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**TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES:
INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS**

JAPAN

The following communication, dated 12 September 2022, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Japan.

1 TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

1.1 Voluntary Contributions for Funds-in-Trust Japan Industrial Property Global

1. Since 1987, the Government of Japan has been providing voluntary contributions in the field of industrial property (IP) to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). The WIPO Funds-in-Trust/Japan (FIT/JP) in the field of IP was established with these voluntary funds. The FIT/JP is used to finance various projects for WIPO members in the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), such as holding IP office conferences or symposia, welcoming trainees and IP research students, sending Japan Patent Office (JPO) officials and supporting the automation and modernization of IP offices.

2. In addition to the above, since the Japanese fiscal year (FY) 2008, the Government of Japan has been providing a new FIT/JP programme for Africa in the amount of CHF 1.6 million annually. This fund will support activities aimed *inter alia* at strengthening the legal and administrative frameworks for IP protection, automating and modernizing IP infrastructure to ensure high quality service to users, and sharing the experience of Japanese SMEs and experts in business-oriented IP management and human resource development in Africa.

3. And, since April 2019, Japan has renewed FIT/JP as the Global Funds, which are used without limiting areas of support. Funds-in-Trust Japan Industrial Property Global (FIT Japan IP Global) for FY2021 amounts to CHF 4.66 million.

1.2 Programmes by the JPO

1.2.1 Training Programme

4. In order to support developing countries to implement the TRIPS Agreement, Japan has been conducting training programmes for these countries. Between April 1996 and March 2022, Japan provided training to 7,377 trainees in both public and private sectors from 100 countries and 5 regions, primarily in the Asia-Pacific region, Latin America, and African 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 (IPRs).

1.2.1.1 Training programmes for government officials

5. The JPO has been conducting group training courses regarding IPRs for government officials. In FY2021, 12 group training courses were conducted, and 236 participants in total completed training.

1.2.1.2 Training programmes for private sectors

6. The JPO has also been conducting group training courses regarding IPRs for trainees from the private sector. In FY2021, 6 group training courses were held, and 99 participants in total completed training.

1.2.2 Long-term and Short-term Fellowship

7. Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the long-term fellowship programme under the FIT Japan IP Global in FY2020 was replaced by the online/virtual IP study course held by the Osaka Institute of Technology (OIT). 10 participants from Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Sri Lanka and Viet Nam completed the four-month online course in the second half of FY2020.

8. The short-term fellowship programme funded by FIT Japan IP Global provides trainees with two-week practical working experience in IP-related fields. However, considering the status of COVID- 19, this programme was not implemented in FY2020.

1.2.3 Seminar on Intellectual Property Rights for Alumni Association Members

9. The JPO has suggested to its 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 has held follow-up seminars in various Asian countries for those who had completed training programmes in Japan, in order to sustain the fruits of the training programmes and contribute to human resources development.

10. When the JPO receives a request from an alumni association to assist them in holding an IP seminar, the following types of assistance are provided: financial assistance to meet the cost of holding a seminar, and the sending of Japanese speakers to the event.

11. In FY2021, follow-up seminars were held online in Philippines and Thailand.

1.2.4 Expert Missions

12. Experts and seminar speakers specializing in various areas of IP are sent by the JPO through FIT Japan IP Global and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The experts mainly provide on-site instruction regarding examination practices, computerization and so forth.

13. The JPO has sent long-term experts under the JICA scheme in order to engage in JICA technical cooperation projects being implemented in the IP office of the respective recipient countries.

