

Efforts Undertaken by Japan
Regarding IPR-related Capacity Building and Technical
Assistance to Third Countries
(Past 5 Years)

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1. Efforts for China

1.1 Government-oriented Efforts

- Seminar for Senior Investigation Officers of the Ministry of Public Security of China

【Project Sponsor】 JICA, National Police Agency

【Implementation Period】 FY2004, FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of JICA's management grants (157.516 billion yen)

【Project Description】

This seminar invited senior officers from the Ministry of Public Security of China and introduced them to various topics, such as the Japanese police system, countermeasures for various crimes, and local police activities, as well as offered on-site visits to relevant facilities. Furthermore, this seminar was intended to facilitate cooperation on investigation between both countries through studying the operation of international investigation-related laws and regulations as well as more effective investigation methods.

In FY2004, an intellectual property rights curriculum was newly established and lectures were given on such topics as the current situation of Japan's control over intellectual property rights infringement and Japanese countermeasures, in order to deepen mutual understanding concerning controls over intellectual property rights infringement and to strengthen the bilateral partnership.

- Technical Cooperation Project (Protection of Intellectual Property Rights)

【Project Sponsor】 JICA

【Implementation Period】 FY2005-FY2010

【FY2005 Budget】 46 million yen

【Project Description】 Training in Japan and seminar in China

With a view to protect intellectual property rights in China, three training courses are held in Japan each fiscal year, and two seminars are held in China during the five-year cooperation period. Japanese and Chinese experts exchange opinions and conduct joint studies on the various issues surrounding intellectual property rights in the international community that pertain to China's accession to the WTO.

- Study on Intellectual Property Rights System of China (Judicial and Policy Dialogue)

【Project Sponsor】 JETRO

【Implementation Period】 FY2002

【FY2002 Budget】 A portion of the expert dispatch cost (4.6 million yen)

【Project Description】

Although China is pressing forward with the improvement of intellectual property rights-related laws and regulations with its accession to the WTO, many economic disputes between Japan and China still concern the issue of intellectual property rights infringement. In order to resolve this issue, engagement by both the public and private sectors is necessary. Therefore, as part of this project, the study group on the intellectual property rights system dispatched legal authorities on the intellectual property rights issues and held a Japan-China judicial and policy dialogue on the intellectual property rights issues with legal authorities on the Chinese side in FY2002.

○ Seminar for Enforcement Officers

【Project Sponsor】 JETRO

【Implementation Period】 FY2005, FY2006

【FY2005 Budget】 A portion of the project for the reinforcement of countermeasures against overseas intellectual property rights infringement (entrusted to JETRO) (273 million yen)

【Project Description】

In a partnership with JETRO and the Japanese business community, an informational meeting was held for enforcement officers from the Local Administration of Industry and Commerce and the State Bureau of Quality and Technical Supervision of China on distinguishing counterfeit products from genuine products and other related topics. In FY2006, nine such seminars were held from October to March 2007 in various locations, including Beijing, Sichuan Province, and Guangdong Province.

○ Seminar for Strengthening Japan-China Intellectual Property Rights Protection

【Project Sponsor】 The Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry in China, JETRO

【Implementation Period】 FY2004

【FY2004 Budget】 A portion of the project for the reinforcement of countermeasures against overseas intellectual property rights infringement (entrusted to JETRO) (180 million yen)

【Project Description】

This seminar promoted the active use of the “Informational Brochure on the Intellectual Property Rights of Japanese Enterprises and Support for Detecting Violations,” which was distributed to enforcement agencies and related entities throughout China. Through this seminar, officers (the State Administration for Industry and Commerce and the State Bureau of Quality and Technical Supervision) who were actually in charge of enforcement in problem areas with pronounced counterfeit

production and sales (Fujian Province, Beijing, Henan Province, Jiangsu Province, and Guangdong Province) acknowledged the significance of the brochure and acquired understanding of its uses, among other matters.

○ Seminar of Japan Bearing Industrial Association and Maritime Customs Service

【Project Sponsor】 JETRO

【Implementation Period】 FY2004

【FY2004 Budget】 A portion of the project for the reinforcement of countermeasures against overseas intellectual property rights infringement (entrusted to JETRO) (180 million yen)

【Project Description】

This seminar (Tianjin, Hangzhou, and Shenzhen), for Chinese Maritime Customs Service officers, convened in cooperation with the Japan Bearing Industrial Association as part of the seminar on countermeasures against intellectual property rights infringement implemented under the work entrusted to JETRO (commissioned by the Japan Patent Office) for officers of local enforcement agencies. This seminar distributed the “Counterfeit Bearing Countermeasure Manual” to the Maritime Customs Service officers and explained various matters, including methods of distinguishing counterfeit bearings from genuine bearings, the functions and uses of bearings, dangers of counterfeit bearings, and the counterfeit situation within and outside of China.

○ Technology Informational Meeting for the State Intellectual Property Office

【Project Sponsor】 JETRO

【Implementation Period】 FY2003-FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the project for the reinforcement of countermeasures against overseas intellectual property rights infringement (entrusted to JETRO) (273 million yen)

【Project Description】

Technology informational meetings for Chinese patent examiners were held in cooperation with JETRO and the Japanese business community. The meetings were intended to, through the promotion of prompt and accurate examinations of technological areas, facilitate the acquisition of patents by Japanese entities and the protection of such rights regarding patents applied for in China. In FY2006, an informational meeting was held concerning liquid crystal display (LCD) devices and LCD projectors in December.

○ Follow-up Seminar

【Project Sponsor】 JIII

【Implementation Period】 FY2002, FY2004

【FY2004 Budget】 A portion of the cooperation project for the development of industrial property human resources (410 million yen)

【FY2004 Project Description】

A seminar for people who have completed the training on developing countries, entitled “Intellectual Property Strategy of Enterprises,” was held on February 2, 2005 in Beijing. 130 people participated in the seminar.

○ Training on Copyright Protection in a Digital Environment

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Agency for Cultural Affairs

【Implementation Period】 FY2005

【FY2005 Budget】 A portion of the APACE Program (Asia-Pacific Copyright Systems Enhancement Program) (52 million yen)

【Project Description】

This copyright training course for copyright administrators was held to advance China’s copyright policy, including accession to the WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT)/WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty (WPPT).

○ Dispatch of Experts to Seminar on Countermeasures Against Counterfeit Electrical and Electronic Products

【Project Sponsor】 Ministry of Finance

【Implementation Period】 FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 Ministry of Finance budget (1 million yen)

【Project Description】

Experts on border measures for intellectual property were dispatched to a seminar on countermeasures against counterfeit electrical and electronic products for Chinese customs officers, which was sponsored by the Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association (JEITA) and organized by enterprises within the Association. The experts explained the Japanese system, key efforts undertaken to date, the import suspension record, and highlights of border measures.

○ Training Course for Intellectual Property Rights Protection Techniques

【Project Sponsor】 Ministry of Finance

【Implementation Period】 FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 Ministry of Finance budget (8 million yen)

【Project Description】

Customs officers in charge of intellectual property enforcement in China were invited to attend a trainee acceptance course whose subjects included an overview of the systems that protect various rights implemented by the relevant ministries and agencies, including Japan's custom enforcement system for intellectual property-infringing products, as well as private enterprises' anti-counterfeit efforts.

1.2 Private sector-oriented efforts

○ Project for the Training of Japanese and Chinese Intellectual Property Translators

【Project Sponsor】 JETRO

【Implementation Period】 FY2004

【FY2004 Budget】 A portion of the pilot project with breakthrough in improvement of trade and investment environment (878 million yen)

【Project Description】

It is essential to resolve the "issue of incorrect translations," one of the primary causes of friction between Japan and China over intellectual property, and, thereby, appropriately protect Japan's intellectual property in China. For this endeavor, JETRO and the All-China Patent Agents Association co-founded the "Japan-China Accreditation Organization for Intellectual Property Translation Courses" in Beijing. These courses on intellectual property translations were taught by intellectual property translation experts from both countries. The pilot project was implemented for the development of a translation certificate system which would award certificates to people who were deemed to have sufficient translation ability by conducting a qualification exam which tests the translating capability of people who have completed the coursework.

○ Support for Network-Building with the Intellectual Property Society of Guangdong Province and Human Resource Development of Members

【Project Sponsor】 JETRO

【Implementation Period】 FY2003-FY2004

【FY2004 Budget】 A portion of the commissioning cost of the support project for facilitating trade and investment (840 million yen)

【Project Description】

While establishing relations between the parties concerned on the Japanese side and the Intellectual Property Society of Guangdong Province (private organization), which has had connections with government-affiliated organizations and offices dealing with external affairs, etc., JETRO dispatched experts to improve the business capability

of the member offices, directed at Japanese enterprises, as well as to enhance member enterprises' awareness of intellectual property management. In FY2004, JETRO held a seminar on determining infringement of patented invention and other related topics.

○ Support of Intellectual Property Rights Protection for the Software Sector of Dalian City

【Project Sponsor】 JETRO

【Implementation Period】 FY2004-FY2005

【FY2005 Budget】 A portion of the commissioning cost of the support project for facilitating trade and investment (922 million yen)

【Project Description】

In FY2004, JETRO dispatched experts for various purposes, such as for holding a seminar for software enterprises on the importance of intellectual property protection. In FY2005, JETRO held a seminar on methods to develop an information management system that was suitable for the entrustment of work from Japanese enterprises.

○ Intellectual Property Rights Training

【Project Sponsor】 AOTS

【Implementation Period】 FY2004-FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the cooperation and training project cost for trade and investment facilitation, etc. (166 million yen)

【Project Description】

An overseas training course was offered to patent offices dealing with external affairs in Beijing, Shanghai, and Guangzhou for fostering the patent offices into supporters of Japanese enterprises. This was to be done by improving the patent offices' business capability to process patent applications from Japan and by improving their handling of infringement cases after the acquisition of patent rights.

○ Support of Human resource development for Offices Dealing with External Affairs in Shanghai

【Project Sponsor】 JETRO

【Implementation Period】 FY2003

【FY2003 Budget】 A portion of the commissioning cost of the support project for facilitating trade and investment (871 million yen)

【Project Description】

Experts were dispatched for improving the business capability of offices

dealing with external affairs (patent offices that carry out procedures on behalf of foreign enterprises when they apply for a patent in China) in the neighboring areas of Shanghai, where many Japanese enterprises have had operations.

