

#### **(4) The First Meeting of the Intellectual Property Offices of the ASEAN+3 Countries**

The first Meeting of the Intellectual Property Offices of the ASEAN+3 Countries was held in Tokyo on September 11, 2001. Representatives of the intellectual property Offices of the member countries of ASEAN, the People's of Republic of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea participated in the Meeting.

The Meeting was held for the purpose of sharing recognition about global issues in the field of intellectual property and confirming the direction of the collaborative efforts among the intellectual property Offices of the countries of the ASEAN+3 regional framework in view of the expanding role of intellectual property in economic and technological development in the region.