14. In FY2021, 6 experts in total participated in the online programs implemented under the WIPO scheme.

1.2.5 FIT Japan IP Global Programmes

15. In FY 2021, 16 programmes were implemented with the support of funding from the FIT Japan IP Global.

1.2.6 Provision of the 'Patent Abstracts of Japan (PAJ)' on CD-ROM

16. There have been difficulties of third parties obtaining patents in other countries for the inventions for which applications have already been filed in Japan. To relieve difficulties and improve the quality of examinations in developing countries, the JPO has been publishing the CD-ROM version of Patent Abstracts of Japan (PAJ). PAJ contains English translations of bibliographic data and patent abstracts as well as representative drawings published in the *Kokai Tokkyo Koho*, which means

publications of patent applications. Since April 1995, the JPO has been providing PAJ on CD-ROM free of charge to foreign organizations/institutions, including major IP offices and international organizations. As of August 2022, 49 organizations/institutions receive them on a regular basis.

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

17. The JPO translated laws and regulations which were related to industrial property rights in foreign countries into English and Japanese and provided these translations through the JPO's website. At present, translations of the laws and regulations of about 100 countries and intergovernmental organizations can be browsed on its website.

Japanese: <https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/laws/gaikoku/mokuji.html>

English: <https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/system/laws/gaikoku/index.html>

1.3 JICA Projects

1.3.1 Technical Cooperation Projects

18. In the field of intellectual property, JICA implemented technical cooperation projects contributing to better enforcement of IPRs in Indonesia. Currently, JICA has implemented a technical cooperation project contributing to improving the examination capacity in Viet Nam (FY2020-2022).

1.3.2 Group Training Courses

19. JICA also implemented group training courses on intellectual property. In cooperation with the WIPO and Kyoto Comparative Law Centre (KCLC; Non-Profit Research Organization), JICA implemented two-month training on the legal system of IPRs and the Enforcement of IPRs for officials from enforcement-related government agencies from around the world (FY2000-2012). Furthermore, in cooperation with KCLC, JICA implemented one-month training on Improving Intellectual Property System for Economic Development in Japan (FY2015-2019).

2 TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF COPYRIGHT

20. The Japan Copyright Office (JCO), Agency for Cultural Affairs, has been planning and carrying out the following programmes 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.

21. The APACE (Asia-Pacific Copyright Systems Enhancement) Programme was started in 1993 with establishing the WIPO Funds in Trust/Japan (FIT/JP) in the field of copyright, targeting Asia-Pacific countries. In FY2021, because of the pandemic, several online programmes were implemented. These are the Training Workshop for Officials and Managers of New and Young Collective Management Organizations, and the 1st-3rd Virtual Coaching Program for Artists and Managers of Creative Enterprises.

3 TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION

3.1 Cooperation through the UPOV

22. In the form of a Funds-in-Trust to the UPOV, the Government of Japan has supported programmes on plant variety protection (PVP) systems in line with UPOV.

23. To facilitate establishment and implementation of UPOV PVP systems for countries in the Asian region, various activities were implemented such as national and international seminars for the purpose of raising awareness of PVP systems, assistance to draft PVP laws in accordance with the UPOV Convention, and development of single online application platform (e-PVP Asia).

3.2 JICA Group Training Course

24. JICA training courses started in 2000 in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and NCSS (National Centre for Seeds and Seedlings, National Agriculture and Food Research Organization) to contribute to the enhancement of PVP systems and quality control of seeds and seedlings. In 2021, a Group Training Course was conducted online due to the spread of COVID-19. It included participants from ten countries (Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Sudan, Thailand, Viet Nam and Zambia).

3.3 Cooperation through the East Asia Plant Variety Protection Forum

25. To facilitate establishment and international harmonization of PVP systems in East Asian countries, the East Asia Plant Variety Protection Forum (EAPVPF) was formed under Japan's initiative in 2007 with participation of ASEAN countries, China, the Republic of Korea and Japan.

26. The 11th EAPVP Forum Annual Meeting held in Muntinlupa, Philippines on 1 August 2018 adopted the Ten-Year Strategic Plan of the EAPVP Forum (2018-2027), including the Common Direction aimed at establishing effective PVP systems consistent with the UPOV Convention among Forum members. This Ten-Year Strategic Plan was revised at the 12th Annual Meeting that was held in Beijing, China on 24 April 2019. The revised Ten-Year Strategic Plan is available on the following website: <http://eapvp.org/about/>.

