Recent Development at KIPO

Meeting of the IP5 Heads of Office and the IP5 Industry

June 1, 2016
Tokyo

Korean Intellectual Property Office
I. Key figures of KIPO in 2015

- National Applications: 213,694 (Growth: +1.6%)
- PCT Applications: 14,626 (Growth: +11.5%)
- ISA Share: 29,119 (Global Share: 13.4%)
II. KIPO’s response to users’ voice

**Changes in Examination**

- **Balancing between Speed & Quality**

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- **Interactive Examination**
  - Industry Experts Group
  - Peer Examiners
  - Foreign Patent Offices
### Enhanced IPR Protection

#### Concentration of Jurisdiction over IPR litigation
(from Jan. 2016)

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<td>5 high courts, 18 appellate division of district courts</td>
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#### Mandatory submission of evidence to show damages from infringement
(from Jun. 2016)
Ex Officio Reexamination (from Mar. 2017)

- Before registration, examiners are able to cancel the grant decision when detecting errors.

Reduced period of the request of examination (from Mar. 2017)

5 years  3 Years
III. Tasks in progress

❖ Reform of Invalidation System
  ▪ All evidence should be submitted to IPTAB (KIPO’s Trial and Appeal Board).
  ▪ Accordingly, all technical reviews will be made by the IPTAB

❖ Support the Creation of High-Value IPR for SMEs
  ▪ Supporting IP-R&D
  ▪ Boosting IP Funding & IP Financing
Thank you!