○ License Training

【Project Sponsor】 AOTS

【Implementation Period】 FY2003

【FY2003 Budget】 A portion of the cooperation and training project cost for trade and investment facilitation, etc. (186 million yen)

【Project Description】

An overseas training course was offered to managers and license-related employees of Chinese enterprises (Beijing, Shanghai) for acquiring understanding of the importance of the license system as well as knowledge of the practical matters of a license contract.

○ Training for Shifting to a Market Economy (Trademark Management)

【Project Sponsor】 AOTS

【Implementation Period】 FY2003-FY2005

【FY2005 Budget】 A portion of the support project of training for human resource development in the economic and industrial sectors (5.974 billion yen)

【Project Description】

A trainee acceptance course was offered to Chinese private enterprises and public organizations for improving their capability of managing trademarks.

○ JPO/IPR Training (Course Specializing in Chinese Patents)

【Project Sponsor】 JIII

【Implementation Period】 FY2005

【FY2005 Budget】 A portion of the intellectual property rights cooperation project for private-sector infrastructure development (69 million yen)

A portion of the cooperation project for industrial property human resource development (410 million yen)

【Project Description】

A trainee acceptance course was implemented for deepening knowledge of intellectual property as a whole, as well as for enhancing understanding of patents and increasing expertise. This was done through lectures and discussions on various matters, including an overview of the patent system, creating specifications and figures,

responding to office action, making corrections, determining patentability, advanced technologies and patents, and uses of patent information.

○ JPO/IPR Training (Course for Chinese Practitioners)

【Project Sponsor】 Japan Patent Office

【Implementation Period】 FY2004-FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the intellectual property rights cooperation project for private-sector infrastructure development (69 million yen)

A portion of the cooperation project for industrial property human resource development (384 million yen)

【Project Description】

A trainee acceptance course was offered to Chinese private enterprises and public organizations in order to enhance understanding of the importance of intellectual property rights and to acquire knowledge that would enable the use of intellectual property. This was done through lectures and discussions on various matters, including enterprises' intellectual property strategies, intellectual property management, practice of patent application, and several important themes concerning intellectual property rights (infringements, licensing).

○ Training for Chinese Intellectual Property Rights Management

【Project Sponsor】 AOTS

【Implementation Period】 FY2004-FY2005

【FY2005 Budget】 A portion of the support project of training for human resource development in the economic and industrial sectors (5.974 billion yen)

【Project Description】

A trainee acceptance course was implemented to improve the capability of managing intellectual property in Chinese private enterprises and public organizations.

○ Digital Cinema Training

【Project Sponsor】 AOTS

【Implementation Period】 FY2004

【FY2004 Budget】 A portion of the cooperation and training project cost for trade and investment facilitation, etc. (185 million yen)

【Project Description】

A trainee acceptance course was implemented for teaching how to securely use film content, screen content, and the latest projection equipment, as well as for

participants to understand the need for protecting intellectual property such as copyrights and making contractual transactions.

○ Licensee Development Training

【Project Sponsor】 AOTS

【Implementation Period】 FY2004-FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the cooperation and training project cost for trade and investment facilitation, etc. (166 million yen)

【Project Description】

A trainee acceptance course and an overseas training course were implemented to strive for the smooth distribution of Japanese contents in China from the viewpoint of promoting, among other things, the prevention of unfair competition; the protection of intellectual property such as copyrights, business practices of contractual transactions; and the prevention of pirated copies.

○ Training for the Asian Contents Industry

【Project Sponsor】 AOTS

【Implementation Period】 FY2005

【FY2005 Budget】 A portion of the support project of training for human resource development in the economic and industrial sectors (5.974 billion yen)

【Project Description】

A trainee acceptance course was implemented for participants to understand the cooperation structure for, among other initiatives, the promotion of contents distribution all across Asia and for the joint production of contents. This was done through lectures and discussions on the current situation of the Japanese contents and film industries, the current situation of the Asian contents industry, and the modality of future partnerships.

○ Seminar on Copyright Protection in the Digital Environment

【Project Sponsor】 ACCU, Agency for Cultural Affairs

【Implementation Period】 FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the Development of Educational Material for Copyright Awareness Building in Asian Region (19 million yen)

【Project Description】

A seminar was held on copyright protection in the digital environment in order to raise awareness on copyrights for the Local Copyright Administration officials and others in China.

2. Efforts for Thailand

2.1 Government-oriented Efforts

○ Dispatch of Individual Experts (Intellectual Property Rights IT Advisor)

【Project Sponsor】 JICA

【Implementation Period】 FY2001-FY2002

【Cumulative Project Cost】 18 million yen

【Project Description】 Dispatch of experts

Experts provided advice on constructing a computer system that contributes to efficient processing of applications and makes information on industrial property open to the public.

○ Assistance for Creating a System for Work Handling of Applications

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Japan Patent Office

【Implementation Period】 FY2000-FY2005

【Cumulative Project Cost】 A portion of the WIPO contributions (178 million yen)

【Project Description】

WIPO and the Japan Patent Office cooperated with the Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) of Thailand from 2000 to 2005 to create systems to process and handle patents, utility models, and designs.

○ Dispatch of Individual Experts (Industrial Property Administration)

【Project Sponsor】 JICA

【Implementation Period】 FY2000-FY2002

【Cumulative Project Cost】 40 million yen

【Project Description】 Dispatch of experts

Experts provided the Ministry of Commerce DIP with comprehensive policy advice, as well as technical guidance for streamlining its operations. Experts also engaged in activities aimed at raising people's awareness of intellectual property.

○ Dispatch of Individual Experts

【Project Sponsor】 JICA

【Implementation Period】 FY2001-FY2003

【Cumulative Project Cost】 18 million yen

【Project Description】 Dispatch of experts

Experts provided the Ministry of Commerce DIP with comprehensive policy advice, as well as technical guidance for streamlining its operations. Experts also

engaged in activities aimed at raising people's awareness of intellectual property.

○ Intellectual Property Rights Course for Thai Judges

【Project Sponsor】 Japan Patent Office, JICA

【Implementation Period】 FY2003

【FY2003 Budget】 A portion of JICA's management grants (16 million yen)

【Project Description】

A trainee acceptance course was offered to Thai judges (judges at Thai IPIT court, supreme court, etc.) to deepen their understanding of matters such as intellectual property disputes in Japan (particularly civil litigations) and the relevant laws and regulations, and, thereby, increase the practical expertise of intellectual property judges in Thailand.

○ Follow-up Seminar

【Project Sponsor】 JIII

【Implementation Period】 FY2002-FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the cooperation project for industrial property human resource development (384 million yen)

【FY2006 Project Description】

A seminar was held on October 18 and 19, 2006 in Bangkok under the theme of "Recent Development in the Protection and Enforcement of IPRs in Thailand" for people who completed the training on developing countries. A total of 300 people participated in the seminar.

○ Study Visits to Collective Management

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Agency for Cultural Affairs

【Implementation Period】 FY2005

【FY2005 Budget】 A portion of APACE Program (52 million yen)

【Project Description】

This course was offered to the members of the legal affairs council and administrative officers for acquiring information about the current situation of Japanese collective management societies, copyright management methods, and copyright and related rights, with a view to resolving the issue of the collective management society of the Government of Thailand and enhancing the copyright protection system.

2.2 Private Sector-oriented Efforts

○ Project for Supporting the Federation of Thai Industries (FTI) Efforts for the

Enhancement of Intellectual Property Rights

【Project Sponsor】 JETRO

【Implementation Period】 FY2006

【FY2006Budget】 A portion of the commissioning cost of the support project for facilitating trade and investment (748 million yen)

【Project Description】

This project trained people who gave guidance on the intellectual property issues of various industries in order to enable the Federation of Thai Industries to take independent intellectual property-related action for each industrial sector. Through these efforts, this project was aimed to resolve issues specific to technological areas.

○ Support for Efforts of Private Groups Related to Intellectual Property

【Project Sponsor】 JETRO

【Implementation Period】 FY2003-FY2004

【FY2004 Budget】 A portion of the commissioning cost of the support project for facilitating trade and investment (840 million yen)

【Project Description】

Experts were dispatched to help enable the Intellectual Property Alumni Association of Thailand (IPAA), which is active in carrying out activities for spreading intellectual property, to hold independent training courses, seminars, and PR activities.

○ Intellectual Property Rights Training

【Project Sponsor】 AOTS

【Implementation Period】 FY2002-FY2003

【FY2003 Budget】 A portion of the cooperation and training project cost for trade and investment facilitation, etc. (186 million yen)

【Project Description】

An overseas training course was offered to managers and administrators of Thai private enterprises. This course covered various matters, such as an overview of the intellectual property rights system, enforcement of this system, trade secrets, practice of trademark, and experience of Japanese enterprises.

○ Intellectual Property Rights Training (Patent and Trademark Course)

【Project Sponsor】 AOTS

【Implementation Period】 FY2004

【FY2004 Budget】 A portion of the cooperation and training project cost for trade and investment facilitation, etc. (185 million yen)

【Project Description】

An overseas training course was offered to members of Thai private enterprises, including managers of development divisions, researchers, and managers of intellectual property and legal affairs divisions. This course was intended to teach these members about intellectual property uses within enterprises, as well as the knowledge and skills required for rights acquisition (overview of patents, how to write specifications for chemicals/machineries and electrical products, patent uses, overview of designs, creating design figures and researching designs, overview of trademarks, and trademark uses).

○ Training for Managing Intellectual Property Rights

【Project Sponsor】 AOTS

【Implementation Period】 FY2004

【FY2004 Budget】 A portion of the support project of training for human resource development in the economic and industrial sectors (6.021 billion yen)

【Project Description】

A trainee acceptance course was offered to Thai private enterprises for improving their capability of managing intellectual property rights.

3. Efforts for Indonesia

3.1 Government-oriented Efforts

○ Dispatch of Individual Experts (Industrial Property Administration)

【Project Sponsor】 JICA

【Implementation Period】 FY2000-FY2005

【Cumulative Project Cost】 61 million yen

【Project Description】 Dispatch of individual experts

This project was intended to transfer skills which focused on automated processing to relevant parties from the patent/design and trademark divisions and other divisions of the Directorate General of Intellectual Property Rights (DGIPR). Experts advised on the provision of information on intellectual property rights as well as on human resource development.

○ Technical Cooperation Project (Improvement of Industrial Property Administration)

【Project Sponsor】 JICA

【Implementation Period】 FY2005-FY2007

【Cumulative Project Cost】 82 million yen

【Project Description】 Dispatch of experts, training in Japan, local traveling seminars, PR activities, etc.