27. Various cooperation activities proposed by EAPVPF members in line with the Ten-Year Strategic Plan have been adopted at the annual meeting every year, and these activities have been implemented at the local state or with virtual means. With the aim of establishing a single online platform for submitting application data to PVP Offices of participating countries and enhancing examination cooperation among PVP Offices of participating countries, the EAPVP Pilot project is being conducted from 2018 to 2023. The details of the activities can be referred to the following website: <http://www.eapvp.org/report>.

4 TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF BORDER MEASURES

28. The Ministry of Finance of the Government of Japan have provided scholarship programmes, training courses, and expert missions on the TRIPS Agreement in the field of border measures for the enforcement of IPRs. The main purpose of these programmes is to assist customs officials in developing countries in the smooth implementation of the TRIPS Agreement, mainly in the Asia-Pacific region. In FY2021, the scholarship programme and the training course were held in Japan, with ten participants. Furthermore, experts joined nine workshops in FY2021 to enhance customs officers' knowledge and skills in the field of IPRs border enforcement.

ANNEX¹

Name of programme or project	JPO/IPRs Training Course on Promoting Public Awareness of IP
Date and end date	9 July 2021 - 2 August 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Cambodia; Chile; Ethiopia; India; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Liberia; Malaysia; Mexico; Nigeria; Philippines; Singapore; Thailand; Tunisia
Brief description	To gain knowledge of efficient and effective methods and measures undertaken by government for the promotion of public awareness of IP rights through presentations and exchange of opinions regarding the IP promotional activities in the countries of other participants.
Beneficiary institution or audience	(1) Officials at IP Offices involved in activities for raising public awareness on the importance of IPR; OR (2) Persons engaged in activities designed to raise public awareness on the importance of IPR in IP promotional organizations.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	JIII Asia-Pacific Industrial Property Center (APIC) The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS)
Outputs or impact	23 participants from 15 countries and 2 regions have completed
Website for further information	https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/news/kokusai/developing/training/2021.html
Contact point for further information	PA0870@jpo.go.jp

¹ In English only.

Name of programme or project	JPO/IPRs Training Course on Trademark Examination under the Madrid System
Date and end date	21 July 2021 - 27 August 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Bangladesh; Chile; Malaysia; Mauritius; Pakistan; Peru; Qatar; Sri Lanka
Brief description	To encourage and assist candidate countries of the Madrid System by outlining the characteristic features of the System for participants from relevant IP Offices and sharing Japan's experiences in accommodating the Madrid System into its national trademark system, including the execution of trademark examination.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Officials from IP Offices who are engaged in or expected to engage in Madrid Protocol operations.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	JIII Asia-Pacific Industrial Property Center (APIC) The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS)
Outputs or impact	17 participants from 8 countries have completed
Website for further information	https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/news/kokusai/developing/training/2021.html
Contact point for further information	PA0870@jpo.go.jp

Name of programme or project	JPO/IPRs Training Course on Academia-Industry Collaboration and Technology Transfer
Date and end date	29 July 2021 - 2 September 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Botswana; Chile; The Gambia; Indonesia; Jamaica; Kenya; Malaysia; Mexico; Mozambique; Nigeria; Philippines; Sao Tomé and Príncipe; Sri Lanka; Tanzania; Thailand; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Viet Nam
Brief description	To deepen participants' knowledge regarding intellectual property in general, as well as to learn efficient and effective methods for managing IP at universities and other institutions, by hearing lectures and holding discussions on managing intellectual property, university-industry-government collaboration, and ways for universities and research institutes to transfer technology to the private sector.
Beneficiary institution or audience	(1) Employees at universities or research institutions involved in intellectual property management/utilization, such as the promotion of university-industry-government collaboration and technology transfer; OR (2) Persons at ministries/government offices in charge of developing technology, and other related organizations who are engaged in advising and supporting IP management/utilization such as promoting university-industry-government collaborations and technology transfers; OR (3) Employees of companies who are in charge of intellectual property; or (4) Officials of IP Offices engaged in work regarding IP management/utilization such as promotion of industry-academia collaboration and technology transfer at universities and research institutes.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	JIII Asia-Pacific Industrial Property Center (APIC) The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS)
Outputs or impact	27 participants from 18 countries have completed
Website for further information	https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/news/kokusai/developing/training/2021.html
Contact point for further information	PA0870@jpo.go.jp

