

2016年の主な出来事

JPO's Major Events in 2016

2016年

1月25日：平成27年度パテントコンテスト/デザインパテントコンテスト表彰式開催

1月25日～26日：「グローバル知財戦略フォーラム2016」開催、「新たなビジネス・知財戦略と地方創生の実現に向けて」をテーマとして幅広いトピックに対する先進的な事例を紹介

1月29日：「知財金融シンポジウム」開催、地域金融機関が取り組む「知財ビジネス評価書」の作成意義についての講演や同評価書の具体的な活用事例についてのディスカッションを実施

2月19日～26日：「巡回特許庁 in 中部」開催、出張面接審査のほか、中部知財フォーラム2015や巡回特許庁セミナーを実施

2月23日：日米欧三極特許庁・ユーザー会合開催、各特許庁の施策取組状況のユーザー団体への紹介とともに、ユーザー団体から意見や要望を聴取

3月1日：第3回悪意の商標出願セミナー開催、商標五庁（TM5）各庁における悪意の商標出願の最新事例の紹介が行われ、約300名のユーザーが参加

3月11日：「特許法条約（PLT）」及び「商標法に関するシンガポール条約（STLT）」の加入書を、世界的知的所有権機関（WIPO）事務局長に提出

3月11日：意匠審査基準の改訂を公表、画像デザインの登録対象を拡充

3月22日：商標審査基準の改訂を公表、商標審査の予見可能性の向上等のため大幅見直し

3月22日～23日：五大特許庁（IP5）副長官会合開催、IP5が協力して行う各種取組に関するプロジェクトについて、進捗・成果の確認、意見交換

を実施

3月23日：特許・実用新案審査基準の改訂を公表、食品の用途発明、特許権の存続期間の延長、及び、特許法条約への加入等を目的とした特許法等の法令改正に伴う事項について改訂

4月27日～5月11日：インド特許意匠商標総局の新人審査官の研修に、日本国特許庁から講師として特許審査官を派遣（8月にも実施）

5月13日：日米知財司法シンポジウム開催、米国司法関係者と知財分野に関する意見交換を実施

5月21日～25日：国際商標協会（INTA）年次総会開催、ワークショップや講演会において、最近の日本の商標制度の動向等について紹介

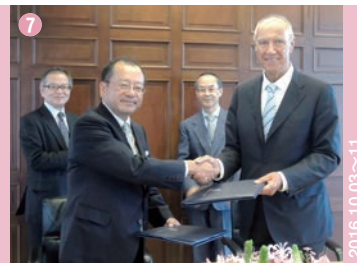
6月2日：第9回IP5長官会合開催、今後の協力の目指すべき方向性を示した五庁共同声明2016（東京声明）に合意

6月8日：海外での知財係争に備えた海外知財訴訟費用保険制度を創設し、中小企業の掛金補助を開始

7月1日：カンボジア工業手工芸省との間で特許の付与円滑化に関する協力（CPG）を開始

7月19日：第6回日アセアン特許庁長官会合開催、特許マニュアル（審査基準）の改訂/策定の支援等を含む2016年度の日アセアン知財協力プログラムを策定

7月25日：IP5各庁への出願に加えてPCT国際出願等の特許出願の申請や審査に関する情報（ドシエ情報）を、ユーザーが一括把握できるサービスを開始



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January 25: The Awarding Ceremony of FY2015 Patent Contest/Design Patent Contest was held.

January 25 to 26: The "Global IP Strategy Forum 2016" was held, and innovative cases concerning a wide variety of topics were presented under the theme "Toward New Business with IP Strategy and Regional Revitalization."

January 29: The "Intellectual Property Finance Symposium" was held, in which speakers focused on how significant it is for regional financial institutions to prepare "Evaluation Reports of IP-based Businesses," and participants discussed on specific cases where such evaluation reports were successfully utilized.

February 19 to 26: The "Circuit Japan Patent Office in CHUBU" was conducted, during which the JPO conducted on-site interview examinations and held the CHUBU IP Forum 2015 and the seminar.

February 23: Trilateral offices and user's meeting was held, at which each of the Offices gave a progress report to the users on measures implemented by each IP Office. They also solicited opinions and requests from user groups.

March 1: The 3rd TM5 Seminar on Bad-Faith Trademark Filings was held, in which recent case examples of bad-faith trademark filings in the TM5 Offices were introduced. Approximately 300 users attended.