JICA will: 1) Implement a training program which is intended to strengthen the partnerships and enhance the capacities of intellectual property-related agencies in the fields of administration and justice, with a view to promoting the appropriate protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights; 2) Hold seminars and conduct various PR activities to promote the enforcement of intellectual property rights and raise public awareness about the intellectual property rights system; 3) Support the implementation of development studies related to the promotion of automation in the DGIPR; 4) Support the development of examination manuals.

- Study on Intellectual Property Rights Administration through Utilization of Information and Communication Technology

【Project Sponsor】 JICA

【Implementation Period】 FY2005-FY2006

【Cumulative Project Cost】 320 million yen

【Project Description】

This program created systems (e.g. a digital library system for intellectual property) required for DGIPR to disclose intellectual property-related information. Specifically, JICA implemented the development plan of a digital library that is vital to these systems, the development plan of a system for monitoring examination processes, and the plan of IT human resource development, which is required for the operation and maintenance of these systems. The service was launched in February 2007 (URL: <http://ipdl.dgip.go.id>).

- Training on Information Policy of Intellectual Property Rights (C/P Training for the Study on Intellectual Property Rights Administration through Utilization of Information and Communication Technology: C/P Training)

【Project Sponsor】 JICA

【Implementation Period】 FY2005

【FY2005 Budget】 1.5 million yen

【Project Description】

Under this training course, Indonesian IT engineers in intellectual property rights, who were the counterparts for the development study “Study on Intellectual Property Rights Administration through Utilization of Information and Communication Technology,” in particular learned about the situation of the practice and system

management of the Japan Patent Office and broadened their technical know-how on the development and operation of such systems at Japanese vendors, etc. Training was aimed at contributing to the advancement of human resources, who would play a central role in the development of an Indonesian IT environment suitable for intellectual property.

○ Intellectual Property Rights Training for Enforcement Officers

【Project Sponsor】 JICA

【Implementation Period】 FY2004-FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of JICA's management grants (157.516 billion yen)

【Project Description】

A trainee acceptance course was offered to Indonesian enforcement officers, among others, which was designed to enhance their understanding of various matters, such as the international framework for the protection of intellectual property rights, basic knowledge concerning intellectual property rights, countermeasures to intellectual property rights infringements, Japanese measures for addressing such infringements, adverse effects of such infringements, and the importance of intellectual property protection. This course was intended to increase practical knowledge of intellectual property of personnel from the Indonesian intellectual property offices, including examiners, judges, prosecutors, police officers, and customs officers.

○ Follow-up Seminar

【Project Sponsor】 JIII

【Implementation Period】 FY2003-FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the cooperation project for industrial property human resource development (384 million yen)

【FY2006 Project Description】

A seminar was held on February 14, 2007 in Jakarta under the theme of "The Role of IP in Domestic Economic and Business Development to Open the International Market (Design Protection)" for people who completed the developing country training. Approximately 100 people participated in the seminar.

○ Dispatch of Copyright Experts

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Agency for Cultural Affairs

【Implementation Period】 FY2002 (The program that dispatches copyright experts itself has been implemented from FY1999 under different themes and in

various countries.)

【FY2002 Budget】 A portion of APACE program (42 million yen)

【Project Description】

Experts were dispatched to provide advice on developing a copyright system and collective management system in developing countries. This project is part of the APACE Program, which is implemented with the trust fund contributed annually to WIPO by the Agency for Cultural Affairs, and also with the cooperation of WIPO.

○ Dispatch of Experts on Intellectual Property Rights to Indonesia Customs

【Project Sponsor】 JICA, Ministry of Finance

【Implementation Period】 FY2004

【FY2004 Budget】 JICA budget (1 million yen)

【Project Description】

Experts gave lectures to Indonesian customs officers on the legal and management systems maintained by Japanese customs for border control of intellectual property-infringing products, as well as on the WTO/TRIPS Agreement. These experts also introduced Indonesian customs officers to intellectual property-related PR and training activities, as well as examples of intellectual property-infringing products.

3.2 Private Sector-oriented Efforts

○ Support for IP Clinics

【Project Sponsor】 JODC

【Implementation Period】 FY2002-FY2003

【FY2003 Budget】 A portion of the support project of dispatch of experts for human resource development in the economic and industrial sectors (1.272 billion yen)

【Project Description】

This project provided technical guidance on, among other items, intellectual property information searches of developed countries such as Japan and the United States, as well as provided equipment to enable such information searches to IP clinics (foundations that are independent from a university which gives consultations on intellectual property rights, etc.) of local Indonesian universities. Based on such search technologies, cooperation was provided with an aim to enhance the capacity of IP clinics to give consultations.

○ Workshop for Raising Awareness about Copyrights and for Creating and Using an Indonesian Version of the “Asian Copyright Handbook”

【Project Sponsor】 ACCU, Agency for Cultural Affairs

【Implementation Period】 FY2005

【FY2005 Budget】 A portion of Development of Educational Material for Copyright Awareness Building in Asian Region (19 million yen)

【Project Description】

In order to enhance public awareness of copyright protection, ACCU and the Agency for Cultural Affairs held a workshop to create an Indonesian version of the copyright instructional material, “Asian Copyright Handbook,” and distributed the instructional material in Indonesia.

4. Efforts for Malaysia

4.1 Government-oriented efforts

- Study on Intellectual Property Rights Administration through Utilization of Information and Communication Technology: Phase I

【Project Sponsor】 JICA

【Implementation Period】 FY2002

【FY2002 Budget】 121 million yen

【Project Description】

JICA provided cooperation for developing a government computer system for industrial design and for improving search capacities for foreign patent documents used in patent examinations.

- Study on Intellectual Property Rights Administration through Utilization of Information and Communication Technology: Phase II

【Project Sponsor】 JICA

【Implementation Period】 FY2003-FY2004

【Cumulative Project Cost】 128 million yen

【Project Description】

Starting in August 2003, JICA provided assistance for developing a pilot computer system to realize efficient management of the application registry of industrial design, among other projects.

- Follow-up Seminar

【Project Sponsor】 JIII

【Implementation Period】 FY2003, FY2005, FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the cooperation project for industrial property human resource development (384 million yen)

【FY2006 Project Description】

A seminar was held under the theme of “Japan-Malaysia-ASEAN Joint Seminar on Well-Known Trademarks & Brand Strategy” on December 7 and 8, 2006 in Kuala Lumpur, for representatives of Singapore, Brunei, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos, the ASEAN Secretariat, and people who completed the developing country training in Indonesia. A total of 300 people participated in the seminar.

○ National Seminar

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Japan Patent Office

【 Implementation Period 】 FY2006 (National seminars themselves have been implemented from FY2003 under different themes and in various countries.)

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the WIPO contributions (178 million yen)

【Project Description】 “Invention Promotion and Support for Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprises”

With a view to promoting the use of intellectual property systems, this seminar was held for creating a mechanism to support small- and medium-sized enterprises, etc., conducting technical transfers through patent distributions within and outside of Malaysia, and, to this end, making intellectual property information available to the public. Approximately 50 people participated in this seminar, including members of Malaysian small- and medium-sized enterprises, universities, and the Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia.

○ WCO Pilot Diagnostic Study on IPR Border Measures

【Project Sponsor】 WCO, Ministry of Finance

【Implementation Period】 FY2005

【FY2005 Budget】 A portion of the contributions to the WCO (256 million yen)

【Project Description】

In response to a request from Malaysian customs, experts were dispatched to analyze the present state of and make proposals on IPR border measures and to create an action plan from the perspective of an expert. (As a result, there was an organizational reform of Malaysian customs, review of tariff laws, etc.)

5. Efforts for the Philippines

5.1 Government-oriented Efforts

○ Modernization of Industrial Property Administration

【Project Sponsor】 JICA

【Implementation Period】 FY1999-FY2003

【Cumulative Project Cost】 400 million yen

【Project Description】

JICA implemented a human resource development project to introduce an office processing system necessary for the modernization of the office processing work of the Intellectual Property Office (IPO) of the Philippines. This was done through the creation of a database and processing system necessary for enhancing the efficiency of patent processing work.

○ Modernization of Industrial Property Administration Follow-up

【Project Sponsor】 JICA

【Implementation Period】 FY2004-FY2006

【Cumulative Project Cost】 87 million yen

【Project Description】

JICA began conducting technical transfers pertaining to the structure of maintenance and management of the patent-related office processing system in November 2004 due to a failure of the system which occurred in October 2003. The technical transfers were completed in March 2007.

○ Follow-up Seminar

【Project Sponsor】 JIII

【Implementation Period】 FY2002, FY2004-FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the cooperation project for industrial property human resource development (384 million yen)

【FY2006 Project Description】

A seminar was held on October 4 and 5, 2006 in Manila under the theme of “Business of Creativity” for people who completed the developing country training. Approximately 300 people participated in the seminar.

○ National Seminar

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Japan Patent Office

【Implementation Period】 FY2006 (National seminars themselves have been implemented from FY2003 under different themes and in various countries.)

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the WIPO contributions (178 million yen)

【Project Description】 “The Role of Trademarks and Brands for Economic Development

and the Madrid Protocol”

This seminar was held to raise and spread awareness of the importance of trademarks, as well as to provide information and exchange opinions on the usefulness of the Madrid Protocol and the procedures for utilization, and, thereby, deepen understanding of these measures. Approximately 50 people participated in the seminar, including parties concerned from the Filipino Government and parties concerned with intellectual property.

○ Dispatch of Experts on Border Measures for Intellectual Property-Infringing Products

【Project Sponsor】 JICA, Ministry of Finance

【Implementation Period】 FY2003

【FY2003 Budget】 JICA budget (1 million yen)

【Project Description】

Experts were dispatched to the Bureau of Customs of the Philippines to conduct a general analysis of the current Filipino situation and extraction of problematical points concerning the implementation of the TRIPS Agreement, analysis and extraction of problematical points concerning border measures, study on the implementation of border measures in connection with the situation of intellectual property rights infringement and its impact, etc., and a study of the establishment of laws and regulations.

○ Training Course for Intellectual Property Rights Protection Techniques

【Project Sponsor】 Ministry of Finance

【Implementation Period】 FY2005-FY2007

【FY2005 Budget】 Ministry of Finance budget (1 million yen)

【Project Description】

The objectives of this project were to give Filipino customs officers instruction on basic knowledge and other matters, such as enforcement methods through the dispatch of Japanese customs officers, and to create a national climate suitable for effective enforcement.

