This leaflet is designed to give you a greater understanding of a variety of assistance activities which the JPO has been providing in close cooperation with other organizations such as the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The JPO sincerely hopes that our efforts in this area will be beneficial to you in terms of enhancing your IP systems and developing human resources in the field of industrial property in your country. We would be very pleased if you can make valuable use of this information when considering your future IP developments.

Outline of Assistance Activities
- Organizing forums, workshops and seminars to facilitate dialogues and share expertise among all the stakeholders of IP
- Providing training courses in Tokyo for government officials and private-sector employees
- Sending lecturers/experts to seminars, workshops, and IP offices to provide support/advice on-site
- Enhancing bilateral cooperation to modernize IP systems - JICA Technical Cooperation Project -
- Providing IP reference materials and information on IP via the Internet
Some Examples
Forums/Workshops under the FIT/JP FY2012

- **WIPO Regional Seminar on the Legislative, Economic and Policy Aspects of the Utility Models Protection System** (September 3 and 4, 2012, Malaysia)
- **WIPO ASEAN Sub-regional Seminar on Accession to the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement** (December 19 and 20, 2012, Philippines)
- **WIPO Workshop on Effective Utilization of Search Results and Communications Derived from the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) System in the National Stage** (February 27 to March 1, 2013, Japan)
- **WIPO African Conference on the Strategic Importance of Intellectual Property (IP) Policies to Foster Innovation, Value Creation and Competitiveness** (March 12 and 13, 2013, Tanzania)

Modernization of Intellectual Property Administration

- JPO sent an expert to Cambodia to provide guidance and advice on digitalization.
- Data Capture Projects have started in Mauritius and Zimbabwe to assist digitalization of the trademark files in their IP Offices.

**IP Advantage**

- A database providing a one-stop gateway to successful cases in which IP and business were linked to create outreach materials for raising IP awareness. ([URL](http://www.wipo.int/ipadvantage/en/))

**HONMONO**

- WIPO’s manga tells the story of how a young shop employee witnesses first-hand the menace of fake products, how easily customers are duped into buying them, and the serious harm they can cause.
- **English and Japanese versions were published in September 2011.**
  
  You are able to download them from the website ‘[URL](http://www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/en/publications/manga_honmono.html)’. Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish versions will be published in the coming months.
## II. JICA Technical Cooperation Project

Activities under the JICA Technical Cooperation Project with the Assistance of the JPO

### Improving IP Administration/Protecting IPRs

- Indonesia: IPRs Administration Project ('05-'10); Project for Strengthening Intellectual Property Rights Protection ('11-'15) (ongoing project)
- Vietnam: Project for Strengthening the Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights ('12-'15) (ongoing project)
- China: IPRs Protection Project ('05-'10)
- Malaysia: HRD in the IPRs Administration of MyIPO ('07-'10)
- Computerization
  - Philippines: Modernization of Industrial Property Administration Project ('99-'07 including one follow-up project)
  - Thailand: Industrial Property Rights Information Center (IPIC) Project ('95-'00)
  - Vietnam: Modernization of Industrial Property Administration Project ('00-'04); Project for Utilization of Intellectual Property Information ('05-'09)

### Features

- Conducted on a request basis
- Assessment Process
- Sharing Responsibilities

### Advantages

- Broad and comprehensive cooperation
- Mid/long-term projects (2-4 years)
- Ownership

## III. Assistance Activities by the JPO

### Training Courses in Tokyo

#### a) Courses for Government Officials

- Short-term training course (1 to 3 weeks)
  - WIPO Training Courses: Enforcement of IPRs; Use of IT in IP Administration; Examination Practices of Industrial Property (Basic, Intermediate, Advanced Programs); Specified Technologies, Industrial Property Administration
  - JPO IPR Training Course - Patent Examination Practices for ASEAN Member Countries

- Mid-term training course (3 months)
  - JPO IPR Training Course - Patent Practical and Tailored Training (PPTT) Program for Brazil and India

- Long-term Study-cum-Research (6 months)
  - WIPO/JPO Long-term Fellowship Program

#### b) Courses for the Private Sector and Government Officials

- Short-term training course (3 weeks)
  - JPO IPR Training Courses for Lawyers, IP Trainers, Advanced IP Practitioners, and for Patent Experts

### Achievements Resulting from JPO’s 16 years of support

- Received 3,931 short- and mid-term trainees from 63 countries/4 regions
- Received executive trainees from IP Offices and persons in positions of leadership in the IP field as long-term research fellows for 6 months (total of 56 persons)
- Sent 514 Experts (short term/long term) to 32 countries/1 region
- Held around 20 IP-related seminars designed for developing countries annually

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*Indonesia*

*Vietnam*

*Sending Experts (Long-term/Short-term)*

*Accepting Trainees*

*Primary Activities*

*Providing Equipment*
a) JPO Training Course Website

* A website called “JPO: Cooperation in Human Resources Development” (URL: http://www.training-jpo.go.jp/en/), and a Facebook page, are provided as part of the follow-up activities for IP Friends (former trainees).
* Various textbooks are available for use in training programs and seminars. (As long as the sources of these publications are indicated, permission from the authors and the JPO to use them is not required.)

b) IPDL (Industrial Property Digital Library)

http://www.ipdl.inpit.go.jp/homepg_e.ipdl

* The IPDL is a public database containing industrial property information such as published patent applications, registered trademarks, etc., with search and machine translation functions. Anyone can access the IPDL thorough the Internet at anytime, anywhere, free of charge, without having to register. At present, about 80 million documents are stored in the IPDL database.
* The PAJ (Patent Abstract of Japan) is another useful and simplified search tool to find Japanese patent documents translated into English.
* Both are free of charge.

c) AIPN (Advanced Industrial Property Network)

http://aipn.ipdl.inpit.go.jp/top.html

* Providing examination information in Japan to intellectual property offices in other countries.
* Examiners at intellectual property offices outside Japan are able to obtain online information on documents used for examination procedures, information on the legal status of patent applications, cited documents on examinations of post-grant claims, and patent families.
* Since March 2013 the AIPN uses Google machine-translation, so now users can read information in languages other than English when using the AIPN. As of April 2013, the AIPN was available to 61 countries/organizations.
* AIPN is free of charge.
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