March 11: The JPO submitted instruments of accession to the Patent Law Treaty (PLT) and the Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks (STLT) to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

March 11: The JPO announced the revision of the Design Examination Guidelines, aiming to expand the scope of protection of registerable design including graphic images.

March 22: The JPO announced the revision of the Trademark Examination Guidelines. It extensively reviewed and revised them, in order to enable applicants to more accurately predict the results of their respective trademark examinations.

March 22 to 23: The IP5 Deputy Heads Meeting was held, in which progress reports and results of projects covering various initiatives implemented collaboratively by the IP5 Offices were reported and verified, and the

participants exchanged opinions.

March 23: The JPO announced the revision of the "Examination Guidelines for Patent and Utility Model". This revision relates to the use invention of foods, the extension of patent term, and matters associated with legislative amendments to the Patent Act, etc. for accession to the Patent Law Treaty.

April 27 to May 11: The JPO sent patent examiners as lecturers to the training session for new examiners in the Office of Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks Department of India. (The JPO did this in August also.)

May 13: The United-States/Japan Patent Symposium was held, in which the JPO exchanged opinions on the IP field with US legal professionals.

May 21 to 25: The International Trademark Association (INTA) Annual Meeting was held, and the JPO introduced the latest status of Japan's trademark system during workshops and seminars.

June 2: The 9th IP5 Heads Meeting was held, and the IP5 Offices agreed to the IP5 Joint Statement in Tokyo 2016 (Tokyo Statement), which outlines the future directions at which the cooperation among the IP5 Offices should aim.

June 8: The JPO established the overseas IP litigation insurance system to be prepared for IP litigation overseas, and started subsidization of the premiums for SMEs.

July 1: The JPO commenced a Cooperation for facilitating Patent Grant (CPG) program with the Ministry of Industry and Handicraft of Cambodia.

July 19: The 6th ASEAN-Japan Heads of Intellectual Property Offices Meeting was held and agree to "the ASEAN IPOs - JPO IPR Action Plan 2016-2017", which includes support for updating or drafting patent manuals (examination guidelines).

July 25: The JPO launched a service to provide the public with information concerning patent application procedures and examinations (dossier information) concerning PCT international applications, etc. as well as applications filed with the IP5, which is accessible collectively by users.

August 29 to 31: The "Circuit Japan Patent Office in HIROSHIMA" was conducted, where the JPO conducted on-site interview examinations, the IP utilization seminar, and the demonstration of mock oral proceedings through mock trial courts.

- 6 8月29日～31日：「巡回特許庁 in ひろしま」開催、出張面接審査のほか、知財活用セミナーや模擬審判廷での口頭審理の実演等を実施
 9月26日：知的財産分野における地域・中小企業支援の基本方針となる「地域知財活性化行動計画」を公表
 10月2日：インターネット出願ソフトによる英語でのPCT国際出願の受付開始
 7 10月3日～11日：第56回世界知的所有権機関（WIPO）加盟国総会開催、20以上の国・地域の特許庁と会合を行い、多くの分野で協力を進めていくことを確認
 10月17日：「第四次産業革命を視野に入れた知財システムの在り方に関する検討会」を設置、第1回会合開催
 8 10月24日～11月4日：タイ知的財産局の新人審査官の研修に、日本国特許庁から講師として特許審査官を派遣
 10月24日～27日：「巡回特許庁 in 九州」開催、出張面接審査のほか、知財金融フォーラムやデザイン・ブランド戦略による地域産業振興セミナーを実施
 9 10月28日～29日：第5回TM5会合開催、TM5各庁が悪意の商標出願をテーマとして講演するとともに、「悪意の商標出願事例集」の完成に向けた協力について合意
 11月1日：ラオス知的財産局との間でCPGを開始
 10 11月1日～2日：第2回意匠五庁（ID5）会合開催、ID5各庁の意匠実務の理解の深化に向けた12のプロジェクトに、今後協力して取り組む旨の共同声明を採択

