

General Statement by Japan at the 63th Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in 2022

Thank you, Madam Chair.

At the outset, the delegation of Japan would like to express our deepest appreciation to the Member States for the heartfelt condolences to the passing of former Prime Minister Abe Shinzo as the result of a sudden, outrageous act on July 8th.

Here, we pray that he may rest in peace.

The delegation of Japan thanks the chair and Secretariat for their efforts in organizing this meeting.

We would also like to congratulate you, Director General Daren Tang, on the fact that under your leadership, the General Assembly was able to be held in person with many delegates from Member States.

Taking this opportunity, we would like to present our expectations for WIPO and the commitment of Japan.

First, Japan looks forward to the achievement of WIPO's mission to lead the development of the Global IP Ecosystem under its Medium-Term Strategic Plan (MTSP) 2022-2026.

To further develop the IP ecosystem, enhancing user-friendliness is essential. By working with the WIPO Japan Office, Japan can help improve WIPO's services by listening to opinions from world's leading international applicants in Japan.

We also look forward to WIPO raising IP awareness among young generation, and expanding its support for SMEs, start-ups and universities.

Second, Japan will work with WIPO on developing IP infrastructure by continuing to make voluntary contributions.

In addition, with regard to new emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), Japan would like to utilize the Japan Patent Office (JPO)'s knowledge in order to cooperate with WIPO and other member states in developing an international environment for the appropriate protection and utilization of intellectual property.

Third, Japan believes it is important for IP to be utilized toward helping to solve global issues, and hopes that WIPO will address these matters. Japan has the largest number of WIPO GREEN partners in the world, and JPO is also working with WIPO and other global stakeholders to expand the network, while supporting this initiative through voluntary contributions.

Japan is actively promoting efforts to achieve carbon neutrality. The JPO has published the Green Transformation Technologies Inventory (GXTI), which enables us to analyze various carbon neutral-related technological trends.

Japan will continue to cooperate with WIPO and actively contribute to the development of the Global IP Ecosystem.

Thank you, Madam Chair.