COLLABORATIVE SEARCH PILOT PROGRAM BETWEEN KIPO AND THE USPTO

Meeting of the IP5 Heads of Office and the IP5 Industry

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Korean Intellectual Property Office
I. Concept

- Sharing the lists of prior art with collaborating office(s) before the first office actions of each office

- To improve the **quality and consistency** by sharing the lists of prior art timely

- To utilize the **search results of the other office**, which is conducted mainly in the native language and prior art database of each office
II. Benefits to users

01 SPEED → Getting patent “faster”
- By means of expedited or accelerated examination

02 STABILITY → Holding “stronger” patent
- By strengthening the screening process through search results exchange before the first office actions

03 COST → Saving Money
- No administrative fee is needed for the CSP request
- In some cases, applicant could be exempted from paying the fee(s) for requesting expedited examination
III. Status update

- **Oct. 2014**
  - Concept was proposed by KIPO (WG3 Meeting)

- **May 2015**
  - The MOU was signed between KIPO and USPTO (Suzhou, China)

- **Sep. 2015**
  - The ‘KORUS CSP’ has been launched

- **KIPO has been holding the irregular CSP information sessions for the users, mainly upon the request from large law firms as well as candidate applicants/companies having interests in this program**
Areas of Electricity (21) & Physics (14) are dominant and area of Mechanical Engineering (8) is emerging

- **H(electricity) 21**: H01L(semiconductor devices) 11, H01J(electric discharge tubes) 1, H04N(pictorial communication) 3, H05H(plasma techniques) 2, H02K(dynamo-electric machines) 1, H02J(generation, conversion of electric power) 1, H02P(control of electric motors) 1, H04L(transmission for digital information) 1
- **G(physics) 14**: G06F(electric digital data processing) 7, G11C(static stores) 2, G01C(measuring distances, level 1, G09G(arrangements) 1, G02F(devices the optical operation) 2, G06K(recognition of data) 1, G01N(investigating or analyzing materials) 1
- **F(mechanical engineering) 8**: F16H(gearing) 7, F01P(cooling of machine) 1
- **A(human necessities) 6**: A61B(diagnosis, surgery, identification) 6
- **B(performing operations) 2**: B60K(arrangement of propulsion units) 1, B60L(Electric Equipment of Vehicles) 1

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**Examination Status | as of 18 May 2016**

- 51 petitions received
- Search Reports in 24 petitions exchanged
- First Actions in 21 petitions implemented

  * Average Pendency of FA from the petition date: 6.1 months*
IV. Procedure improvement plan
V. Roadmap of CSP

- **Bilateral CSP**: The CSP to be implemented between **two offices**.
  - The applicant of the cross-filed applications can designate two or more offices.

- **Trilateral CSP**: The CSP to be implemented among **three offices**.
  - The applicant of the cross-filed applications can designate two or more offices.

- **IP5 CSP**: The CSP to be implemented among **IP5 offices**.
  - The applicant of the cross-filed applications can designate two or more offices.

- **GLOBAL CSP**: The CSP to be expanded to **all participating offices**.
  - The applicant of the cross-filed applications can designate two or more offices.

- **Future**: A portal site for the CSP would be opened, if necessary.
Thank you!

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