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Overview of PPH

- PPH is a work sharing initiative among IP Offices in the area of patent search and examination work.
- A patent application whose claims have been determined to be allowable/patentable in the Office of First Filing (OFF) is eligible to request for accelerated examination in the Office of Second Filing (OSF).
- The first PPH programme commenced on 3 July 2006, between the United States Patent & Trademark Office and the Japan Patent Office.

Benefits of PPH

- Accelerated processing
- Time and cost savings
- Improved quality search and examination
- No fee to request for PPH

PPH Pilot Programmes

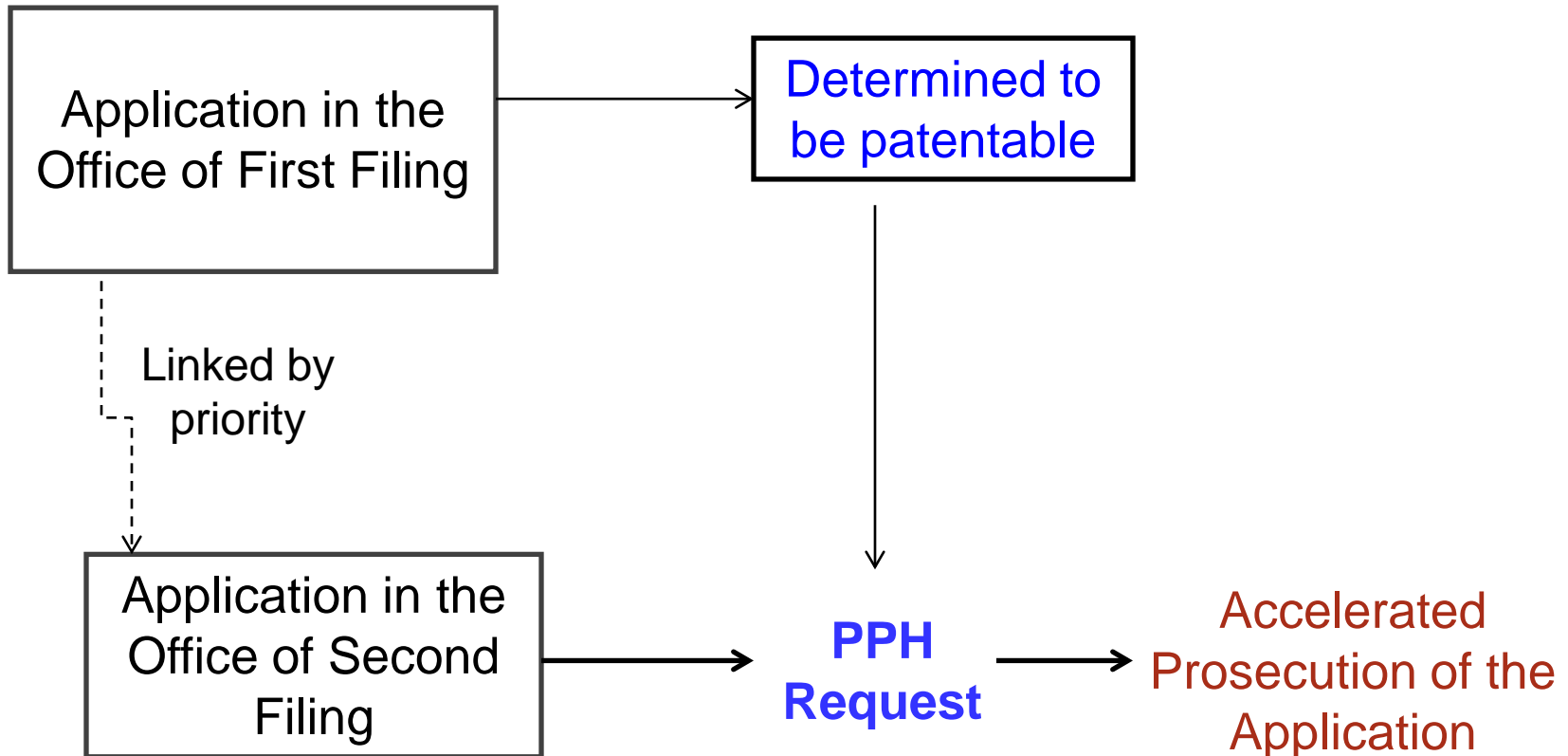
- United States Patent and Trade Mark Office (USPTO)
 - Launched on 2 February 2009
 - Extended on 2 February 2010

