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JIPA's Activities towards Patent System Harmonization



JIPA Activities toward Patent System Harmonization (1)

◆ History

<Phase I 1983-2003>

- 1983 Trilateral Conference of the Commissioner of JPO (Japan Patent Office), the President of EPO (European Patent Office), and the Director of USPTO (United States Patent and Trademark Office) in Washington, DC
- 1998 WIPO: the first meeting of SCP* (substantive) * SCP: Standing Committee on Law of Patents
- JIPA: Response by the International Affairs Committee and the Patent Committee

<Phase II 2003-2012> *Congressional passage of the revised America Invents Act (AIA) in 2011

- Meetings between the Trilateral Offices and users in the three regions (2004 -)
- 2000 Establishment of PLT (Patent Law Treaty-formalities)
- 2005 B+ meeting (WIPO group of developed countries and others)
- 2011 The first Tegernsee Meeting (substantively / Japan, US and Europe + UK, Germany, France and Denmark)
- JIPA: Start of the Trilateral Users / Patent System Harmonization Promotion Project by having a board member exclusively in charge of system harmonization and adding the Information System Committee and the Information Search Committee to the above-mentioned committees

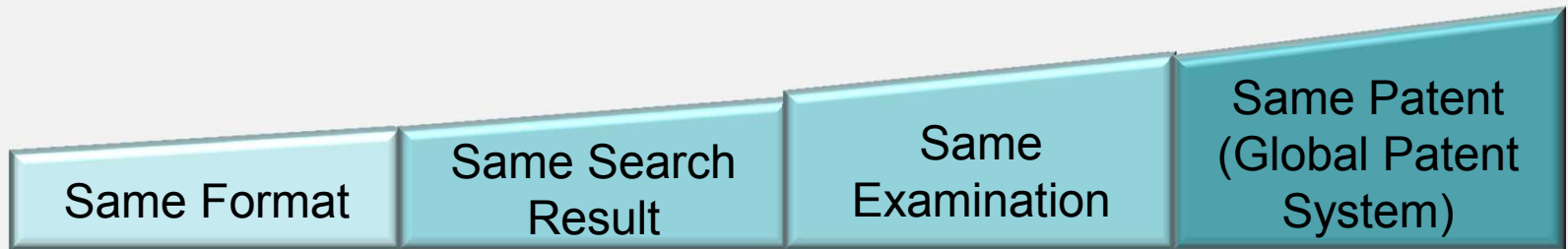
<Phase III 2012->

- 2012 Trilateral users and Chinese and Korean users participated in an IP5 meeting → shift to the five-office system
- 2014 Final adoption of a report on substantive issues at the fifth Tegernsee Meeting (Main issues: grace period (1), 18-month full publication (2), handling of conflicting applications (3) and right of prior use(4))
- JIPA: Start of an international policy project



JIPA Activities toward Patent System Harmonization (2)

◆ JIPA's Approach: Four Same / Step by Step



◆ Current Status of System Harmonization: simultaneously and independently in progress

<Infrastructure>

- ✓ CAF (←PCT)
- ✓ CCD
- GCI
- GD
- PPH Form unification

<Proceedings>

- ✓ PLT
 - Description requirement
 - IDS
 - Unity
 - PCT-ISR
 - ☐ Others
- } PHEP

<Substantive issues>

- 4 Tegernsee issues
 - ☐ Other issues
- ✓ (Almost) completed
- Work in progress / under review
- ☐ Not started yet

CAF: Common Application Format **CCD:** Common Citation Documents **GCI:** Global Classification Initiative
GD: Global Dossier **PPH:** Patent Prosecution Highway **PLT:** Patent Law Treaty **IDS:** Information Disclosure Statement
PHEP: Patent Harmonization Expert Panel **PCT-ISR:** PCT International Search Report

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your attention**

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