

**TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES:  
INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS**

JAPAN

Addendum

The following communication, dated 30 August 2004, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Japan.

**I. TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIAL  
PROPERTY RIGHTS**

**1. Voluntary contributions for WIPO Funds-in-Trust/Japan**

Since 1987, the Government of Japan (GOJ) has been providing voluntary contributions in the field of industrial property to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). The "WIPO Funds-in-Trust/Japan" (FIT/JP) in the field of industrial property was established with these voluntary funds and is used annually to finance various projects for WIPO member States in the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), such as the holding of IP office conferences or symposia, acceptance of trainees and IPR research students, dispatch of Japan Patent Office (JPO) officials and support for the automation and modernization of IP offices. The voluntary fund for Japanese fiscal year (FY) 2004 amounts to ¥178.21 million.

**2. Human Resources Development**

(a) Training Programme

In order to support developing countries obligated to implement the TRIPS Agreement, Japan has been receiving trainees. Between April 1996 and March 2004, Japan received 1,854 trainees in both the public and private sectors from primarily 42 countries and one economy in the Asia-Pacific region. In the future, with the goal of the efficient implementation of laws in mind, Japan is scheduled to proceed with human resource development activities emphasizing the area of enforcement of intellectual property rights.

(i) Training programmes for government officials

The JPO has been holding group training courses about industrial property rights for government officials. In FY 2003, the following six group training courses were held:

*For APEC member economies*

- "Group Training Course in Intellectual Property for APEC Economies" is a one-month course for administrative officials working in areas related to IPR and examiners of IPR. Trainees are divided into three groups according to their specialities: administration, patents, and trademarks.
- "Training Course in Intellectual Property for Thai Judges" is a three-week course for judges engaged mainly in intellectual property civil suits in Thailand.

These training courses are implemented by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in cooperation with the JPO and the Asia-Pacific Industrial Property Center (APIC) of the Japan Institute of Invention and Innovation (JIII).

*For the ESCAP region*

- "Training Course on the Enforcement of IPR under WIPO Funds-in-Trust/Japan" is a two-week course for senior officials engaged in the enforcement of IPR in enforcement-related government agencies.
- "Training Course on the Use of Information Technology in IP Administration under WIPO Funds-in-Trust/Japan" is a two-week course for senior officials of IP offices responsible for information technology matters.
- "Training Course on the Examination Practices of Industrial Property under WIPO Funds-in-Trust/Japan" is a three-week course for examiners in the field of IPR. Trainees are divided into three groups according to their specialities: patents, industrial designs, and trademarks.
- "Training Course on Industrial Property Administration under WIPO Funds-in-Trust/Japan" is a two-week course for senior officials in IP offices in charge of general administration and policy planning.

These four training courses are managed by the JPO and organized by WIPO in cooperation with the APIC of JIII.

(ii) Training programmes for the private sectors

The JPO has also been holding the following group training courses on industrial property rights for trainees from the private sectors:

*For APEC member economies*

- "Industrial Property Rights Training Course for Executives"  
Trainees of this two-week course include executives of private sectors, IP managers and IP advisers.
- "Industrial Property Rights Training Course for Advanced IP Practitioners"  
Trainees of this three-week course are IP practitioners in private sectors, research institutes, patent attorneys and/or IP lawyers, and executive officers with leading roles in IP promotional organizations.

- "Industrial Property Rights Training Course for Lawyers"  
Trainees of this three-week course include patent attorneys and/or IP lawyers, and law school professors.
- "Industrial Property Rights Training Course for Trainers"  
Trainees of this three-week course are university professors and those engaged in the promotion of the IPR system in non-governmental organizations through lectures.
- "Industrial Property Rights Training Course for Patent Experts"  
Trainees of this three-week course include patent practitioners in private sectors or institutes, patent attorneys and/or IP lawyers, and executive officers with leading roles in IP promotional organizations.
- "Industrial Property Rights Training Course for Chinese Executives"  
Trainees of this two-week course are executives of private sectors, IP managers, and IP advisers in China.

*For non-APEC economies*

- "Training Programme on Industrial Property Management"  
The trainees include individuals in middle and senior management positions or their equivalent in private sectors, law firms, research institutes and educational organizations. The course is for two weeks.