6. Efforts for Vietnam

6.1 Government-oriented Efforts

○ Technical Cooperation Project (Modernization of Industrial Property Administration)

【Project Sponsor】 JICA

【Implementation Period】 FY2000-FY2003

【Cumulative Project Cost】 153 million yen

【Project Description】 Dispatch of experts and acceptance of trainees

This project provided the necessary equipment and facilities needed to enable the National Office of Intellectual Property of Vietnam (NOIP) to process industrial property-related administrative work efficiently. This project also developed human resources capable of maintaining and managing the computer system, as well as trained human resources to work with applications, formalities examinations, substantive examinations, registrations, official bulletins, and licenses.

○ Technical Cooperation Project (Utilization of Intellectual Property Information Project)

【Project Sponsor】 JICA

【Implementation Period】 FY2004-FY2008

【FY2005 Budget】 A portion of JICA's management grants (160.077 billion yen)

【Project Description】 Dispatch of experts and acceptance of trainees

This project developed NOIP staff with sufficient knowledge and skills to independently and continuously maintain and upgrade the computer system for the management and utilization of industrial property information. In February 2007, the Intellectual Property Digital Library (IPDL) (URL: <http://iplib.noip.gov.vn>) was launched, which JICA had been assisting with as part of efforts to create an information-providing system.

○ Follow-up Seminar

【Project Sponsor】 JIII

【Implementation Period】 FY2003-FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the cooperation project for industrial property human resource development (384 million yen)

【FY2006 Project Description】

A seminar was held on July 26 and 28, 2006 in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City under the theme of "Management of IP Assets in Enterprises" for people who completed the developing country training. Approximately 200 people participated in the seminar.

○ National Seminar

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Japan Patent Office

【Implementation Period】 FY2004 (National seminars themselves have been

implemented from FY2003 under different themes and in various countries.)

【FY2004 Budget】 A portion of the WIPO contributions (178 million yen)

【Project Description】 “Enforcement”

This seminar was held to develop effective infrastructures for the enforcement of intellectual property rights by strengthening the partnerships between NOIP and enforcement-related agencies and by raising and broadening the general public’s awareness of intellectual property. The aim was to enhance understanding for customs officers, police officers, and judicial officers by providing information on fundamental principles of intellectual property, as well as to share information on matters such as enforcement policies of intellectual property rights and their enforcement and procedures, including substantive approaches of industries. 50 people concerned with intellectual property participated in this seminar from Vietnam.

○ Dispatch of Copyright Experts

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Agency for Cultural Affairs

【Implementation Period】 FY2002 (The program that dispatches copyright experts itself has been implemented from FY1999 under different themes and in various countries.)

【FY2002 Budget】 A portion of APACE Program (42 million yen)

【Project Description】

Experts were dispatched to provide advice on developing a copyright system and collective management system in developing countries.

6.2 Private Sector-oriented Efforts

○ Support for Efforts of Private Intellectual Property-Related Groups

【Project Sponsor】 JETRO

【Implementation Period】 FY2003-FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the commissioning cost of the support project for facilitating trade and investment (748 million yen)

【Project Description】

Experts were dispatched with an aim to strengthen the functions of the Vietnam Intellectual Property Association (VIPA) and the Intellectual Property Association of Ho Chi Minh City (IPA-HCM) to enable them to independently engage in activities, such as training, seminars, PR activities, and consultation services.

○ Intellectual Property Rights Training

【Project Sponsor】 AOTS

【Implementation Period】 FY2004

【FY2004 Budget】 A portion of the cooperation and training project cost for trade and investment facilitation, etc. (185 million yen)

【Project Description】

An overseas training course was offered to Vietnamese private enterprises to promote the protection of intellectual property through lectures on various matters, such as knowledge of the overall intellectual property rights system with a focus on trademark and design, legal procedure practices, and Japan-Vietnam studies of infringement cases.

○ National Seminar for Promoting Copyright Awareness

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Agency for Cultural Affairs

【Implementation Period】 FY2004 (National seminars for promoting copyright awareness themselves have been implemented from FY2000 under different themes and in various countries.)

【FY2004 Budget】 A portion of APACE Program (49 million yen)

【Project Description】

The seminar was offered to people in developing countries for spreading awareness on copyrights in developing countries.

○ Workshop for Raising Awareness about Copyrights and for Creating and Using a Vietnamese Version of the “Asian Copyright Handbook”

【Project Sponsor】 ACCU, Agency for Cultural Affairs

【Implementation Period】 FY2004

【FY2004 Budget】 A portion of Development of Educational Material for Promoting Copyright Awareness in the Asia Region (19 million yen)

【Project Description】

To enhance public awareness of copyright protection, ACCU and the Agency for Cultural Affairs held a workshop to create a Vietnamese version of the copyright instructional material, “Asian Copyright Handbook,” and distributed the instructional material in Vietnam.

7. Efforts for Other Countries

7.1 Sri Lanka

○ Dispatch of Copyright Experts

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Agency for Cultural Affairs

【Implementation Period】 FY2004 (Dispatch of copyright experts itself has been implemented from FY1999 under different themes and in various countries.)

【FY2004 Budget】 A portion of APACE Program (49 million yen)

【Project Description】

Experts were dispatched to provide advice on developing a copyright system and collective management system in developing countries.

○ National Seminar

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO , Japan Patent Office

【Implementation Period】 FY2004 (National seminars themselves have been implemented from FY2003 under different themes and in various countries.)

【FY2004 Budget】 A portion of the WIPO contributions (178 million yen)

【Project Description】 “On raising and broadening the awareness of small- and medium-sized enterprises”

This seminar, whose main intent was to raise and broaden the awareness of small- and medium-sized enterprises in Sri Lanka, was held to highlight the ways of supporting small- and medium-sized enterprises through effective use of the intellectual property system, the importance of linking intellectual property to project plans, and the specific uses of industrial property rights. 63 people concerned with intellectual property participated in this seminar from Sri Lanka.

○ National Seminar for Promoting Copyright Awareness

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Agency for Cultural Affairs

【Implementation Period】 FY2003 (National seminars for promoting copyright awareness themselves have been implemented from FY2000 under different themes and in various countries.)

【FY2003 Budget】 A portion of APACE Program (47 million yen)

【Project Description】

The seminar was offered to people in developing countries for spreading awareness on copyrights in developing countries.

7.2 India

○ Follow-up Seminar

【Project Sponsor】 JIII

【Implementation Period】 FY2006 (Follow-up seminars themselves have been

implemented from FY2000 under different themes and in various countries.)

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the cooperation project for industrial property human resource development (384 million yen)

【FY2006 Project Description】

A seminar was held on September 5 and 7, 2006 in Chennai and Delhi under the theme of “IP Management in Corporations and Research Institutions” for people who completed the developing country training. Approximately 200 people participated in the seminar.

○ National Seminar

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Japan Patent Office

【 Implementation Period 】 FY2004 (National seminars themselves have been implemented from FY2003 under different themes and in various countries.)

【FY2004 Budget】 A portion of the WIPO contributions (178 million yen)

【Project Description】 “Enforcement”

This seminar was held to develop effective infrastructures for the enforcement of intellectual property rights by strengthening the partnerships between the Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trademarks and enforcement-related agencies and by raising and broadening the general public’s awareness of intellectual property. The aim was to enhance understanding for customs officers, police officers, and judicial officers by providing information on fundamental principles of intellectual property, as well as to share information on matters such as enforcement policies of intellectual property rights and their enforcement and procedures, including substantive approaches of industries. 50 people concerned with intellectual property participated in this seminar from India.

○ Training for Managing Intellectual Property Rights in India

【Project Sponsor】 AOTS

【Implementation Period】 FY2002- FY2004

【FY2004 Budget】 A portion of the support project of training for human resource development in the economic and industrial sectors (26.021 billion yen)

【Project Description】

A trainee acceptance course was offered to Indian private enterprises for enhancing their capability of managing intellectual property rights.

7.3 Mongolia

○ Dispatch of Copyright Experts

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Agency for Cultural Affairs

【Implementation Period】 FY2001- FY2002 (Dispatch of copyright experts itself has been implemented from FY1999 under different themes and in various countries.)

【FY2002 Budget】 A portion of APACE Program (42 million yen)

【Project Description】

Experts were dispatched to provide advice on developing a copyright system and collective management system in developing countries.

○ National Seminar for Promoting Copyright Awareness

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Agency for Cultural Affairs

【Implementation Period】 FY2001, FY2002, FY2005 (National seminars themselves have been implemented from FY2000 under different themes and in various countries.)

【FY2005 Budget】 A portion of APACE Program (52 million yen)

【Project Description】

The seminar was offered to people in developing countries for spreading awareness on copyrights in developing countries.

○ National Seminar

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Japan Patent Office

【 Implementation Period 】 FY2006 (National seminars themselves have been implemented from FY2003 under different themes and in various countries.)

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the WIPO contributions (178 million yen)

【Project Description】 “Enforcement”

This seminar was held to exchange opinions and to deepen mutual understanding in introducing the latest situation of countries with regard to the effects of counterfeiting and piracy of intellectual property on society and economy and the countries’ countermeasures, as well as the role of various entities, such as international organizations and government agencies. Approximately 50 members of Mongolian government agencies (e.g. customs officers, police, judges) and people concerned with intellectual property participated in the seminar.

- Workshop for Raising Awareness about Copyrights and for Creating and Using a Mongolian Version of the “Asian Copyright Handbook”

【Project Sponsor】 ACCU, Agency for Cultural Affairs

【Implementation Period】 FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of Development of Educational Material for Copyright Awareness Building in Asian Region (19 million yen)

【Project Description】

To enhance public awareness of copyright protection, ACCU and the Agency for Cultural Affairs held a workshop to create a Mongolian version of the copyright instructional material, “Asian Copyright Handbook,” and distributed the instructional material in Mongolia.

7.4 Fiji

- Dispatch of Copyright Experts

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Agency for Cultural Affairs

【Implementation Period】 FY2001 (Dispatch of copyright experts itself has been implemented from FY1999 under different themes and in various countries.)

【FY2001 Budget】 A portion of APACE Program (37 million yen)

【Project Description】

Experts were dispatched to provide advice on developing a copyright system and collective management system in developing countries.

- National Seminar for Promoting Copyright Awareness

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Agency for Cultural Affairs

【Implementation Period】 FY2001 (National seminars for promoting copyright awareness themselves have been implemented from FY2000 under different themes and in various countries.)

【FY2001 Budget】 A portion of APACE Program (37 million yen)

【Project Description】

The seminar was offered to people in developing countries for spreading awareness on copyrights in developing countries.

7.5 Nepal

- National Seminar for Promoting Copyright Awareness

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Agency for Cultural Affairs

【Implementation Period】 FY2002 (National seminars for promoting copyright

awareness themselves have been implemented from FY2000 under different themes and in various countries.)