Name of programme or project	JPO/IPRs Training Course on Patent Examination (Basic Program)
Date and end date	10 August 2021 - 1 September 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Bangladesh; Brunei Darussalam; Cambodia; Jordan; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Nepal; Pakistan; Philippines; Qatar; South Africa
Brief description	To deepen the understanding on applicable laws and regulations, examination guidelines, expertise on examination practices, case studies, etc., related to patent rights through lectures and to improve expertise for conducting prompt and accurate examinations for examiners.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Patent examiners from IP Offices with limited experience conducting formality/substantive examinations, who wish to strengthen their basic understanding of substantive examinations.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	JIII Asia-Pacific Industrial Property Center (APIC) The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS)
Outputs or impact	21 participants from 10 countries and 1 region have completed
Website for further information	https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/news/kokusai/developing/training/2021.html
Contact point for further information	PA0870@jpo.go.jp

Name of programme or project	JPO/IPRs Training Course on Patent Examination Management for Managers
Date and end date	3 September 2021 - 29 September 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Brazil; Cambodia; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Malaysia; Philippines; Singapore; Thailand; Türkiye; Viet Nam
Brief description	To deepen participants' understanding and skills about effective examination management such as acceleration of patent examination, quality management, training of examiners, improving the state of managing examination practices and to improve the expertise necessary for managing an IP Office.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Being in a managerial position (ex. Director of Patent Department) who are in charge of managing patent examination practices.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	JIII Asia-Pacific Industrial Property Center (APIC) The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS)
Outputs or impact	17 participants from 9 countries have completed
Website for further information	https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/news/kokusai/developing/training/2021.html
Contact point for further information	PA0870@jpo.go.jp

Name of programme or project	JPO/IPRs Training Course for Practitioners Specializing in Trademarks
Date and end date	3 September 2021 - 11 October 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Cambodia; India; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Malaysia; Mexico; Philippines; Singapore; Thailand; Viet Nam
Brief description	To deepen participants' knowledge on intellectual property in general, as well as to enhance participants' understanding of and professional capabilities regarding trademark practices, by hearing lectures and holding discussions on the trademark system, trademark examination standards of the Madrid System, and the use of trademark information.
Beneficiary institution or audience	(1) Patent/trademark attorneys and IP lawyers in the private sector who are involved in trademark practices; or (2) Employees engaged in trademark practices in the private sector.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	JIII Asia-Pacific Industrial Property Center (APIC) The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS)
Outputs or impact	18 participants from 11 countries have completed
Website for further information	https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/news/kokusai/developing/training/2021.html
Contact point for further information	PA0870@jpo.go.jp

Name of programme or project	JPO/IPRs Training Course on Patent Examination for Middle Eastern and African Countries
Date and end date	13 September 2021 - 5 October 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Algeria; Iran; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; South Africa; Tunisia
Brief description	To deepen the participants' understanding of substantive patent examination practices, by examining case studies and search practices, so as to enhance expertise to the level that is required of patent examiners at IP Offices in Middle Eastern and African Countries.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Patent examiners from IP offices, engaged in substantive examination for at least three years. One is patent examiner who manage the patent examination in your office, the other is middle- high class patent examiner.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	JIII Asia-Pacific Industrial Property Center (APIC) The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS)
Outputs or impact	231 participants from 5 countries and 1 region have completed
Website for further information	https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/news/kokusai/developing/training/2021.html
Contact point for further information	PA0870@jpo.go.jp

