

**JOINT STATEMENT FOR  
DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHTS FOR  
PROSPERING TOGETHER IN ASEAN AND JAPAN  
(TOKYO IP STATEMENT)**

**1.** The Intellectual Property Offices of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Japan Patent Office (hereinafter referred to as the “Partners”) held the First Heads of Intellectual Property Offices (IPOs) Meeting on 8 February 2012 in Tokyo, Japan.

**2.** The Partners reaffirmed the importance of further strengthening cooperation among them for their mutual prosperity, based on the strong economic relations between ASEAN and Japan over the years.

**3.** The Partners recognized the importance of industrial property system in facilitating trade and investment; and fostering innovation and technology transfer to achieve sustainable economic development and prosperity in ASEAN and Japan. The Partners also emphasized that enhancing their cooperation will contribute to improving their capabilities and to globalizing the economic activities of their industries.

**4.** The Partners reconfirmed that cooperation among them, specifically in the implementation of the ASEAN Intellectual Property Rights Action Plan 2011–2015, is beneficial for both ASEAN and Japan. The Partners also underscored that furthering this cooperation would lead to the mutual benefit in the conduct of needs-based cooperative activities among them collectively or among the individual Intellectual Property Offices based on continuous dialogue, directly or through concerned institutions such as the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), taking into account the diverse needs and varying levels of capabilities of the Partners.

**5.** To this end, the Partners agreed to promote cooperation in the field of industrial property rights and to work towards the conclusion and signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation between the Partners.

**6.** The Partners also agreed to hold the Second Heads of IPOs Meeting on the occasion of the 38<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Intellectual Property Cooperation, which is scheduled in Singapore in next July.