

The results of the 5th Plurilateral Patent Prosecution Highway Working Level Meeting

1. Participants

Japan, the European Patent Office (EPO), the USA, China, South Korea, the UK, Germany, Spain, Portugal, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Iceland, Austria, Hungary, Russia, Israel, Australia, Canada, Singapore, Mexico and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) (23 countries/regions/organizations in total)

2. Outline of the meeting results

At the meeting, 23 national/regional intellectual property offices and organizations gathered and conducted discussions on the following points:

- Participants have confirmed that the “PPH common guideline” (common procedure to file a request) proposal by the JPO is an important first step toward a Plurilateral framework and they would intend to endorse it at the next meeting.
- They have confirmed that they would intend to endorse the “PPH Policy” proposal by the JPO, which is a common recognition of PPH including the maximum use of the examination results of the office of earlier examination and the accelerated examination to final decisions, the transparency of data about PPH, the use of interview, making an examination guideline in each office, at the next meeting.
- They have confirmed that each office would consider the examination quality enhancement using PPH.
- They have shared information on results of PPH MOTTAINAI pilot program. They confirmed the direction of adopting PPH MOTTAINAI.
- They have agreed to proceed PPH promotional activities.
- They have agreed that the JPO would host the next PLPPH working level meeting in 2013.