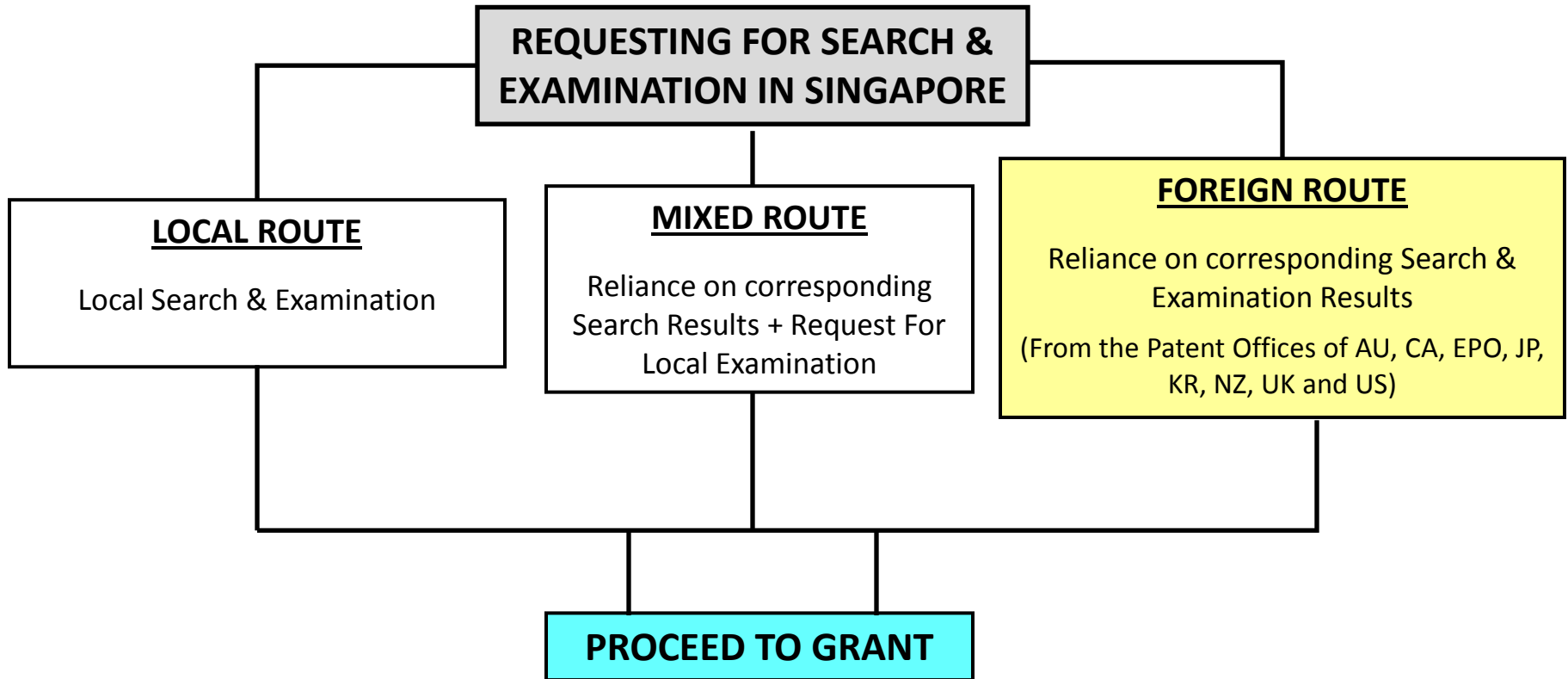
- Japan Patent Office (JPO)
 - Launched on 1 July 2009
 - Extended on 1 July 2010

PPH Pilot Programmes

- Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO)
 - Launched on 1 January 2013

- State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO)
 - To be launched on 1 September 2013





 PPH request can be filed under the Foreign Route.
Applicants enjoy expedited registration in Singapore.

Other Patent Initiative

ASEAN Patent Examination Co-operation (ASPEC)

- Search & examination work sharing arrangement among participating ASEAN patent offices.
- Search & examination is accelerated at ASEAN patent offices.
- Operates in the English language in all participating ASEAN patent offices; no verification of translation required for non-English documents.
- Common Request Form across all participating ASEAN patent offices.
- Advantageous for applicants desiring to file regionally in ASEAN as there will be substantial time and cost savings.

Thank You

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