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1. EPO - Launch of Search Pilot for National Offices

**DATA IS
EXCLUSIVELY
AVAILABLE TO THE
PUBLIC USE**

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The EPO has recently launched on 13 October the pilot for the new Cooperation Search system, which will be used by over 100 examiners in 8 national offices over an initial period of six months. The pilot national offices of member states include the UK, France, Sweden, Czech Republic, Switzerland, Spain, Denmark and Austria, with other offices either testing or intending to join later. The tool is closely based on the EPO's modern ANSERA search system, in use since 2016, and aims to eventually replace the current EPOQUENET system used by member states since 1991. The system will be hosted on the Cloud to enable scalability, and in order to offer users the latest advanced search technology available. The pilot will exclusively use data available.. [Read more](#)

2. Patent request forms for applicant/agents now downloadable at IPOPHL website

**THIS IS TO
CONTINUOUSLY
STREAMLINE THE FILING
OF REQUESTS OR
RESPONSES AND
IMPROVE IPOPHL'S
SERVICES TO
STAKEHOLDERS**

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The Bureau of Patents (BOP) has uploaded the most commonly used forms by applicants and agents to assist them in filing their requests and responses to BOP services and office actions. "Guided by Director General Rowel S. Barba's BRIGHT 2020-2025 agenda, particularly raising the ante for customer service and going back to basics, this is among BOP's initiative to provide applicant-friendly services by uploading the template forms downloadable from the website which will make it easier to accomplish and submit," BOP Director Lolibeth R. Medrano explained. Now downloadable on the IPOPHL website, the fillable PDF request forms allow easy encoding of data and require applicants or agents to provide essential information.. [Read more](#)

3. Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) : New PCT fees

**EFFECTIVE FROM 1
JANUARY 2022 NEW
EQUIVALENT
AMOUNTS IN SOME
PCT-FEES ARE
ESTABLISHED**

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From 1 January 2022 new equivalent amounts in some PCT-fees are established.

International filing fee: 12 520 SEK;

Fee per sheet in excess of 30: 140 SEK (no change);

Fee reductions: Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format): 1 880 SEK;

Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format): 2 820 SEK;

Search fee and also for non unity inventions and for Supplementary International Searches: 18 000 SEK;

Handling fee chapter II: 1 880 SEK. [Read more](#)

4. “China-Poland Liaison Mechanism” Pilot Program between CNIPA and PPO Extended

**CHINESE ENTERPRISES
MAY CONTACT
CNIPA'S IP LIAISON
OFFICER WITH THE
CONTACT
INFORMATION**

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To serve commercial exchanges between China and Poland better, help enterprises of the two countries address IP-related problems and concerns in each other's country, CNIPA and PPO decide to extend the "China-Poland Liaison Mechanism" pilot program, which will last from October 1, 2021 to June 23, 2026. During the operation of the program, the two offices will each appoint one IP liaison officer to provide IP-related consultation services for enterprises operating in each other's country, and support them to get valid IP protection. Chinese enterprises may contact CNIPA's IP liaison officer with the following contact information in case of any relevant questions:

Liaison officer: Zhao Qing; Mailbox: cnipa-ppo@cni.. [Read more](#)

5. Search for Designs and more Using WIPO IP Portal Widgets

**CUSTOMIZING
YOUR DASHBOARD
AND OTHER
USEFUL WIPO
IP PORTAL
WIDGETS**

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Would you like to perform quick searches for designs or get a summary of your Hague System payments? Do you want to have quick access to your favorite WIPO online services and latest WIPO news? All this is possible through the WIPO IP Portal Dashboard, accessible to all authenticated users of WIPO online services through a WIPO Account. Don't have a WIPO Account? Create one in just a few clicks!

Customizing your dashboard :- Once you've logged in to the WIPO IP Portal, you can customize your dashboard. Simply click on "Widgets" in the left-hand side bar and add as many as you wish.