These training courses are conducted by the APIC of JIII with the assistance of the Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship (AOTS).

(b) Long-term fellowship

Under the long-term fellowship project funded by WIPO FIT/JP in FY 2003, two trainees, one from Bangladesh and one from Indonesia, were invited to Japan to study intellectual property issues for a period of six months. In FY 2003, the JPO accepted one long-term trainee from China for about six months under an independent project.

(c) Seminar on Intellectual Property Rights for Alumni Association Members

The JPO suggests to the trainees that an alumni association be established to help disseminate information on IP systems in their home countries and to keep the members of the association informed of current IP developments. The JPO will conduct a follow-up seminar in various Asian countries for those who have completed a training programme in order to sustain the fruits of the training programmes and contribute to human resources development.

When the JPO receives a request from an alumni association to assist them in conducting an IP seminar, we provide them with the following types of assistance: financial assistance to meet the cost of holding the seminar, and the dispatching of Japanese speakers to the event.

In FY 2003, Alumni Association Seminars were held in Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, and Viet Nam.

## (d) Seminar on Intellectual Property Rights for IP-Enforcement Staff Members

The JPO has been holding enforcement seminars as a training programme for developing countries. The enforcement seminar in China was aimed at developing human resources engaged in IPR enforcement and supporting relevant enlightenment and dissemination of IPR systems in China. The seminar programme included basic lectures on IPRs, the importance of protecting IPRs, and information exchange.

In FY 2003, the seminar was held in China in March 2003.

## (e) Expert missions

Experts and seminar instructors specializing in various areas of IPRs are dispatched by the JPO through WIPO FIT/JP and JICA mainly for periods of about two weeks. The dispatched experts mainly provide on-site instruction regarding examination practices, computerization and so forth.

JICA also dispatches JPO officials as long-term experts in order to engage in JICA technical cooperation projects being implemented in the IP office of the respective recipient countries and as individual experts on industrial property right administration.

In FY 2003, three experts were dispatched under the WIPO scheme and 6 under the JICA scheme (long-term: five persons /short-term: one person).

## (f) Symposia

Major symposia, etc., in FY 2003 funded by the WIPO FIT/JP are as shown below:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Venue/Date</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Participants</b>
WIPO Asia and the Pacific Regional Training Course	Republic of Korea September 2003	The support of Teaching/Training for Intellectual Property Trainers and Instructors	29 participants from 22 Asia and the Pacific region and local participants
WIPO Asian Sub-Regional Workshop	Indonesia October 2003	The Benefits of Madrid and Hague Systems for Developing Countries	22 participants from 11 Asia and the Pacific countries and local participants
WIPO Asia and the Pacific Regional Symposium	India November 2003	The Protection of the Geographical Indications	34 participants from 20 Asia and the Pacific countries and local participants
WIPO Asia and the Pacific Regional Workshop	Thailand March 2004	The Economic Benefits of Protection of Trademarks, including Brand Names ,and the Role of International Protection Systems	38 participants from 22 Asia and the Pacific countries and local participants
WIPO National Workshop	Viet Nam July 2004	The Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs)	36 participants from 21 Asia and the Pacific countries and local participants.

### **3. Computerization and Information Processing**

(a) Modernization of Industrial Property Administration Project in the Philippines

The JPO carried out technology transfer and human resource development for modernization of industrial property right administrative procedures of the IP Office of the Philippines from May 1999 to May 2003, through establishing the database, the system applicable to the old law, PCT and patent administrative procedure.

(b) Modernization of Industrial Property Administration Project in Viet Nam

The JPO carried out the "Modernization of Industrial Property Administration Project in Viet Nam", a four-year project for the modernization of administrative procedure at the National Office of Intellectual Property of Viet Nam from April 2000 to June 2004. This project was aimed at developing human resources through the automation of administrative work.

(c) Industrial Property Rights Information Center (IPIC) Project in Thailand

The JPO cooperation with JICA helped to establish the Industrial Property Information Center (IPIC) in the Department of Intellectual Property of Thailand in 1995. The JPO helped establish an industrial property right automation system and provided assistance, until June 2000, to provide and promote industrial property right information to users.

