Future PHEP work

February 1, 2018
ICG Meeting

Japan Patent Office
PHEP current projects

- Catalogue of Differing Practices (EPO)
- Unity of Invention (EPO / SIPO)
- Written Description (JPO)
- Citation of Prior Art (KIPO / USPTO)
2. Current Status of PHEP 3 topics

**Unity of Invention**
- 2017 Nov: Completion of an analysis’ cycle
- 2018 Dec: Explore how to best utilise study outcomes
- Complete work at IP5 level

**Written Description**
- 2017 Nov: Agreed to conduct case studies on enablement requirement
- 2019?: Continue work toward comparing each office’s practice and identifying differences.
- Final outcome

**Citation of Prior Art**
- 2017 Nov: Conducted survey
- 2018 Apr: Present the final result of the survey
- 2018 June: Propose some prototypes of Work Flow Model and IT System Model
Any New topic(s)?

Industry IP5 Harmonization Topics List

(IP5 WG3 working documents prepared by EPO) September 20, 2013

1. Methodology for Applying Nonobviousness / Inventive Step
2. Citation of Prior Art
3. Unity of Invention
4. Written Description and Sufficiency of Disclosure
5. Claim Drafting and Structure
6. Patent Assignment and License Recordal
7. Claim Interpretation
Thank you very much.