US-JP Collaborative Search Pilot Program

1 June, 2016
IP5 Heads and Industry Meeting
JAPAN PATENT OFFICE
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.

1. Request for CSP
2. Sharing the search results between the two offices
3. Contemporaneous First Office Action
Advantages

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

Current status

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>JPO-USPTO CSP (as of 18th May, 2016)</th>
<th>First Office</th>
<th>Second Office</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>JPO Number of Petitions Received</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>USPTO Number of Petitions Received</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>33</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Granted Petitions</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>14</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- 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)
Thank You!