

US-JP Collaborative Search Pilot Program

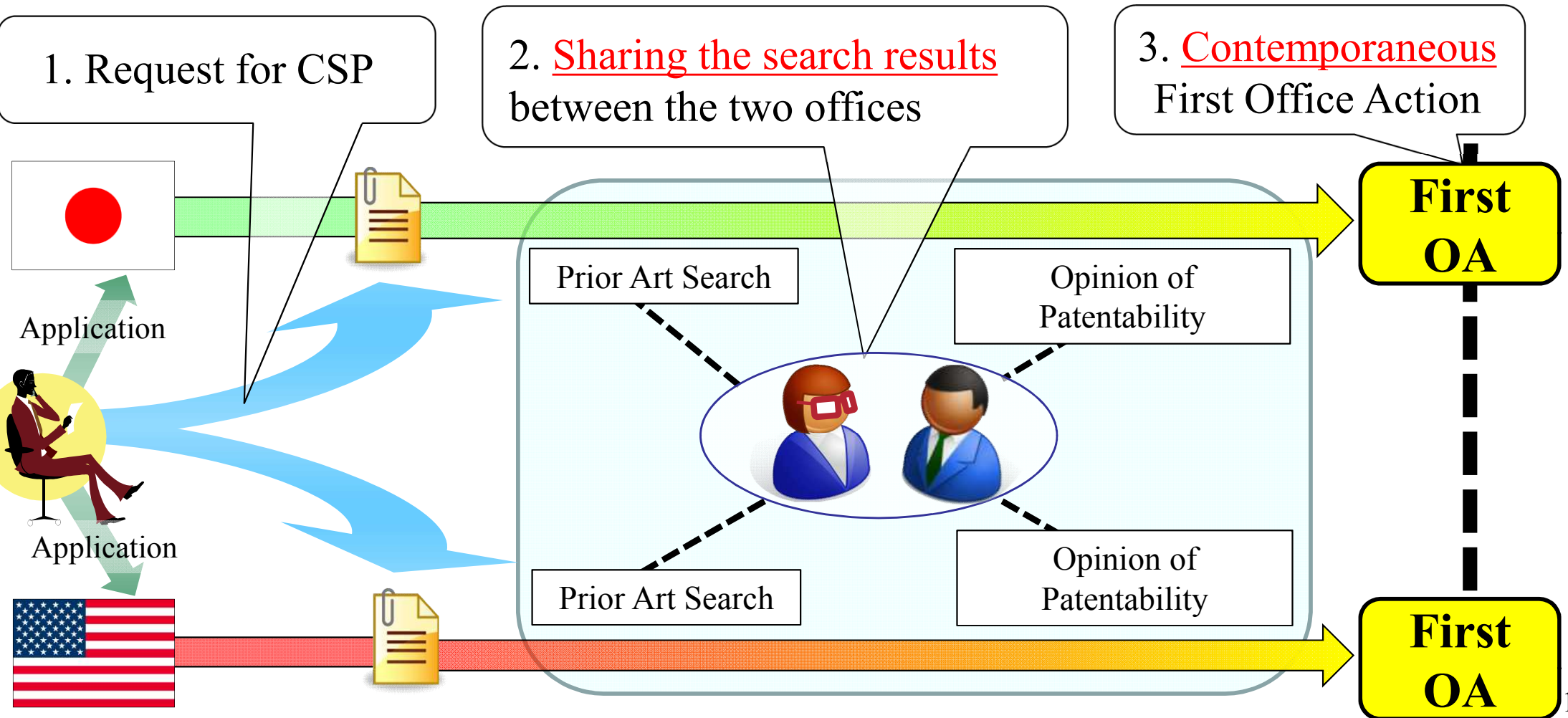
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US-JP Collaborative Search Pilot Program

- JPO and USPTO launch the Collaborative Search Pilot Program (US-JP CSP) on August 1st, 2015.
- Examiners in JPO and USPTO conduct their own search about patents applied for in both JPO and USPTO, and the search results along with their opinions are shared.
- Examiners in JPO and USPTO contemporaneously notify applicants of First Office Action.
- Applicants can acquire earlier, contemporaneous, stronger and more stable patent rights.



Advantages

- More accurately predictability when users can acquire patent rights on their inventions.
- Acquisition of stronger and more stable patent rights.

Current status

| JPO-USPTO CSP (as of 18th May, 2016) | First Office | Second Office |
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| JPO Number of Petitions Received | 33 | 3 |
| USPTO Number of Petitions Received | 3 | 33 |
| Granted Petitions | 14 | 14 |

- ◆ The number of petitions is officially posted on USPTO web page.
(<http://www.uspto.gov/patents-getting-started/international-protection/collaborative-search-pilot-program-csp>)

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