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Name: ZHANG Lin

Position: Director of the Intelligence Manufacturing Technology Appeals Division, PRD, PO, CNIPA

Zhang Lin, Director of the Intelligence Manufacturing Technology Appeals Division of the Reexamination and Invalidation Department of the Patent Office, China National Intellectual Property Administration.

Ms. Zhang is a secondary examiner at the Patent Office.

She holds a Master of Laws from China University of Political Science and Law and a Bachelor of Communication Engineering from Xidian University. She joined the Patent Office after graduation and has been engaged in patent examination in the field of communication engineering and photoelectricity for nearly 20 years.

Ms. Zhang worked as a technical investigation officer at the Supreme People's Court for one year. She has participated in a number of research projects involving patent examination, and has published a number of related academic papers.



Name: Jung DaWon

Position: Administrative Patent Judge of Board 7, IPTAB, KIPO

Educational Background

- Ph.D. in Microbial Chemistry (1995) SNU (Seoul National University)
- M.S. in pharmacognosy (1996) SNU (Seoul National University)
- B.S. in Pharmacy (1986) YU (Young-Nam University)

Work Experience

- Administrative Patent Judge, 7th Board of Appeal, IPTAB (2021~2023 present)
- Dispatched Patent Examiner of International Center for Patent Registration in UAE (2017~2020)
- Administrative Patent Judge, Board of Appeal 6, IPTAB (2015~2017)
- Supervising Examiner, Applied Materials Examination Division (2013~2015)
- Senior Patent Examiner, Pharmaceutical-Chemistry Examination Division (2010~2013)
- Deputy Director, Customer Cooperation Policy Division (2007~2010)
- Patent Examiner, Pharmaceutical-Chemistry Examination Division in KIPO (2003~2007)
- Adjunct Professor, College of Oriental medicine & Food science, Semyung Univ. (2001~2003)
- Health Research officer, Public Health, Ministry of Food and Drug Safety in Korea (1996~2003)



Name: Cao Ye

Position: Patent Examiner

Cao Ye holds a PhD in Chemistry from National University of Singapore in 2012. After teaching for three years, she has been a patent examiner in IPOS International since 2015, examining patent applications primarily in chemistry and pharmaceuticals.

She was responsible for developing internal search handbook for chemistry in 2019 and obtained the Specialist Certificate in Intangible Asset Management in 2020.

Since 2021, she has been a mentor to guide new examiners in their search and examination practice.

She has been actively following the development of case laws relating to patents. Since 2021 she has presented on various internal and external platforms on the recent and important law case in the field of chemistry and pharmaceuticals, including presenting as a panelist in the Patent Law Forum in IPOS in 2022 and the 10th IP Law Development Series for Patent in 2023.

In 2023, she is appointed a member of the Examination Experts Council in the SEA Unit (Patent Search, Examination, and Analytics).

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Name: Kriangsak KHOWNIUM

Position: Appointed Member of the Patent Committee by the Cabinet of Thailand, and Acting as a Member of Subcommittees of the Board of Patents on Chemistry Panel since December 2018

Dr. Kriangsak Khownum, with a doctorate in Medicinal Chemistry from the University of Kansas, USA. As an expert in medicinal chemistry, he delves into the therapeutic possibilities offered by Thai herbs and bioactive compounds, fine-tuning organic molecules to improve their medicinal efficacy.

He consistently integrates modern technology and innovative approaches in his pharmaceutical work, always pushing the boundaries of the field. Dr. Khownum's skills extend to areas such as drug design, compound synthesis, crafting herbal formulations, advanced medicinal chemistry research, and filing patents.

He used to be a lecturer at the Faculty of Medicine at King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang.

His studies in the US were funded by a scholarship from the Thai Government's Development and Promotion of Science and Technology Talents Project. His contributions continue to influence and shape the field of medical science.

Significantly, Dr. Khownum was appointed as a member of the patent committee by the cabinet of Thailand, reflecting his high standing in the field. Since December 2018, he has been actively contributing as a member of the patent committee and the subcommittee of the board of patent on the chemistry panel, demonstrating his commitment to propelling scientific advancements of the country.



Name: Le Huy Anh

Position: Deputy Director General, IP Viet Nam

I graduated from Hanoi University of Pharmacy in 1993.

I joined IP Viet Nam in 1997 as a patent examiner in pharmaceutical field.

In 2006, after finishing long-term research program funded by Japan's Fund-in-Trust, I was appointed as Acting Deputy Director of Patent Division no. 2 of IP Viet Nam which is in charge of search and examination of patent applications in pharmaceutical field and some other technical field like medical devices, petro-chemistry, textile.

In 2010, I was appointed as Director of Patent Division no. 2. In 2018, when 3 patent divisions of my office was merged into one patent examination center which DDG was the first Director, I was appointed as Deputy Director of Patent Examination Center under IP Viet Nam.

In 2020, I was appointed as Director of Enforcement and Appeal Division under IP Viet Nam. In July 2023, I was appointed as Deputy Director General of IP Viet Nam, currently responsible for patent area.

My experience in IP-related matters covers areas from patent to trademark, from IPR registration to enforcement.