RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT KIPO

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IP Applications

**Patent Applications**

- **Number of applications in 2014**: 210,292
- **Growth in 2014**: + 2.8%

**PCT Applications**

- **Number of applications in 2014**: 13,138
- **Growth in 2014**: + 5.6%

**Graphs**

- **Patent Applications**
  - Units: thousand cases
  - Years: 2009 to 2014
  - Data points: 164, 170, 179, 189, 205, 210

- **PCT Applications**
  - Units: cases
  - Years: 2004 to 2014
  - Data points: 3,565, 4,690, 11,869, 12,439, 13,138
Prompt Granting of Rights

Examination Pendency Periods

**Patents**
- 2010: 18.5
- 2014: 11.0

**Trademark**
- 2010: 10.6
- 2014: 6.4

Unit: months

PCT ISR Timeliness

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Number of Patent Examiners

- 2002: 453
- 2007: 660
- 2015: 720 +
Focus is on training and facilitating consultations between examiners.

Fully adopted the CPC in January 2015 to improve efficiency.

Improving the patent search system:
- Launched Chinese-to-Korean machine translation
- Developing a next generation search system
Revision of Patent Act

- Eased the requirements for filing documents
- Now possible to file English-language applications
Revision of Patent Act

- Allows amendments to translations based on the original specification

- Extended the period for submitting translations in PCT applications after request

- Eased requirements for the grace period
  - It is now possible to amend application before registration
Revision of Patent Act (Under Consideration)

- Reducing the period for **requesting examination**
  (5 years → 3 years)
  - Encourages applicants to establish their rights quickly

- Allowing **patent examiners** to **re-examine**
  an application if legitimate ground for rejection is found

- Introducing a program allowing members of the **public**
  to **request the cancellation** of a patent right
  - Increases public confidence in patent quality
Global IP Cooperation

**IP5 Collaboration**

- Work-sharing
- User-friendly patent system

**Sustainable IP System**

- Acting as a responsible member of the international IP community
- **IP assistance** in developing countries
  - Appropriate technology
  - Brand development
  - Increasing IP awareness
Thank you!