【FY2002 Budget】 A portion of APACE Program (42 million yen)

【Project Description】

This seminar was offered to people in developing countries for spreading awareness on copyrights in developing countries.

○ National Seminar

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Japan Patent Office

【 Implementation Period 】 FY2005 (National seminars themselves have been implemented from FY2003 under different themes and in various countries.)

【FY2005 Budget】 A portion of the WIPO contributions (178 million yen)

【Project Description】 “Trademarks and the Madrid System”

This seminar was held to promote understanding of the role of trademarks in modern society and to deepen understanding of the regional situation with regard to trademark protection, and, thereby, share information on the operation of the Madrid System and on appropriate ways of utilizing the Madrid System for realizing economic and trademark benefits. Approximately 70 people concerned with intellectual property participated in this seminar from Nepal.

7.6 Laos

○ National Seminar

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO , Japan Patent Office

【 Implementation Period 】 FY2004 (National seminars themselves have been implemented from FY2003 under different themes and in various countries.)

【FY2004 Budget】 A portion of the WIPO contributions (178 million yen)

【Project Description】 “Promoting the Utilization of Industrial Property Rights System for Economic Development”

This seminar, whose main intent was to raise and broaden the awareness of the industrial property rights system in Laos, was held to provide the public with information on the procedure for acquiring industrial property rights and information on the national policy for promoting utilization of industrial property rights. 63 people concerned with intellectual property participated in this seminar from Laos.

7.7 Bhutan

○ National Seminar

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Japan Patent Office

【 Implementation Period 】 FY2004 (National seminars themselves have been implemented from FY2003 under different themes and in various countries)

【FY2004 Budget】 A portion of the WIPO contributions (178 million yen)

【Project Description】 “On raising and broadening the awareness of small- and medium-sized enterprises”

This seminar, whose main intent was to raise and broaden the awareness of small- and medium-sized enterprises in Bhutan, was held to highlight the ways for supporting small- and medium-sized enterprises through effective use of the intellectual property system, the importance of linking intellectual property to project plans, and the specific uses of industrial property rights. 50 people concerned with intellectual property participated in this seminar from Bhutan.

7.8 Myanmar

○ National Seminar for Promoting Copyright Awareness

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Agency for Cultural Affairs

【 Implementation Period 】 FY2005 (National seminars for promoting copyright awareness themselves have been implemented from FY2000 under different themes and in various countries)

【FY2005 Budget】 A portion of APACE Program (52 million yen)

【Project Description】

This seminar was offered to people in developing countries for spreading awareness of copyrights in developing countries.

○ Workshop for Raising Awareness about Copyrights and for Creating and Using a Myanmar Version of the “Asian Copyright Handbook”

【Project Sponsor】 ACCU, Agency for Cultural Affairs

【Implementation Period】 FY2005

【FY2005 Budget】 A portion of Development of Educational Material for Copyright Awareness Building in Asian Region (19 million yen)

【Project Description】

To enhance public awareness of copyright protection, ACCU and the Agency for Cultural Affairs held a workshop to create a Myanmar version of the copyright instructional material, “Asian Copyright Handbook,” and distributed the instructional material in Myanmar.

8. Efforts for Multiple Countries

○ Group Training (Seminar on Criminal Investigation III)

【Project Sponsor】 JICA, National Police Agency

【Implementation Period】 FY2004-FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of JICA's management grants (157.516 billion yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2005】

Albania, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Guatemala, Malawi, the Philippines, St. Vincent, Venezuela

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

Indonesia, Pakistan, Honduras, Brazil, Colombia, Turkey, Egypt

【Project Description】

With the participation of responsible officers leading investigations from the state police agency of each country, this seminar aimed to introduce various matters such as Japan's police organization, various investigation methods, and investigation equipment. This seminar also aimed to improve each country's criminal investigation method and build close cooperative relations based on mutual understanding through discussions of criminal investigation methods and related issues in line with the theme of the training, and, thereby, contribute to maintaining safety and developing society.

From FY2004, a new curriculum was established and senior investigation officers from each target country were given lectures on topics, such as the current situation of Japan's controls over intellectual property rights crimes and Japanese countermeasures, in order to deepen mutual understanding concerning controls over intellectual property rights crimes and to strengthen partnerships.

○ International Seminar on Civil and Commercial Law “Legal System and Law Enforcement Concerning Intellectual Property Rights”

【Project Sponsor】 JICA, Ministry of Justice

【Implementation Period】 FY2002-FY2003

【FY2003 Budget】 JICA 16 million yen and Ministry of Justice 8 million yen

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2003】

Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos

【Project Description】

A training course was held in FY2002 and again in FY2003 to conduct comparative studies on legal systems and law enforcement concerning intellectual property rights, as well as to provide information on the latest trends in Japan and other countries. These courses were held for officers of ministries, agencies and other bodies

who were in charge of legal systems for intellectual property rights and their enforcement in countries, including Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos, which were the targeted countries of Japan's assistance program for legal development.

- International Symposium on Civil and Commercial Law “Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in Asian Countries: Now and in the Future”

【Project Sponsor】 Ministry of Justice

【Implementation Period】 FY2002-FY2003

【FY2003 Budget】 3 million yen

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2003】

China, Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, Japan

【Project Description】

With the cooperation of organizations, including JETRO, an international symposium was held in FY2002 and again in FY2003 on the theme of the current situation and issues of intellectual property rights enforcement in Asian countries. This symposium was part of the international experts meeting held to discuss the current situation of the Japanese Government's assistance program for legal development and measures for dealing with the current situation. “Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in Asian countries,” which outlined the content of this symposium as well as the current situation of the legal systems for intellectual property and the enforcement in the above-listed targeted countries of the FY2003 project, was issued in June 2006 and distributed to relevant agencies.

- Group Training (International Intellectual Property Rights)

【Project Sponsor】 JICA, Kyoto Comparative Law Center

【Implementation Period】 FY2000-FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of JICA's management grants (157.516 billion yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2004】

China, Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, Cambodia, etc.

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2005】

Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, China, Costa Rica, Mexico, Panama, Chile, Peru, Ghana

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand, Laos, China, Tunisia, Ethiopia

【Project Description】 Approximately 90 days of training in Japan

- (1) Objective: Industrial advances through technical transfers from industrialized countries and expansion of technology and product exports in the countries' competitive industry are essential for economic growth of developing countries. In

this context, technology and trade promotion measures are high on the agenda of governments. Meanwhile, establishing and enhancing systems for the protection of intellectual property rights are today critical to the global promotion of trade in areas centered around high technology. Therefore, the establishment of legal systems and the development of experts who will play a leading role are strongly desired in order to avoid any unnecessary conflicts and friction surrounding technical transfers and to promote technical transfers in a smooth manner.

- (2) Goal: The aim of this training was to enable participants to acquire expertise for giving legal support on legal administration matters and technical transfer issues related to the intellectual property rights system, which was inextricably linked to the smooth promotion of high-tech transfers.
- (3) Course outline: This course provided experts who played a leading role in the policy dimension of technology trade (international trade related to technical transfers, etc.) promotion and were in a position to formulate policies on the intellectual property rights system with an overview of the principal laws concerning technical transfers and intellectual property rights (e.g. patents, trademarks, copyrights) and expertise in legal practices. The major items covered in the training course were:
 - A. The Japanese legal system and intellectual property rights
 - B. Trends in international treaties on intellectual property rights
 - C. Specific matters of Japanese intellectual property rights: Industrial Property Act, Copyright Act, Unfair Competition Prevention Act
 - D. Legal administration for technical transfers
 - E. Intellectual property rights case study
- (4) Number of participants: Approximately 10 people/year

○ ASEM Trade Facilitation Action Plan (TFAP)

【Project Sponsor】 Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry; Ministry of Finance; etc.

【Implementation Period】 FY2000-FY2004

【FY2004 Budget】 Projects are implemented according to the individual initiatives of ASEM member states. Japan currently does not have a particular budget measure in place.

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2004】

ASEM member states

【Project Description】

Since its establishment in April 1998, TFAP has held various forums to increase understanding for the parties concerned from Asian and European private and

public sectors on the importance of intellectual property protection. They are: “Seminar on Intellectual Property” (June 1999, France, and March 2000, Thailand), “Working Group on Geographical Indications” (October 2001, France), “Seminar on the Future of Intellectual Property in Asia” (May 2002, Vietnam), “Working Group on IPR Enforcement” (May 2002, Vietnam), and “Seminar on the Protection and Enforcement of Well-Known Marks” (February 2004, Singapore). In principle, the participants were the parties concerned from the private and public sectors of ASEM member states (ASEAN+3, EU, and European Commission). In recent years, interest in the field of intellectual property enforcement has been particularly high.

○ Group Training (Customs Administration)

【Project Sponsor】 JICA, Ministry of Finance

【Implementation Period】 FY2000-FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of JICA’s management grants (157.516 billion yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2004】

China, Cambodia, India, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, etc.

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2005】

China, the Philippines, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Pakistan, etc.

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

The Philippines, Cambodia, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Chile, Peru, etc.

【Project Description】 Approximately 75 days of training in Japan

(1) Objective: This training course introduced customs officers of developing countries to the Japanese tariff administration system and technology, and engaged them in comparative studies of the systems and technologies of Japan and countries participating in the training. This course was thus intended to contribute to the development of customs administration technology of participating countries, as well as deepen mutual understanding through exchanges between customs officers and contribute to the enhancement of cordial relations.

(2) Goal:

- To understand Japan’s customs administration and system/technology, as well as how they operate.
- To shed light on problematical points of participating countries’ systems and technologies, and to start ameliorating them through comparative studies of the customs administration and systems/technologies of Japan and countries participating in the training.

(3) Course outline:

A. Customs administration organization, structure, human resource management

- B. Matters related to customs policies
- C. Matters related to bond systems
- D. Matters related to export and import clearance
- E. Matters related to monitoring and examining
- F. Training systems
- G. Recognition of intellectual property rights and modes of enforcement
- H. Other special lectures, visits to the Customs Training Institute, visits to the Central Customs Laboratory, visits to bonded factories, etc.

