PHEP – Citation of Prior Art
Updates on the Next steps

IP5 Heads and Industry Meeting | 31 May 2017 | Valletta
Recent progress

- IP5 Offices agreed to **draft an outline of the goal** envisioned on the **IT-based mechanism** to be provided to **WG2** | PHEP Meeting (Oct. 2015)

- **WG2 reviewed the draft** of business requirement provided by **PHEP** | WG2 Meeting (Feb. 2016)

- **WG2 presented ‘IT Feasibility Study’**, in response to the **PHEP’s Business requirement**, including its opinions, limitations and **possible IT solutions like the OPD and the CCD** | Ad-hoc PHEP Meeting (Mar. 2016)
Recent progress

Next step for the IT-based mechanism for ‘Citation of Prior Art’ was endorsed | Heads Meeting (Jun. 2016)

- PHEP would revisit business requirement to clearly define the objective and functions of IT system based on the information from the feasibility study of WG2.
- WG2 would design the IT system satisfying the business requirement considering full utilization of existing IT structures.
- Each Office would continue internal consultations on this issue.

KIPO presented recent progress and future work | PHEP Meeting (Oct. 2016)
PHEP provided WG2 with **revised business requirements**, including objectives, essential & desirable functions of an IT system for Citation of Prior Art | (Jan. 2017)

KIPO briefed **recent progress** and **future work** to users | ICG Meeting (Jan. 2017)

**Next step for preparing a matrix for survey** was endorsed | Deputy Heads Meeting (Apr. 2017)
Objectives of IT System

- To easily view citation data of other offices for IP5 examiners
- To reduce the burden of applicants to submit prior art
- To improve the efficiency of work-sharing
Feedback from IP5 users (ICG Meeting, 2017)

- Reduction of user burden remains a priority
- Clear definition of IT solution requirements is necessary
- Development timeline needs to be shared as soon as possible
- Resolution of NPL copyright issues remains a priority
(KIPO) To **prepare a matrix for in-depth Survey** together with WG2 staff of KIPO (June 2017)

- As for the matrix, PHEP and WG2 staff of KIPO will work together in a way that PHEP staff will review relevant patent law, regulations and examination practices to give its input to WG2 staff

(KIPO) **Complete the in-depth survey** (September 2017)
(USPTO) To proceed ‘Access to Relevant Prior Art’ project and present the results of the project at the PHEP meeting (November 2017)

(KIPO/USPTO) To present the progress of this project including IT review of WG2 to the PHEP meeting (November 2017)
Thank you!