.

The Japan Patent Office (JPO) is committed to actively supporting the activities of WIPO GREEN and to promoting the wider use of environmentally sound technologies worldwide. The JPO became a partner of WIPO GREEN in February 2020. Many Japanese companies have actively participated in WIPO GREEN (Japan ranks No.1 in terms of the number of partners and No. 2 in terms of the numbers of registered technologies in the world). The number of Japanese partners has increased to 51.

Under the support of the Funds-in-Trust Japan Industrial Property Global (hereinafter “FIT Japan IP Global”), various support activities for WIPO GREEN, such as promotional activities for Japanese companies, have been conducted. Japan has also provided support for the WIPO GREEN Acceleration Project through the FIT Japan IP Global.

2 . Funds-in-Trust Japan Industrial Property Global (FIT Japan IP Global)

Japan has been making voluntary contributions to WIPO since 1987 through the Funds-in-Trust Japan Industrial Property Global (FIT Japan IP Global), which was established based on these contributions. At the time it was established, the geographical areas supported by the fund were limited to the Asia-Pacific region. However, Africa was also included as a geographical area in 2008. Furthermore, the fund’s name was changed in 2019 to the "Global Fund" so that it could provide support globally without any regional limitations; and it has been running on that basis ever since. Over the 36 years since it was established, Japan has contributed an aggregate amount of approximately 10 billion yen that has been used to provide support to more than 100 countries. FIT Japan IP Global has contributed to the development of intellectual property (IP) systems in developing countries through a variety of initiatives over the years, such as holding high-level meetings with various members of countries and regions to promote cooperation in the field of IP, sending experts to develop IP legal systems and operations, holding various workshops, and supporting the digitization of IP Offices. The JPO also focuses on fostering human resources who will play an important role in the development of IP systems. The JPO is additionally committed to sharing knowledge on procedures and preparations for acceding to the treaties by sending its staff to these workshops as lecturers. The JPO began sending experts to the Asia-Pacific region in 1987 and to Africa in 2009, and had sent approximately 400 experts in total to developing countries by FY 2022.

3 . JPO/IPR Training Courses

At present, the JPO is conducting training courses by inviting trainees according to the objectives and specific details of each course. The courses are designed for government officials from IP offices and

other agencies, including examiners working in developing countries and IP experts of the private sector, with the objective of enhancing their knowledge in the field of IP. The JPO conducted the “JPO/IPR Training Course on Academia - Industry Collaboration and Technology Transfer” in 2023. A total of 22 trainees from 17 countries and one organization participated in the course, which was targeted toward staff of IP Offices and ministries in charge of technology development, company employees in charge of IP, and professionals from universities and research institutes involved in IP management/usage to promote industry-academia-government collaboration and technology transfer, as well as provide related instruction and support. The purpose of this course was to learn efficient and effective IP management methods in universities and research institutes. Trainees shared information regarding the current status and challenges of IP policies and strategies in their countries, and also deepened their understanding through lectures and discussions on IP management, industry-academia-government collaboration, and technology transfer methods to the private sector.

4. Project for Dispatching IP Strategy Designers to Universities

IP Strategy Designer Dispatching Project aims to design IP strategies such as the timing of obtaining IP rights, or research findings that should be protected by IP rights, by dispatching IP expert “IP Strategy Designers” to universities; and finding superior research achievement in universities. In addition to promoting social implementation initiatives including the transfer of technology by universities, this project helps enhance knowledge and awareness of IP for University Research Administrator by teaming up with them.