Recent Developments at KIPO

IP5 Heads and Industry Meeting

13 June 2018, New Orleans
Key Figures in 2017

- Patent Application (case): 4th, 204,775 (-1.9%)
- First Action Pendency (month): 10.4 (-0.2 Month)
- PCT Application (case): 5th, 15,790 (+1.3%)
- PCT ISRs (case): 25,962 (10.8% Share)
Outstanding Records of KIPO

3,189
Applications per Population
No.1 for resident patent applications per million population

9,115
Applications per unit of GDP
No.1 for resident patent applications per USD 100 billion GDP

50.3%
Woman
No.1 share of PCT applications with woman inventors

* Source: Press Release from WIPO website (2018.4.26.)
Accelerated Examination Growth by 2017

Increase in the number and share of accelerated examination

- In 2007: 8.2% (12,792)
- In 2017: 17% (30,270) x 2.4

Examination cases during unpublished phase in 2017

- In 2017: 58.4% (101,792)
Patent Examination Pilot Programs

- **Community Patent Review**
  - Outside experts
  - Examiner

- **Systematic Interview**
  - Examiner
  - Applicant

- **Collaborative Examination**
Expanded User Engagement for Quality Examination

- 3 additional interview opportunities between examiners and applicants
- Video Interview accessible at 8 locations nationwide
New Vision & Strategies

Leading the 4th Industrial Revolution through IP

Create strong IP that boosts innovation-driven growth

Enhance IP protection that underpins fair economy

Promote IP commercialization that will help create quality jobs

Prepare the IP infrastructure for the future
Other Changes at KIPO

- Accelerated examination for fourth industrial revolution technologies (from April 2018)

- Allowing disclosure of unpublished patent information for the purpose of work sharing with overseas IP offices (from May 2018)

- More IP-related data being made accessible by the public (increased to 97 data types)

- Revision of the Unfair Competition Prevention Act to block the act of idea fraud (from July 2018)
New Initiatives Under Review

- Application of the emerging technology (AI, big data etc.) in IP administration

- Introduction of punitive damages in patent infringement and alleviation of right holders’ burden of proof

- Expansion of the role of the IPR dispute resolution and conciliation committee

- Provision of accelerated examination and 70% reduction of the examination fee for applicants submitting PCT ISR and IPER issued by KIPO
Thank you!