Meeting of the IP5 Heads of Office and the IP5 Industry

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I. Recent Progress

- **Two prioritized sub-topics were selected** | PHEP Meeting (2014 Oct.)
  - Providing an IT based mechanism for the submission of prior art previously cited by other offices
  - Implementing an IP5 common form for citation of prior art

- **IP5 report on citation of prior art was endorsed** | Heads Meeting (2015 May)
  - Process of each IP5 Office related to citation of prior art
  - Barriers and possible solutions on two specific topics

- **Technical discussion on IT-based solution initiated** | WG2 Meeting (2016 Feb.)
  - WG2 shared initial thought on the business requirement from PHEP
II. Implementing IT System

- **Objective**
  - Allowing examiners to easily view citation data of other offices
  - Potentially reducing the burden of applicants

- **Basic requirements**
  - Consolidation of prior art citations in an application file
  - Providing information in real-time
  - Indicators as to when the citation was added, whether or not considered by examiner

- **Initial feasibility study by WG2**

  **Possible solutions utilizing OPD**
  
  **Possible solutions utilizing CCD**
III. Priority for future work

- **Difficulties in harmonizing citation form**
  - **Common form from applicants to Offices**
    : Difficult to decide whether to use a separate form or to incorporate into description as the common form
  - ‘PCT ISR like’ common form from Offices to applicants
    : Concerns on workload of the IP5 Offices

- **Future work:** *Focus on the ‘IT based mechanism’*
  - ‘Common citation form’ may be revisited after the completion of the IT based mechanism
IV. Next steps

- **PHEP to clarify the business requirement for the IT system**
  - Revisit business requirements to clearly define objective and functions of the IT system based on the information from the feasibility study from WG2

- **WG2 to design the IT system satisfying the business requirement**
  - Fully utilize existing structures (OPD, CCD, PDX etc.)
  - Set details for optimization
  - Distribute tasks

- **Each office to continue internal consultations on this issue**
Thank you!

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