(d) Support for Utilisation of Information Technology through JICA Development Studies in Malaysia

The JPO also carries out development studies in cooperation with JICA, such as that regarding construction of an industrial design system for the Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia.

(e) Provision of the "Patent Abstracts of Japan (PAJ)" on CD-ROM

Since 1995, the JPO has been providing about 85 national offices and other organizations all over the world with the PAJ, which is a collection of abstracts of Japanese patent applications translated into English, on CD-ROM.

(f) Project to Publish (in English and Japanese) the Industrial Property Laws and Regulations in Effect in Various Countries.

In order to assist IP offices in developing countries in which domestic laws on intellectual property rights are being established, the JPO has been engaged in the "Project to Assist in Gathering Information Related to Overseas Industrial Property Right Systems". Under this programme, laws and regulations related to the industrial property rights of major developed and developing countries are translated into English, if necessary, and from 1997 to 2003, they were published as CD-ROMs equipped with searchable indexes.

As of 2004, the JPO has posted the laws and regulations of various countries and regions on the website of the JPO.

#### 4. Assistance in Search and Examination

##### WIPO/State-of-the-Art-Searches for Developing Countries

The JPO provides search reports for which prior art search was requested by IP offices or research institutes of developing countries through the WIPO International Bureau (IB).

The JPO created search reports on approximately 100 applications per year from FY 1998 and sent them to requesting developing countries through the WIPO/IB.

## II. TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF COPYRIGHT

The Japan Copyright Office (JCO) has been planning and carrying out the following programme with a view to contributing to the development of copyright systems in developing countries as well as to strengthening regional cooperation among Asia-Pacific countries.

### 1. APACE Programme

This programme, which is called "APACE (Asia-Pacific Copyright Systems Enhancement) Programme", was started in 1993 in cooperation with WIPO, targeting Asia-Pacific countries. The APACE Programme consists of the following six activities:

(a) Annual Regional Symposium (since 1993)

Year	Venue	Participants
2001	Guangzhou, China	160 participants from 24 countries
2001	Mumbai, India	80 participants from 18 countries
2003	Jakarta, Indonesia	120 participants from 23 countries

(b) Training Programme in Tokyo, Japan (since 1994)

Year	Participants
2000	14 trainees from Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vanuatu and Viet Nam
2001	17 trainees from China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Samoa and Thailand
2002	10 trainees from Brunei Darussalam, China, Fiji, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Nepal, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam
2003	12 trainees from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Fiji, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Viet Nam

(c) Sub-Regional Seminar (since 1995)

Year	Venue	Participants
2000	Apia, Samoa	50 participants from 13 countries

(d) Experts Missions (since 1999)

This programme was started in 1999, in order to assist the countries in developing and strengthening infrastructure for the protection and management of copyright and neighbouring rights.

Year	Venue
2000	Samoa and Sri Lanka
2001	Mongolia
2002	Fiji
2003	Indonesia, Mongolia and Viet Nam

(e) Training on Collective Management

This programme was started in 2000, which is on-the-job training for staffs of collective management organizations or government officials in developing countries.

Year	Country
2000	Philippines
2001	Indonesia and Mongolia
2002	Bhutan, China, Fiji, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Viet Nam
2003	Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Nepal, Viet Nam, and Myanmar

(f) National Seminar on Copyright and Neighbouring Rights

This programme was started in 2000, in order to promote awareness of the protection of copyright and neighbouring rights and the role it can play in cultural and economic development of developing countries.

Year	Venue
2000	Nepal, Samoa, Sri Lanka and Indonesia
2001	Mongolia
2002	Fiji
2003	Mongolia and Nepal

**2. Asian Copyright Experts Invitation Programme**

This programme was started in 1996 to invite each year a high official in charge of copyright from governments of Asian countries. Lecture and discussion meetings are organized, inviting Japanese experts, to share information and learn from each other. The guests have been invited from the following countries.

Year	Country
2000	China
2002	China
2003	China

**3. Asia-Pacific Copyright and Neighbouring Rights Seminar**

This programme was started in 1997, to provide participating copyright experts of Asia-Pacific countries with opportunities to exchange information and viewpoints as well as to discuss possible regional common positions and/or actions in the future. It was organized in cooperation with APEC in 2001.