Name of programme or project	JPO/IPRs Training Course on General Management of IP Office
Date and end date	4 October 2021 - 22 October 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Antigua and Barbuda; Cambodia; Costa Rica; El Salvador; Kenya; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Malaysia; Peru; Philippines; Singapore; South Africa; Thailand; Uzbekistan; Viet Nam
Brief description	To deepen understanding of business operations by exploring best practices for IP Office management, and by comparing the entire IP Office workflow among participating countries (including Japan) from the time of application to the extinguishment of industrial property rights.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Being those responsible for the formulation of IP policies and/or administrative and operations management of their IP Offices.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	JIII Asia-Pacific Industrial Property Center (APIC) The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS)
Outputs or impact	24 participants from 14 countries and 2 regions have completed
Website for further information	https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/news/kokusai/developing/training/2021.html
Contact point for further information	PA0870@jpo.go.jp

Name of programme or project	JPO/IPRs Training Course on Anti-Counterfeiting Measures for Practitioners
Date and end date	5 October 2021 - 1 November 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Azerbaijan; Bangladesh; India; Indonesia; Kenya; Malaysia; Philippines; South Africa; Thailand; Uganda; Viet Nam
Brief description	To deepen participants' understanding of the initiatives on, and the current state of, strengthening of enforcement of intellectual property rights in Japan, in order to enhance the capabilities of IP office officials in the target participants' countries.
Beneficiary institution or audience	(1) Officials from IP Offices engaged in work related to measures against counterfeits and piracy. (2) Customs
Technical cooperation provider(s)	JIII Asia-Pacific Industrial Property Center (APIC) The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS)
Outputs or impact	26 participants from 11 countries have completed
Website for further information	https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/news/kokusai/developing/training/2021.html
Contact point for further information	PA0870@jpo.go.jp

Name of programme or project	JPO/IPRs Training Course for IP Trainers
Date and end date	22 October 2021 - 29 November 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Brazil; India; Malaysia; Mexico; Philippines; Thailand; Tunisia
Brief description	In disseminating and raising awareness of IP rights for young people in particular, to deepen the participants' understanding of required knowledge (e.g. legal systems and international treaties) and methods of education (e.g. textbooks and implementation plans) as well as train suitable educators/instructors through conducting presentations and exchanging opinions on IP rights dissemination activities.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Lecturers / Employees at universities or research institutions involved in education related to the intellectual property system.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	JIII Asia-Pacific Industrial Property Center (APIC) The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS)
Outputs or impact	16 participants from 7 countries have completed
Website for further information	https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/news/kokusai/developing/training/2021.html
Contact point for further information	PA0870@jpo.go.jp

Name of programme or project	JPO/IPRs Training Course on Trial and Appeal System
Date and end date	25 October 2021 - 17 November 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Brunei Darussalam; Cambodia; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Malaysia; Philippines; Singapore; Thailand; Viet Nam
Brief description	To further understanding by analyzing the trial and appeal system of a participant's own country and those of the countries of other participants, including Japan, as well as to assist in creating a feasibility study for participants from countries which currently have no trial and appeal system.
Beneficiary institution or audience	(1) Officials from IP Offices who are engaged in or expected to engage in appeal operations; OR (2) Judges
Technical cooperation provider(s)	JIII Asia-Pacific Industrial Property Center (APIC) The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS)
Outputs or impact	11 participants from 8 countries have completed
Website for further information	https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/news/kokusai/developing/training/2021.html
Contact point for further information	PA0870@jpo.go.jp