Design and Hague System-specific widgets: Global... [Read more](#)

6. Japan - Oral Proceedings for Trials for Patent Invalidation Can Now Be Attended Online

**ONLINE
ATTENDANCE AT ORAL
PROCEEDINGS (ARTICLE
145) & EVIDENCE
INVESTIGATIONS
(ARTICLE 151)**

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Starting from today, the demandants and other parties involved in trials such as those for patent invalidation will be able to attend the oral proceedings online via a web conferencing system. This will help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and make it easier to attend from remote places.

1. About oral proceedings - Trials such as those for invalidation are conducted to resolve disputes over the validity of patents and other rights. A panel of three administrative judges examines the case through oral proceedings. In these proceedings, both the demandants and the holders of the patents attend the court of the Japan Patent Office and orally present claims, evidence and technical information about the validity of the rights... [Read more](#)

7. Accession of The Republic of Seychelles to the Harare Protocol

**SEYCHELLES
BECOMES THE 19TH
CONTRACTING STATE
TO THE HARARE
PROTOCOL**

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The Republic of Seychelles has acceded to the Harare Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs, becoming the 21st ARIPO Member State. The President of Seychelles, H.E. Wavel Ramkalawan, signed the instrument of accession to the Harare Protocol on 26th August 2021 which the ARIPO Director General received on 1st October 2021. Seychelles becomes the 19th Contracting State to the Harare Protocol. Pursuant to the Protocol, starting on 1st January 2022, users of the ARIPO system can designate Seychelles in their applications. The other ARIPO Member States that are Contracting Parties to the Harare Protocol are: Botswana, Kingdom of Eswatini, The Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Kingdom of Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia... [Read more](#)

8. TIPO - Industry Trademark Application Strategy Manual for Designated Goods and Services Available!

**IT PROVIDES A
PLATFORM TO CROSS-
REFERENCE BETWEEN
STANDARD INDUSTRIAL
CLASSIFICATION AND
NICE CLASSIFICATION**

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TIPO published the Industry Trademark Application Strategy Manual for Designated Goods and Services and Comparison Tables for Standard Industrial Classification and Goods/Services Classification, hoping to explain and offer suggestions pertaining to the selection of designated goods or services when filing applications so as to get trademark protection needed within a specific industry. They were published on the TIPO website on September 27 for all to use. The aforementioned manual can be downloaded from the Traditional Chinese TIPO website under "Trademark(商標主題網)" – "Information(資訊專區)" – "Trademark Application Information for Industries(產業申請商標資訊專區)" – "Industry Trademark Application... [Read more](#)

9.EAPO Appointed as an International Authority under the PCT

**THE PERIOD
FROM THE DATE
OF ENTRY INTO
FORCE OF THIS
AGREEMENT UNTIL
DEC. 31, 2027.**

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Appointment of the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) as an International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the PCT was considered by the Fifty-Third (23rd ordinary) session of the PCT Union Assembly held on October 7, 2021, in a hybrid format at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) headquarters. A positive recommendation to the Assembly of the PCT Union regarding the appointment was earlier made by the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation at its session on October 6, 2020. Making a statement to the Assembly, the President of the EAPO Saule Tlevlessova stressed the importance of this appointment for the Eurasian Patent Org... [Read more](#)

10.UK Artificial Intelligence and IP: Consultation on copyright and patents legislation

**THE
CONSULTATION WILL
LAST FOR 10 WEEKS,
ENDING ON 7
JANUARY 2022**

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The government is today launching a consultation on how the copyright and patent system should deal with Artificial Intelligence (AI). This consultation is seeking evidence and views on:

- the extent to which patents and copyright should protect inventions and creative works made by AI ;*
 - measures to make it easier to use copyright protected material in AI development, supporting innovation and research;*
- Artificial intelligence (AI) is a transformative technology and is already revolutionising many areas of our lives. It can be a powerful tool for scientists, entrepreneurs, and artists, enabling new inventions and creations. The Government... [Read more](#)*

11. Exceptions to Lack of Novelty of Design and "Proving Document"

**FILING IN
OVERSEAS,
IT IS NECESSARY TO
GIVE THE EXCEPTIONS
TO LACK OF NOVELTY
IN EACH COUNTRY**

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1. Outline of the Provision of Exceptions to Lack of Novelty of Design: Under the Japanese design registration system, a design registration shall not be granted for designs which have been published prior to the filing of a design registration application, in principle. However, strict application of this principle to all cases could bear an unfavorable result. Moreover, it could be said that such practice does not serve the purpose of the Design Act, which is to contribute to the development of the industry. Given this fact, Exceptions to Lack of Novelty of Design is stipulated in the Design Act Article 4 which treats a design as one that does not lose novelty due to a previous publication, if the design has been published under specific conditions... [Read more](#)

12. IPOPHL launches public-private trademark program to help MSMEs go global

**IPOPHL AIMS TO
ASSIST 100 MSMES TO
ACHIEVE SUCCESSFUL
REGISTRATIONS UNDER
THE MADRID PROTOCOL
BY 2024**

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The Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL) has launched the Juan for the World (JFTW) Program, a Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and private-sector backed initiative that will enable 100 micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to protect their trademarks and be competitive in global markets. "We hope to make them realize the opportunities in the global markets and how early protection of trademarks can help them grow their business with ease," IPOPHL Director General Rowel S. Barba said at the Oct. 7 launch of the program. From 2012 — when the Philippines acceded to the Madrid Protocol — to 2020, IPOPHL recorded some 399 resident registrations under the international filing system. Of this, only 154 or... [Read more](#)

13. The United Arab Emirates Join the International Trademark System

**THE MADRID
PROTOCOL WILL
ENTER INTO FORCE
ON DECEMBER 28,
2021**

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GENEVA - The Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) presented his compliments and notified the deposit by the Government of the United Arab Emirates, on September 28, 2021, of its instrument of accession to the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks, adopted in Madrid on June 27, 1989 ("Madrid Protocol (1989)"). According to the WIPO, the Madrid Protocol will enter into force, with respect to the United Arab of Emirates, on December 28, 2021. Both the Madrid Agreement and the Madrid Protocol constitute the Madrid System of International Registration of Marks. Starting December 28, 2021... [Read more](#)

14. Lithuanian e-filing becomes first national patent application to be made using new Front Office software

**THE IT
COOPERATION
PROGRAMME WAS
LAUNCHED UNDER THE
EPO STRATEGIC PLAN
2023**

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On 13th October 2021, a Lithuanian patent application became the first national filing to be made using new Front Office e-filing software. This is the result of intense collaboration between the EPO and several national patent offices including Lithuania, Spain and Greece, as part of the EPO's IT Co-operation Programme. The initial Front Office service, launched today, supports the filing of national patent applications at a national office. The scope of the service will be incrementally extended to cover the filing of various requests and replies, EP validations, etc. The service will be hosted on each National Office's own infrastructure and will be adapted to that office's specific requirements. Similar implementation work is underway at the Spanish... [Read more](#)

15. CNIPA to cease issuing paper certificates of trademark registration

**THE CNIPA HAS
CEASED THE ISSUANCE
OF PAPER CERTIFICATES
OF PATENT SINCE
MARCH 2020**

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The China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) announced Monday that no paper certificates of trademark registration will be issued from January 1, 2022 onwards. Trademark owners will log on to the website <http://sbj.cnipa.gov.cn/> of the Trademark Office of the CNIPA to access the digital certificates of registration when their applications complete the process. The full text of the CNIPA's notice is available [here](#).

The CNIPA has ceased the issuance of paper certificates of patent since March 2020. Owners of Chinese patents are using <http://cponline.cnipa.gov.cn> to access their digital certifi... [Read more](#)

16. Korea Ranked No. 5 in the Global Innovation Index and the No. 1 innovation leader in Asia

**KIPO WILL BUILD
A FOUNDATION FOR
A SYSTEM TO
EFFECTIVELY USE AND
PROTECT INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTIES**

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Commissioner Kim Yong-rae of the Korea Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) announced that the Republic of Korea (ROK) ranked 5th in the 20210 Global Innovation Index (GII) revealed by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) on September 20th, 2021. For the first time in 2021, the ROK (5th) joined the top 5 countries with the most innovative capabilities joining Switzerland (1st), Sweden (2nd), USA (3rd), and the UK (4th) out of a total of 132 countries. The ROK advanced five positions from the previous year* and has been evaluated as the country with the most improved innovative capabilities among the top 20 countries. * Previous rank: (2021) 5th ? (2020) 10th ? (2019) 11th ? (2018) 12th— - Especially, the ROK advances... [Read more](#)

17. Russia, China and Mongolia discussed the latest developments in the field of intellectual property

**THE NEXT IP SEMINAR
IS SCHEDULED TO BE
HELD IN 2022 UNDER
THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF
THE IP-OFFICE OF
MONGOLIA**

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On September 20, 2021, the 9th Russian-Chinese-Mongolian Intellectual Property Seminar was held via videoconference. The topic of this year's seminar was "The latest developments of intellectual property system and trademark examination practice". The seminar was opened with welcoming remarks by Dr. Shen Changyu, Commissioner of the China National Intellectual Property Administration, Mr. Grigory Ivliev, Head of the Federal Service for Intellectual Property and Mr. Enkhsukh Battumur, Director General of the Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia. During the seminar, the speakers shared detailed information on recent developments in national legislation, noveltie... [Read more](#)

18. JPO-DIP Patent Examination Training Programs in the field of Chemistry and Electricity Held

**THE JPO SUPPORTS
THE DEVELOPMENT
AND STRENGTHENING
OF EXAMINATION
SYSTEMS IN EACH
COUNTRY**

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The Global Patent Academy (GPA) of the Japan Patent Office (JPO) provided the "JPO-DIP Follow-up training for new examiners on chemistry and electricity field" to the Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) Thailand online from October 4 to 11, 2021. In addition, the GPA provided the "JPO-DIP Training on cement, concrete and ceramics field (IPC: C04)" to the DIP online from October 12 to 18, 2021. Five GPA Instructors with extensive practical experience in patent examination served as lecturers, and a total of 36 patent examiners of the DIP participated in the training. Participants deepened their understanding of patent examination practices on each technical field through the live streaming lectures and discussions online, along wi... [Read more](#)

19. Public Notice in the matter of *Suo Motu Writ Petition (Civil) No. 3 of 2020 (In Re: Cognizance for Extension of Limitation)*, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India

**SUO MOTU WRIT
PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 3
OF 2020 (IN RE:
COGNIZANCE FOR
EXTENSION OF
LIMITATION), THE
HON'BLE SUPREME
COURT OF INDIA**

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*In the matter of *Suo Motu Writ Petition (Civil) No. 3 of 2020 (In Re: Cognizance for Extension of Limitation)*, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide Order dated 23rd March 2020 (enclosed), extended the period of limitation prescribed under the general law or special laws with effect from 15th March 2020 till further orders.*

Now, in the aforementioned matter, vide Order dated 23rd September 2021 (enclosed), inter alia, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has ordered as follows:

"8. Therefore, we dispose of the M.A. No.665 of 2021 with the following directions:-

I. In computing the period of limitation for any suit, appeal, application or proceeding, the period from 15.03.2020 till 02.10.2021 shall stand excluded. Consequently, the balance period of limitation remaining as on 15.03.2021 if any, shall become available with effect from 03.10.2021... [Read more](#)