Year	Venue	Participants
2000	Tokyo, Japan	100 participants from 25 countries and 3 NGOs
2001	Tokyo, Japan	110 participants from 20 countries (APEC members)
2002	Tokyo, Japan	90 participants from 26 countries and 3 NGOs
2003	Tokyo, Japan	90 participants from 13 countries (ASEAN + 3 members)
2004	Tokyo, Japan	90 participants from 12 countries (ASEAN + 3 members)

#### 4. JICA Group Training Course

This JICA training course started in 1999 in cooperation with JCO, to contribute to the copyright systems development.

Year	Participants
2000	7 trainees from Colombia, Kenya, Moldova, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Saudi Arabia and Solomon Islands
2001	7 trainees from Ghana, Kenya, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Saudi Arabia and Vanuatu
2002	7 trainees from Cambodia, China, Kenya, Malawi, Nepal, Saudi Arabia and Viet Nam
2003	6 trainees from Bhutan, Fiji, Indonesia, Myanmar, Panama and Zambia
2004	7 trainees from China, Fiji, Ghana, Malaysia, Panama, Thailand and Zambia

### III. TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION

Through the UPOV Trust Fund of Japan, the GOJ has supported a programme which provides Asian countries with seminars and workshops on plant variety protection systems.

The seminars have been held since FY 1991 for the purpose of contributing to the promotion and establishment of the plant variety protection systems. And the workshop scheme has been held since Japanese FY 1996, in order to provide some practical knowledge and technique relating to the plant variety protection. In addition, the regional technical meeting for Asian plant variety protection system has been set up since Japanese FY 2000 in order to discuss regional technical issues and to promote regional cooperation in variety testing.

Details of the seminars and the workshops which have been held are as follows:

#### Regional Seminars

Year	Venue	Participants
2004	Iran	(It is scheduled to hold a regional seminar)

#### National Seminars

Year	Venue
2000	Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia, India, Sri Lanka and Indonesia
2001	India
2002	Viet Nam and Cambodia
2003	Cambodia, Myanmar, Thailand, Singapore and Lao People's Democratic Republic
2004	China (and it is scheduled to hold a seminar at Malaysia)



Workshops

<b>Year</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Participants</b>
2000	Japan	10 participants from China, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand and Viet Nam
2001	China	18 participants from India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Republic of Korea, and Viet Nam
2002	Republic of Korea	19 participants from Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam
2003	Philippines	17 participants from Bangladesh, China, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam
2004	Viet Nam	22 participants from Bangladesh, China, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka and Thailand

Regional Technical Meeting

<b>Year</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Participants</b>
2000	Japan	10 participants from China, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand and Viet Nam
2001	China	18 participants from India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Republic of Korea, and Viet Nam
2002	Republic of Korea	19 participants from Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam
2003	Philippines	17 participants from Bangladesh, China, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam
2004	Viet Nam	22 participants from Bangladesh, China, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka and Thailand

**1. JICA Group Training Course**

This JICA training course was started in 2000 in cooperation with NCSS (National Center for Seed and Seedling) to contribute to the establishment of breeder's rights protection systems.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Participants</b>
2000	10 trainees from Bolivia, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, India, Indonesia, Kenya, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam
2001	10 trainees from Bangladesh, Bolivia, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, the Philippines (2), Thailand, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe
2002	10 trainees from Bolivia, China, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam
2003	10 trainees from Bangladesh, Bolivia, China, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Mauritius, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam
2004	11 trainees from Argentine, Bangladesh, Bolivia, China, Kenya, Malaysia (2), the Philippines, Mauritius, Thailand and Viet Nam

#### **IV. TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF BORDER MEASURE**

Since FY 1996, the Ministry of Finance of the GOJ has provided a training course in the field of border measures for the enforcement of intellectual property rights. The main purpose of this programme is to assist in the smooth implementation of the TRIPS Agreement by customs officials in developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region. Details of the training courses since FY 2000 are as follows.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Participants</b>
2000	Japan	8 participants from Viet Nam and China.
2001	Japan	10 participants from Lao People's Democratic Republic, Cambodia, Myanmar, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, and the Philippines.
2002	Japan	10 participants from Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines and Viet Nam.
2003	Japan	18 participants from Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam.