Citation of Prior Art

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Consensus

All parties agreed that consideration of the prior art cited by foreign offices should be imposed as a must-do obligation on the Examiner side, rather than on the shoulder of the applicants

(meeting of IP5 Industry in Suzhou, May 2015)
Realistic approach

- IT based solution

  - OPD can provide prior arts without specified common form.
  - Need alert system or like for real-time information
  - Need machine translation guaranteed because of language barrier
Specific time schedule rather than overall timeline

USPTO’s initiation changing rule of IDS is requested.
Thank You