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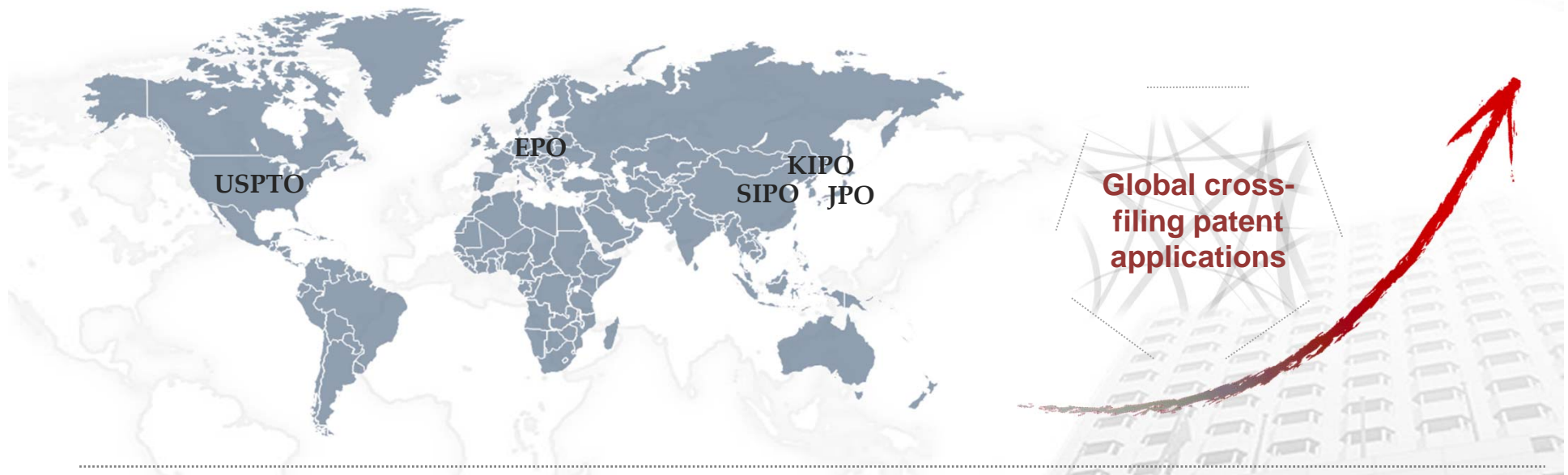
# CEPRQM: Procedure Rules Guidance(PRG)

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## Background



### 2015 Joint Statement of the IP5 Offices:

- Better Services for Users and the Public





## Focus on the users' needs



### Users Need

- What fees should I pay? How much?
- How to accelerate my application?
- What files should I prepare? When?
- Petition

Provide concise guidance for the users





## Available Information & Users' experience

### Available Information

- Information published on the website
  - Language problem
  - Unfamiliar web structure
- Information collected by the third party
  - Not official release
  - Updated not in time
  - Inconsistent translation



### Users' experience

- Hard to get the right information
- Too much time spent





## Goal



## Focus

User's Perspective

- **Compile and visualize** the procedure rules of IP5 offices

- Put emphasis on **specific items**

The outcome can be published through **official media and platform**, and the information can also be delivered to the **worldwide users**





## Benefit

### To users and public

- Understand the IP5 procedure rules more quickly and easily
- Enhance their satisfaction degree on the operation effectiveness of all offices



### To offices

- Be beneficial for further mutual trust and understanding
- Provides effective basis for the other IP5 cooperation projects





## Main focus

### Target Users

- The general requirements from **applicants and the public**

### Project emphasis

- Specific issues of IP5 procedure rules ,e.g. **examination flow, petition approach, time limit, fee information. etc**

### Product format

- **visualization of the work product.** The IT approach will also be taken into consideration





## Progress

- Oct.** ○ IP5 offices discuss this project in WG3 meeting. SIPO presented the IP5 patent lifecycle flowchart and listed the priority items.
- May-Jun** ○ SIPO introduced the project in the Heads and Industry Meeting, and comments on this project are collected by questionnaire.
- Mar.2016** ○ SIPO reported to the DH meeting, all offices agreed the action plan
- Jan.2016** ○ SIPO sent project file to all offices and collected feedbacks







## Specific items

### To the industry

- A. The examination flow with an indication of what is expected from the applicant at each stage;
- B. Timeline information of all offices;
- C. An explanation of relief available in case of mishap;
- D. Petition of the extension of the deadline against the office action;
- E. A range of the limit of the amendment depending on a kind of office action in each country;
- F. Each country examination flow including PCT application flow and PPH request in the same temporal axes;
- G. Special procedure rules, such as the procedure of USPTO after final decision;
- H. A list can visualize the differences of the procedure rules for each country;
- Other items in procedure rules





## Schedule

### In 2017

- In January, comments from the Industry in the ICG meeting will be collected;
- March, IP5 will present the patent lifecycle flowcharts in the DH meeting. SIPO will give further work plan about the priority items, which all offices will start working on after the meeting;
- May, SIPO will report to the IP5 Heads and Industry Meeting.
- October, all offices finish the priority items design.





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