(4) Number of participants: Approximately 15 people/year

○ Group Training (Copyright Systems Development)

【Project Sponsor】 JICA, Agency for Cultural Affairs

【Implementation Period】 FY1998-FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of JICA's management grants (157.516 billion yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

Bangladesh, China, Indonesia, Mexico, Myanmar, Panama

【Project Description】 Approximately 30 days of training in Japan

(1) Objective: This training course, for, among others, administrative officers engaged in copyright-related policymaking, parties concerned from copyright-related organizations, and professors, provided lectures and exercises on various topics, such as the objectives and significance of copyright systems, international trends including treaties, an overview of the Japanese copyright system, and the copyright management system, as well as provided practical training on matters such as the work of copyright management societies. This course thus endeavored to promote the development of copyright systems in the participating countries, the enhancement of copyright-related organizations and collective management systems, and the awareness-building of copyrights, etc.

(2) Goal:

- To understand the objectives and significance of copyright systems
- To understand the development of copyright legal systems
- To understand the significance of establishing collective management societies and operation methods
- To deepen awareness of the modality of copyright protection systems corresponding to digitalization and networks, which has been drawing a lot of international attention
- To understand international trends, such as the content and relevant matters of existing treaties and treaties under consideration

(3) Course outline:

- A. Overview and theory of copyrights
- B. Japanese copyright legal system
- C. Current situation of Japanese copyright management system (focusing on the activities of societies)
- D. International trends in copyright protection (focusing on relevant treaties)
- E. Issues associated with the development of technologies such as digitalization and networks and adjustment of copyright legislation, and activities of collective management systems

*For the lectures of this course, instructors were dispatched from the National Police Agency and Tokyo Customs.

(4) Number of participants: Approximately 7 people/year

○ Group Training (Advocating a Law-Oriented Infrastructure To Promote Foreign Direct Investment)

【Project Sponsor】 JICA

【Implementation Period】 FY1992-FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of JICA's management grants (157.516 billion yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

Indonesia, the Philippines, Cambodia, Vietnam, India, etc.

【Project Description】 Approximately 40 days of training in Japan

(1) Objective: This training course enabled participants to acquire knowledge of an overview of Japanese laws and systems for protecting direct investment, the Japanese legal administration, feasibility studies, etc., with an aim to contribute to the development and enhancement of legal systems which were necessary for developing countries to promote foreign direct investment.

(2) Goal:

- To understand the entire legal system concerning investment, and, at the same time, acquire knowledge of each specialized area
- To understand the current situation surrounding foreign direct investment by Japanese enterprises
- To understand the importance of the roles played by small- and medium-sized enterprises for foreign direct investment promotion and to acquire relevant know-how
- To understand the current situation and challenges of Japan's investment policy and its enforcement
- To consider foreign direct investment at the practical level from multiple

viewpoints and improve bargaining capability

- (3) Course outline:
- A. Comprehensive understanding of legal systems related to direct investment (Corporate Law, intellectual property rights, tax laws, labor laws)
 - B. Japan's policy for direct investment inducement
 - C. Examples of foreign direct investment of Japanese enterprises
 - D. Role of small- and medium-sized enterprises in inducing direct investment
 - E. Case studies concerning direct investment

(4) Number of participants: Approximately 15 people/year

○ “Plant Variety Protection (Plant Breeder's Rights)”

【Project Sponsor】 JICA, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

【Implementation Period】 FY2000-FY2004

【FY2004 Budget】 A portion of JICA's management grants (161.206 billion yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2004】

China, Thailand, Malaysia, the Philippines, Vietnam, Argentina, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Kenya, Mauritius

【Project Description】

(1) Objective: This training course, for those responsible for protecting new varieties of plants, enables participants to acquire knowledge and skills concerning various matters, such as an overview of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV Convention) and methods of examining new varieties of plants, and, thereby, developed and strengthened the plant variety protection (plant breeders' rights) system in developing countries.

(2) Goal:

- To understand the system for the protection of new varieties of plants under the UPOV Convention
- To learn about the methods of examining new varieties of plants
- To learn about the methods of creating standards for examining new varieties of plants

(3) Course outline: This course included lectures on topics such as the system for the protection of new varieties of plants under the UPOV Convention, and lectures and training on examining new varieties of plants and creating examination standards.

(4) Number of participants: Approximately 9 people/year

○ Group Training “Plant Variety Protection”

【Project Sponsor】 JICA, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

【Implementation Period】 FY2005, FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of JICA's management grants (157.516 billion yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

China, Malaysia, Thailand, Nepal, Brazil, Mexico, Senegal

【Project Description】

- (1) Objective: This training course, for those responsible for protecting new varieties of plants, enabled participants to acquire knowledge and skills concerning various matters, such as an overview of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV Convention) and methods of examining new varieties of plants, and, thereby, developed and strengthened the plant variety protection (plant breeders' rights) system in developing countries.
- (2) Goal:
 - To understand the system for the protection of new varieties of plants under the UPOV Convention
 - To learn about the methods of examining new varieties of plants
 - To learn about the methods of creating standards for examining new varieties of plants
- (3) Course outline: The course included lectures on topics such as the system for the protection of new varieties of plants under the UPOV Convention, and lectures and training on examining new varieties of plants and creating examination standards.
- (4) Number of participants: Approximately 9 people/year

○ Group Training (Intellectual Property for APEC Economies)

【Project Sponsor】 JICA

【Implementation Period】 FY2002- FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of JICA's management grants (157.516 billion yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

China, Indonesia, Mexico, Peru, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam

【Project Description】 Approximately 40 days of training in Japan

- (1) Objective: In recent years, countries in the APEC region have come to play a critical role in global economic development. Along with this trend, it is necessary to establish and enhance industrial property systems in developing countries and develop competent human resources who can operate such systems in order to promote technical transfers from developed countries and technological development in developing countries. This training course was thus designed to enhance the examination and office processing capability of industrial property agencies in the APEC region, and train human resources in order to enable the

effective operation of such systems.

- (2) Goal: To recognize that the industrial property system forms a systematic bedrock for promoting industrial development by protecting inventions, designs, and trademarks, and is essential for developing countries to develop industrial property systems on their own. Also, to understand specialized skills relating to examination practices and advanced knowledge relating to intellectual property rights, partnerships of industrial property agencies concerning harmonization of international systems, and the importance of information exchanges.
- (3) Course outline: This course offered specialized training to officers engaged in examinations (substantive examinations) relevant to industrial property (patents, utility models, designs, trademarks) to enhance officers' qualities. This course covered practical matters such as examination methods, as well as individual areas which have been adapted to changing times (e.g. advanced areas in examinations, search methods using IT technology, international intellectual property rights infringement). This training curriculum was composed of "common training" and group training, in which trainees were divided into four groups according to their area of expertise: patent, design, trademark, and administration.
- (4) Number of participants: Approximately 20 people/year

○ Training Course for Intellectual Property Rights Protection Techniques

【Project Sponsor】 CIPIC, Ministry of Finance

【Implementation Period】 FY2001-FY2005

【FY2005 Budget】 15 million yen

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2005】

China, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos

【Project Description】

CIPIC and the Ministry of Finance invited customs officers from China and developing countries which were members of ASEAN to Japan and implemented a trainee acceptance course to promote the implementation of the "Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement)," which stipulates international rules on the protection of intellectual property rights. This program was designed to contribute to the further facilitation of global trade by improving the countries' level of intellectual property rights protection.

○ Training Course for Intellectual Property Rights Protection Techniques

【Project Sponsor】 Ministry of Finance

【Implementation Period】 FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 Ministry of Finance budget (8 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos

【Project Description】

A trainee acceptance course was implemented for customs officers in charge of intellectual property control in member countries of ASEAN,. Topics included an overview of the systems protecting various rights implemented by the relevant ministries and agencies, including Japan's custom control system for intellectual property-infringing products, as well as private enterprises' anti-counterfeit efforts.

○ WIPO Asia-Pacific Regional Symposium on Copyright and Related Rights

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Agency for Cultural Affairs

【Implementation Period】 FY1993-FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of APACE Program (52 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

60 participants from Asia-Pacific countries, including China, Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam, Mongolia, and Fiji

【Project Description】

This symposium for the Asia-Pacific region has been hosted by participating countries on a rotating basis. In 2006, the symposium was held in Laos.

○ Special Training Course in Tokyo

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Agency for Cultural Affairs

【Implementation Period】 FY1994-FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of APACE Program (52 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

India, Pakistan, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam

【Project Description】

A training program which lasted approximately two weeks was held in Tokyo every year for experts in developing countries of the Asia-Pacific region. The program in 2006 was offered to customs officers. Nine people participated in the program.

○ Study Visit on Collective Management

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, JASRAC, CPRA, Agency for Cultural Affairs

【Implementation Period】 FY2000-FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of APACE Program (52 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

Indonesia, Mongolia

【Project Description】

A study visit was offered to members of governments and collective management societies of developing countries on the collective management system of copyrights.

○ WIPO-CISAC Regional Training Course on Collective Management of Copyright & Related Rights

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, CISAC, Agency for Cultural Affairs

【Implementation Period】 FY2004

【FY2004 Budget】 A portion of APACE Program (49 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2004】

Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Fiji, Indonesia, Iran, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam

【Project Description】

A basic training course was offered to members of collective management societies of developing countries, in cooperation with WIPO and the International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers (CISAC), on the collective management of copyright and related rights. In FY2004, the course was held in Malaysia. 14 people participated in the course. This was an APACE Program.

○ WIPO/CISAC Regional Colloquium for the Judiciary on Copyright and Related Rights

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, CISAC, Agency for Cultural Affairs

【Implementation Period】 FY2005

【FY2005 Budget】 A portion of APACE Program (52 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2005】

Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam

【Project Description】

Information was provided and discussions were held on the collective management of copyrights and related rights in cooperation with WIPO and CISAC, targeting the judiciary of developing countries. In FY2005, the colloquium was held in Singapore. 12 people participated in the colloquium.

○ Sub-Regional Roundtable on the Copyright-Based Business

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Agency for Cultural Affairs

【Implementation Period】 FY2004-FY2005

【FY2005 Budget】 A portion of APACE Program (52 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2005】

6 countries, including Bhutan, India, Nepal, and Pakistan

【Project Description】

Discussions were held on the use and management of copyrights to support the business activities of the publishing industry, targeting senior officers who were affiliated with publishing industry promotion in South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) countries. In FY2005, the roundtable was held in Sri Lanka. 5 people participated in the roundtable.

○ Subregional Roundtable on Collective Management

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Agency for Cultural Affairs

【Implementation Period】 FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of APACE Program (52 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

8 countries, including Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, and Pakistan

【Project Description】

Discussions targeting countries without collective management societies and/or countries in which collective management societies have not been developed were held on how governments could support the establishment of collective management societies. In FY2006, the roundtable was held in Bhutan. 8 people participated in the roundtable.

