

### (3) First Trademark Trilateral Cooperation Meeting

In order to promote mutual understanding and cooperative relations among the trilateral Offices, the heads of the Japan Patent Office (JPO), United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (OHIM) met on May 22 and 23, 2001, in Arlington, Virginia to hold a Trilateral meeting for the first time in the trademark field for the purpose of discussing the registration, promotion of protection, and facilitation of registration, of trademarks. In this meeting, the trilateral Offices exchanged opinions concerning trademark issues of mutual interest.

The main topics were ① Japan's experience of accession to the Madrid Protocol and the efforts of the US and EC toward accession to the Protocol, ② Office administration issues, e.g. general workload issues, customer relations and quality control, ③ general technology issues, and ④ enforcement issues.

(Main participants)

JPO: Kouzo Oikawa, Commissioner

USPTO: Nicholas Godici, Acting Undersecretary

Anne Chasser, Commissioner for Trademarks

OHIM: Wubbo de Boer, President