- 11月14日：IoT関連技術についての特許文献の分野横断的な抽出を可能とするため、広域ファセット分類記号ZITを新設
 11 11月18日：日欧知的財産司法シンポジウム2016開催、日欧の知財司法関係者が意見交換を実施
 11月21日：面接審査関連施策の拡充を公表・開始
 12 11月21日～12月16日：「巡回特許庁 in KANSAI」開催、出張面接審査のほか、知的財産シンポジウムや地域団体商標10周年記念セミナーを実施
 13 12月7日～8日：第23回日中特許庁長官会合、第28回日韓特許庁長官会合、第16回日中韓特許庁長官会合を開催し、日中韓では審判分野に関する協力を合意
 12月13日～14日：「知的財産庁マドリッド制度担当職員向けWIPOリージョナル会合」開催、各国におけるマドリッド制度に関する実務の改善について議論
 12月16日：特許法及び商標法の改正案を含む「環太平洋パートナーシップ協定の締結に伴う関係法律の整備に関する法律」公布

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- 1月23日：平成28年度パテントコンテスト/デザインパテントコンテスト表彰式開催
 14 2月13日～14日：「グローバル知財戦略フォーラム2017」開催、「超スマート社会を見据えたビジネス・知財戦略及び地方創生の新展開」をテーマとして、イノベーション創出に取り組む企業・研究機関等の事例を紹介



2016.10.28～29



2016.11.18



2016.12.07～08



2016.10.24～11.04



2016.11.01～02



2016.11.21～12.16



2017.02.13～14

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September 26: The JPO announced its "Action Plan for Regional Intellectual Property Revitalization" that is a fundamental policy to further promote local and SME support in the IP field.

October 2: The JPO launched a new service enabling applicants to file PCT international applications online in English through the electronic filing software provided by the JPO.

7 **October 3 to 11:** The 56th Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) was held, and the JPO held meetings with more than 20 national and regional IP offices, confirming its commitment to cooperation with them in many fields.

October 17: The "Intellectual Property System Study Group for the Fourth Industrial Revolution" was established, and the first meeting was held.

8 **October 24 to November 4:** The JPO sent patent examiners as lecturers to the training session for new examiners in the Department of Intellectual Property of Thailand.

October 24 to 27: The "Circuit Japan Patent Office in KYUSHU" was conducted, where the JPO held on-site interview examinations, the Intellectual Property Finance Seminar, and the seminar for promoting regional industries based on design/brand strategies.

9 **October 28 to 29:** The 5th TM5 Annual Meeting was held, in which the TM5 Offices made presentations on bad-faith trademark filings and made an agreement to complete the "Compilation of Case Examples of Bad-Faith Trademark Filings."

November 1: The JPO commenced a CPG program with the Department of Intellectual Property of Laos.

10 **November 1 to 2:** The 2nd ID5 Annual Meeting was held, in which a joint statement was adopted proclaiming that the ID5 Partner Offices will work collaboratively on twelve projects aimed at furthering mutual understanding of the practices on the protection of industrial designs.

November 14: The JPO created a "broad facet" classification ZIT to enable cross-sectional extraction of patent documents in the fields of IoT (Internet of Things) -based technologies.

11 **November 18:** The "Symposium on Patent Litigation in Europe and Japan

2016" was held, in which IP legal professionals in Japan and Europe exchanged opinions.

November 21: The JPO announced and started to advance measures related to interview examinations.

12 **November 21 to December 16:** The "Circuit Japan Patent Office in KANSAI" was conducted, where the JPO held on-site interview examinations, the IP symposium, and the 10th anniversary seminar on regional collective trademarks.

13 **December 7 to 8:** The 23rd Heads Meeting between the JPO and the SIPO; the 28th Heads Meeting between the JPO and the KIPO; and the 16th Trilateral Policy Dialogue Meeting among the JPO, the SIPO and the KIPO were held. At the trilateral meeting, the JPO, the SIPO and the KIPO agreed to cooperate in the field of trials and appeals.

December 13 to 14: The "WIPO Regional Meeting of Intellectual Property Office Officials Responsible for the Madrid System" was held, in which participant-member countries discussed the improvements in practices with regard to the Madrid system in each country.

December 16: The "Act on the Development of the Related Acts along with the Conclusion of the TPP Agreement", including the revision of the Patent Act and the Trademark Act was announced.

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January 23: The Awarding Ceremony of FY2016 Patent Contest/Design Patent Contest was held.

14 **February 13 to 14:** The "Global IP Strategy Forum 2017" was held. At the Forum, initiatives being undertaken by companies and research institutions to create innovations were presented under the theme "Business & IP Strategy Responding to the Super-Smart-Based Society and New Developments for Regional Revitalization."