○ Asia-Pacific: Copyright and Neighboring Rights Seminar (Tokyo Seminar)

【Project Sponsor】 Agency for Cultural Affairs, Copyright Research and Information Center (CRIC)

【Implementation Period】 FY2000-FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 6 million yen

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

ASEAN, China, South Korea, Mongolia

【Project Description】

This international seminar invited copyright experts of Asia-Pacific countries, etc. and was held once a year to exchange information and opinions on various matters, such as trends of the copyright legal system in each country and the modality of the partnerships and cooperation between countries.

○ Comprehensive Assistance Program for the Asian Region on Plant Variety Protection System

【Project Sponsor】 International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)

【Implementation Period】 FY2001-FY2005

【FY2005 Budget】 14 million yen

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2005】

China, South Korea, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, Vietnam, India, Sri Lanka, Laos, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Myanmar, Nepal, Mongolia, Pakistan

【Project Description】

The UPOV carried out various programs to promote the development of systems for the protection of plant varieties in the Asian region. These programs included an Asian regional seminar, which provided explanations, training, etc. on the system with a focus on Southeast Asian countries, as well as a national seminar, which provided guidance, etc. for each country on creating such systems.

○ Program for Promoting the Development of Plant Variety Protection Systems in the Asian Region

【Project Sponsor】 UPOV

【Implementation Period】 FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 15 million yen

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

China, South Korea, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, Vietnam, India, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Myanmar, Nepal

【Project Description】

The UPOV carried out various programs to promote the development of systems for the protection of plant varieties in the Asian region. These programs included an Asian regional meeting, which held technical discussions, training courses, etc. tailored to East Asian countries on the examination of new varieties of plants, as well as a national seminar, which provided guidance, etc. for each country on creating such systems.

○ Intellectual Property Rights Protection Cooperation and Capacity-Building Assistance Program Through the APEC Trade and Investment Liberalization and Facilitation (TILF) Fund

【Project Sponsor】 APEC member countries and regions (Japan, South Korea, China, Vietnam)

【Implementation Period】 FY2002-FY2004

【FY2004 Budget】 USD 350,000

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2004】

APEC member countries and regions (e.g. Japan, South Korea, China, Vietnam)

【Project Description】

In the 1994 APEC Economic Leaders' Declaration of Common Resolve (Bogor Declaration), APEC made a commitment to complete the achievement of its goal of free and open trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific region no later than the year 2020. To fulfill this commitment, and, in particular, to support developing countries financially, Japan has been providing financial contributions to the APEC Secretariat since 1997 to be allotted to cooperation programs which contribute to the liberalization and facilitation of trade and investment.

APEC also carried out various capacity-building assistance programs related to intellectual property rights protection. Programs were approved through fora such as the Meeting of Intellectual Property Rights Experts' Group, one of APEC's sub-forums. Four programs have been implemented, including a short-term training course on enforcement, a seminar on patent protection in the pharmaceutical sector, and cooperation for introducing IT to patent-related offices (Total program budget: Approximately USD 520,000 [of which USD 350,000 were contributions]). Program sponsors varied for each program. The countries and regions listed above implemented the programs.

○ Industrial Property Training

【Project Sponsor】 AOTS

【Implementation Period】 FY2000-FY2002

【FY2002 Budget】 A portion of the cooperation and training project cost for trade and investment facilitation, etc. (169 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2002】

China, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Vietnam, etc.

【Project Description】

Trainee acceptance courses classified by type of trainee (1. Enterprise managers 2. Practitioners 3. Experts on intellectual property rights laws, including patent attorneys and lawyers) were offered on various matters such as industrial property systems, patent management, responses to rights infringement, mechanism of structure and methods of intellectual property rights protection, and patent management systems.

○ WIPO Training (Enforcement Course)

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Japan Patent Office, JIII

【Implementation Period】 FY2002-FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the WIPO contributions (178 million yen)

A portion of the cooperation project for industrial property human resource development (384 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Sri Lanka

【Project Description】

A trainee acceptance course was implemented which was designed to deepen understanding of various matters such as the international framework for the protection of intellectual property rights, basic knowledge concerning intellectual property rights, responses to intellectual property rights infringement, Japanese measures for addressing infringement, adverse effects of infringement, and the importance of intellectual property protection. This course was intended to increase practical knowledge of intellectual property for, among others, judges, police officers, and customs officers of developing countries.

○ WIPO Training (Informatization Course)

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Japan Patent Office, JIII

【Implementation Period】 FY2002-FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the WIPO contributions (178 million yen)

A portion of the cooperation project for industrial property human resource development (384 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2005】

Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam

【Project Description】

A trainee acceptance course was implemented which was designed to deepen understanding of matters (viewpoints) necessary for promoting automation, ranging from basic to specialized matters concerning automation, based primarily on the experience of Japan. This course was intended to increase the practical expertise of the parties in charge of informatization and automation in developing countries.

○ WIPO Training (Examination Course)

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Japan Patent Office, JIII

【Implementation Period】 FY2002-FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the WIPO contributions (178 million yen)

A portion of the cooperation project for industrial property human resource development (384 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam

【Project Description】

A trainee acceptance course was implemented which was designed to deepen understanding of various matters such as the international framework for the protection of intellectual property rights, relevant laws and regulations, specialized technical knowledge of examination practices, advanced technical knowledge, partnerships of intellectual property offices toward the harmonization of international systems, and the importance of information exchanges. This course was intended to increase the expertise of the examination officers of developing countries for the realization of prompt and precise examinations.

○ WIPO Training (Administration Course)

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Japan Patent Office, JIII

【Implementation Period】 FY2002-FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the WIPO contributions (178 million yen)

A portion of the cooperation project for industrial property human resource development (384 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam

【Project Description】

A trainee acceptance course was implemented which was designed to deepen understanding of various matters such as the importance of intellectual property rights protection, intellectual property systems, improving the systems' operation, and raising and broadening people's awareness of the intellectual property system. This course was intended to increase the expertise of government officials of least developed countries (LDC) for the administration of intellectual property rights.

○ WIPO Training (Course on Specific Technologies)

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Japan Patent Office, JIII

【Implementation Period】 FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the WIPO contributions (178 million yen)

A portion of cooperation project for the industrial property human resource development (384 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Pakistan

【Project Description】

A trainee acceptance course was offered to patent examination officers of developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region with examination experience, which was designed to explain matters such as technology trends in specific areas of technology and points to keep in mind with regard to examination practices specific to the aforementioned areas of technology. This course was intended to increase the expertise necessary for promptly and competently carrying out the substantive examination of the aforementioned areas of technology.

○ JPO/IPR Training (Course for Enterprise Managers)

【Project Sponsor】 Japan Patent Office

【Implementation Period】 FY2000-FY2004

【FY2004 Budget】 A portion of the cooperation project for developing basic infrastructure of private sectors for intellectual property rights (69 million yen)

A portion of the cooperation project for industrial property human resource development (410 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2004】

China, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Vietnam

【Project Description】

A trainee acceptance course was implemented for enterprise managers, etc. to deepen their understanding of the importance of intellectual property rights, and to increase the capacity of enterprises with regard to the methods of using intellectual property through, among other activities, lectures and discussions on intellectual property rights management and strategy of enterprises.

○ JPO/IPR Training (Course for Lawyers)

【Project Sponsor】 JIII

【Implementation Period】 FY2002-FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the cooperation project for developing basic infrastructure of private sectors for intellectual property rights (69 million yen)

A portion of the cooperation project of industrial property human resource development (384 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam

【Project Description】

A trainee acceptance course was implemented to deepen understanding of intellectual property rights and increase the expertise of participants that was relevant to lawyers through addressing various matters such as comparisons of the legal systems of various countries, methods of determining patent infringement (interpretation of technological scope of patented invention), and examples of lawsuits concerning intellectual property rights infringement.

○ JPO/IPR Training (Course for IP Trainers)

【Project Sponsor】 JIII

【Implementation Period】 FY2002-FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the cooperation project for developing basic infrastructure of private sectors for intellectual property rights (69 million yen)

A portion of the cooperation project for industrial property human resource development (384 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam

【Project Description】

A trainee acceptance course was implemented to deepen the knowledge necessary to raise and broaden the awareness of intellectual property rights and enhance the understanding of the methods of raising and broadening awareness, as well as to learn about efficient and effective methods of raising and broadening awareness through participant presentations of the activities for promoting wider use of intellectual property rights and through exchanges of opinions.

○ JPO/IPR Training (Course for Practitioners)

【Project Sponsor】 JIII

【Implementation Period】 FY2002-FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the intellectual property rights private sector basic infrastructure development cooperation project (69 million yen)

A portion of cooperation project for the industrial property human

resource development (384 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam

【Project Description】

A trainee acceptance course was implemented to deepen the overall understanding and to increase the expertise related to the practice of intellectual property rights through, among other activities, lectures and discussions of various matters such as international treaties, intellectual property rights laws, practice of patent applications, and practice of trademark applications.

○ JPO/IPR Training (Course for Japanese Practitioners)

【Project Sponsor】 JIII

【Implementation Period】 FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the cooperation project for developing basic infrastructure of private sectors for intellectual property rights (69 million yen)

A portion of the cooperation project for industrial property human resource development (384 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam

【Project Description】

A trainee acceptance course was implemented to deepen the overall understanding and to increase the expertise related to the practice of intellectual property rights through, among other activities, lectures and discussions of various matters such as international treaties, intellectual property rights laws, practice of patent applications, and practice of trademark applications.

○ JPO/IPR Training (Course Specializing in Patents)

【Project Sponsor】 JIII

【Implementation Period】 FY2002-FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the cooperation project for developing basic infrastructure of private sectors for intellectual property rights (69 million yen)

A portion of the cooperation project for industrial property human resource development (384 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam

【Project Description】

A trainee acceptance course was implemented to deepen understanding and increase expertise, especially in the field of patents, through lectures and discussions on various matters, including an overview of the patent system, creating specifications and figures, responding to office action, making corrections, determining patentability, advanced technologies and patents, and uses of patent information.

○ APIC Training (Management Training Course)

【Project Sponsor】 Japan Institute of Invention and Innovation (JIII)

【Implementation Period】 FY2004

【FY2004 Budget】 A portion of 501 million yen

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2004】

China, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, India, Mexico

【Project Description】

A trainee acceptance course was implemented for enterprise managers, etc. to deepen their understanding of the importance of intellectual property rights, and to increase the capacity of enterprises with regard to the methods of using intellectual property through, among other activities, lectures and discussions on intellectual property rights management and strategy of enterprises.

○ Acceptance of Long-term Fellows of Intellectual Property Rights (Intellectual Property Rights Fellowship) (Asia-Pacific Region)

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Japan Patent Office

【Implementation Period】 FY2002- FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of cooperation project for the industrial property human resource development (384 million yen)

A portion of the WIPO contributions (178 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

China, India, Malaysia, the Philippines

【Project Description】

This fellowship invited people who were in positions of leadership in the field of intellectual property, such as senior officers or officer candidates of intellectual property offices, as well as university instructors of developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region, and trained human resources who would be leading authorities in intellectual property rights of their respective countries, by providing opportunities for independent research and OJT and university research. Fellows had researched intellectual property rights for a period of six months while receiving support from advisors (e.g. patent

attorneys, university professors) for attaining their research objectives. In addition to this, fellows had also been receiving guidance from university professors at research centers of graduate schools as visiting fellows since FY2003.

○ Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Japan Patent Office

【Implementation Period】 FY2004

【FY2004 Budget】 A portion of the WIPO contributions (178 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2004】

Japan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, South Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, the Philippines (Approximately 60 attendees from 18 Asia-Pacific countries)

【Project Description】 “Information Technology (IT) and Computerization of Intellectual Property (IP) Offices”

This workshop was held with an aim to support IP offices in promoting wider dissemination of IP information using computers, such as through the establishment of a system for promptly and precisely protecting intellectual property rights, the streamlining of procedures, the use of IT, the simplification of IP administration through the modernization of offices, the Internet, and through WIPO net.

○ Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Japan Patent Office

【Implementation Period】 FY2004

【FY2004 Budget】 A portion of the WIPO contributions (178 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2004】

Japan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, the Maldives, Nepal, the Philippines, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Singapore (Approximately 60 attendees from 16 Asia-Pacific countries)

【Project Description】 “The Economic Importance of Trademarks and the Madrid System”

This workshop was held under the theme and objective of “the economic importance of trademarks and the Madrid System” to promote the international system for IP protection and broaden membership in the Madrid System.

○ Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Japan Patent Office

【Implementation Period】 FY2004

【FY2004 Budget】 A portion of the WIPO contributions (178 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2004】

Japan, the Philippines, Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, Bhutan, Brunei, Fiji, Myanmar, Nepal, Tonga, Samoa (Approximately 100 attendees from 23 Asia-Pacific countries)

【Project Description】 “Intellectual Property (IP) for Managers and Staff of Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) and SME Support Institutions”

This workshop was held with an aim to disseminate IP information for creating a mechanism to support SMEs and venture businesses, and to promote technical transfers through the distribution of patents both domestically and abroad, with a view to promoting the use of the IP system.

○ Asia-Pacific Regional Symposium

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Japan Patent Office

【Implementation Period】 FY2004

【FY2004 Budget】 A portion of the WIPO contributions (178 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2004】

Japan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, South Korea, Thailand, Singapore, Vietnam (Approximately 50 attendees from 22 Asia-Pacific countries)

【Project Description】 “The Development and Use of Intellectual Property Systems”

This symposium was held under the theme of the development and use of intellectual property systems. Specifically, the objective of this symposium was to address the importance of intellectual property to both the public and private sectors; to partnerships between government agencies and the private sector; and to partnerships of government agencies, universities, and the private sector.

○ Asia-Pacific Regional Symposium

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Japan Patent Office

【Implementation Period】 FY2005

【FY2005 Budget】 A portion of the WIPO contributions (178 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2005】

Japan, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Laos, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, South Korea, Samoa, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, Vietnam (Approximately

100 attendees from 25 Asia-Pacific countries)

【Project Description】 “Enforcement”

The objectives of this symposium were to develop effective infrastructures for the enforcement of intellectual property rights through strengthening the partnerships between intellectual property rights offices and enforcement-related agencies and raising and broadening the general public’s awareness of intellectual property; to enhance the understanding of customs officers, police officers, and judicial officers by providing information on fundamental principles of intellectual property; and to share information on matters such as enforcement policies of intellectual property rights and their enforcement and procedures, including substantive approaches of industries.

○ International Forum

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Japan Patent Office

【Implementation Period】 FY2005

【FY2005 Budget】 A portion of the WIPO contributions (178 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2005】

Japan, China, South Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, India, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Mongolia, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Fiji, Iran, Laos, the Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga, Afghanistan, the United States, EPO, Cameroon, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Brazil, Chile, Jamaica (Approximately 200 attendees from 40 countries in the Asia-Pacific and other regions)

【Project Description】 “Intellectual Property Policy”

This forum was held as a way to mitigate the division of opinion between developing and developed countries over protection of intellectual property. The objectives were to introduce and discuss the efforts of each country to protect intellectual property and establish a shared value on “an intellectual property system that contributes to economic development.”

○ Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Japan Patent Office

【Implementation Period】 FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the WIPO contributions (178 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

Japan, Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Fiji, Indonesia, Iran, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, South Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, India (Approximately 80 attendees from 20 Asia-Pacific countries)

【Project Description】 “Judicial Colloquium on the Protection of Intellectual Property

Rights”

This workshop was held to provide an opportunity for the judiciary of participating countries to share information and exchange opinions on the circumstances of each country and on recent international efforts, such as the role of intellectual property in economic development and the role of judiciaries for the effective protection of intellectual property rights.

○ ASEAN Workshop

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Japan Patent Office

【Implementation Period】 FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the WIPO contributions (178 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

Japan, Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia (Approximately 25 attendees from 9 ASEAN countries)

【Project Description】 “Automation of Intellectual Property Offices (IPO) and the Development of Intellectual Property Databases”

This workshop was held to provide participating countries an opportunity to share the experience of ASEAN countries which were at the same stage of technological development with respect to the automation process, and to deepen mutual understanding on the modality of future automation through lectures, exchange of opinions, etc. on the automation efforts of intellectual property offices, including the creation of databases.

○ Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Japan Patent Office

【Implementation Period】 FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the WIPO contributions (178 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

Japan, Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippines, South Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Sri Lanka (Approximately 50 attendees from 14 Asia-Pacific countries)

【Project Description】 “The Role of Intellectual Property in the Effective Functioning of Technological Management Institutions”

This workshop was held to promote the efficient and effective management of intellectual property through exchanges of information, exchanges of opinions, etc. on various matters, such as the integration of intellectual property asset management and technology management, as well as technology management by research institutions.

○ Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Japan Patent Office

【Implementation Period】 FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the WIPO contributions (178 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

Japan, Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam (Approximately 40 attendees from 16 Asia-Pacific countries)

【Project Description】 “Creation of Patent Application Documents”

This workshop was offered in the form of a training course for, among others, engineers of universities and research institutions of developing countries, patent attorneys of patent offices. The objectives of this workshop were for participants to acquire the skills needed for creating patent application documents and to promote the accuracy and facilitation of procedures for acquiring patents in developing countries.

○ Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Japan Patent Office

【Implementation Period】 FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the WIPO contributions (178 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

Japan, China, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, South Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam (Approximately 150 attendees from 17 Asia-Pacific countries)

【Project Description】 “Operationalization of the Madrid System in Developing Countries”

This workshop was held to provide information on and raise and broaden awareness of the Madrid System and its effective uses and to promote the participation of developing countries in the Madrid System.

○ Inter-Regional Workshop

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Japan Patent Office

【Implementation Period】 FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the WIPO contributions (178 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

Japan, Afghanistan, Bhutan, Brazil, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Fiji, Iran, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Malaysia, the Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Peru,

the Philippines, South Korea, Samoa, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam (Approximately 70 attendees from 26 countries in the Asia-Pacific and other regions)

【Project Description】 “Intellectual Property (IP) and Public Awareness”

This workshop was held to recommend efforts to members of participating governments for raising and broadening awareness of intellectual property through exchanges of information and opinions on various items, such as each country’s efforts to raise and broaden the general public’s awareness of intellectual property and their experiences. This workshop invited government officials from countries including South Africa, Brazil, and Peru, in addition to the Asia-Pacific countries to which the workshop was usually offered.

○ Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop

【Project Sponsor】 WIPO, Japan Patent Office

【Implementation Period】 FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the WIPO contributions (178 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

Japan, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam (Approximately 60 attendees from 15 Asia-Pacific countries)

【Project Description】 “Automation of Intellectual Property Offices (IPO) and the Development of Intellectual Property Databases”

This workshop was held to share the Asia-Pacific region’s experience with the automation process, to provide lectures on automation efforts, including the creation of databases of intellectual property offices, and to exchange opinions and share information among participating countries.

○ Licensee Development Training

【Project Sponsor】 AOTS

【Implementation Period】 FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the cooperation and training project cost for trade and investment facilitation, etc. (166 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam

【Project Description】

Lectures were given on various topics, such as joint production and investment which focused on films and TV programming for ASEAN countries. This program was intended to strengthen partnerships with contents industries of Asian countries.

Furthermore, a training course was given for the implementation of fair contract businesses with local licensees.

○ Industrial Property Training

【Project Sponsor】 AOTS

【Implementation Period】 FY2004

【FY2004 Budget】 A portion of the support project of training for human resource development in the economic and industrial sectors (6.021 billion yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2004】

Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Mongolia, Laos, Vietnam

【Project Description】

A trainee acceptance course was offered to private enterprises in Asian countries for enhancing their capacity to use intellectual property rights.

○ Global Congress on Combating Counterfeiting-WCO Regional Forum on the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights

【Project Sponsor】 WCO, Ministry of Finance

【Implementation Period】 FY2004

【FY2004 Budget】 A portion of the contributions to WCO (230 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2004】

Asia-Pacific region

【Project Description】

A conference was held in China to discuss various matters, including anti-counterfeit measures, partnerships between public entities and the private sector and strategies for coping with counterfeit trade, as well as the functions and challenges of the enforcement of intellectual property rights. Over 200 people participated in this conference, including representatives of international organizations and customs authorities of countries of the Asia-Pacific region, as well as representatives of private enterprises.

○ WCO Regional Seminar on Intellectual Property Enforcement

【Project Sponsor】 WCO, Ministry of Finance

【Implementation Period】 FY2006

【FY2006 Budget】 A portion of the contributions to WCO (236 million yen)

【Targeted countries and regions in FY2006】

Afghanistan, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Fiji, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Laos,

Macao, Malaysia, the Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Samoa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga

【Project Description】

A regional seminar of the World Customs Organization (WCO) for intellectual property enforcement officers from customs authorities of Asia-Pacific countries was held in Japan. Lectures were given on various topics, such as the efforts of private enterprises, including the intellectual property strategy of the WCO, as well as Japan's customs enforcement system.