Name of programme or project	JPO/IPRs Training Course for Practitioners Specializing in Patents
Date and end date	28 October 2021 - 13 December 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Brazil; India; Malaysia; Mexico; Philippines; Viet Nam
Brief description	To enhance participants' knowledge on intellectual property in general. To also deepen participants' understanding and enhance their professional capabilities in terms of patent practices such as acquiring knowledge on the outline of the patent system, preparing specifications and drawings, handling office actions, making amendments, judging patentability, considering patents for innovative technology, using patent information, and handling operations involving licensing.
Beneficiary institution or audience	1) Patent attorneys and IP lawyers in the private sector who have experience drafting patent specifications; OR 2) Patent practitioners in the private sector who have experience drafting patent specifications.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	JIII Asia-Pacific Industrial Property Center (APIC) The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS)
Outputs or impact	15 participants from 6 countries have completed
Website for further information	https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/news/kokusai/developing/training/2021.html
Contact point for further information	PA0870@jpo.go.jp

Name of programme or project	JPO/IPRs Operational Patent Examination Training Programme
Date and end date	29 October 2021 - 10 February 2022
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Malaysia; Mexico; Peru; Philippines; Thailand; Türkiye; Viet Nam
Brief description	To enhance the capabilities of patent examiners, by training and fostering the examiners who fulfill leadership roles in their specific fields in two months. In addition, the course aims at improving the operating procedures at the IP Offices acting as International Searching Authorities (ISAs), so that their substantive examination practices will be eventually enhanced. This will be achieved by having the participants make effective use of materials, which they create during the training program, in their own domestic examination.
Beneficiary institution or audience	1) Patent examiners from IP Offices who have been engaged in substantive examination for at least three years in the field of chemistry or telecommunications. 2) For IP Offices acting as ISAs under the PCT, patent examiners engaged in or expected to engage in substantive examination of PCT applications in the above-mentioned technical fields.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	JIII Asia-Pacific Industrial Property Center (APIC) The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS)
Outputs or impact	15 participants from 7 countries have completed
Website for further information	https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/news/kokusai/developing/training/2021.html
Contact point for further information	PA0870@jpo.go.jp

Name of programme or project	JPO/IPRs Training Course on Information Technology
Date and end date	9 November 2021 - 1 December 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Bangladesh; Brunei Darussalam; Cambodia; Iran; Kenya; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Malaysia; Mexico; Pakistan; Philippines; Viet Nam
Brief description	(i) Improve business efficiency of concerned IP Offices based on the use of IT systems (ii) Increase participants' knowledge about management and operational use of IT systems; and clarify issues of each IP Office through a discussion
Beneficiary institution or audience	Officials from IP Offices, have more than three years of experience in the field of IT system, in principle.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	JIII Asia-Pacific Industrial Property Center (APIC) The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS)
Outputs or impact	20 participants from 12 countries have completed
Website for further information	https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/news/kokusai/developing/training/2021.html
Contact point for further information	PA0870@jpo.go.jp

Name of programme or project	JPO/IPRs Training Course on Design Policy for India
Date and end date	28 October 2021 - 28 October 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	India
Brief description	To promote better understanding regarding industrial design rights by studying the life cycle of such rights. In this training course, the focus is on how to create a design, protect it by industrial design right and utilize the right in business. Through the lecture provided by expert trainers and the discussion among the participants and trainers, the participants can better understand the importance of industrial design rights.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Students or researchers in national institute including university, engaged in research about design.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	JIII Asia-Pacific Industrial Property Center (APIC) The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS)
Outputs or impact	71 trainees from India participated.
Website for further information	https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/news/kokusai/developing/training/2021.html
Contact point for further information	PA0870@jpo.go.jp

Name of programme or project	JPO/IPRs Training Course on Substantive Examination of Trademarks
Date and end date	16 December 2021 - 2 February 2022
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Kingdom of Bahrain; Bangladesh; Barbados; Brunei Darussalam; Cambodia; Cameroon; Dominican Republic; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Madagascar; Malaysia; Mexico; Nigeria; Oman; Philippines; Thailand; Uzbekistan; Viet Nam; Zimbabwe
Brief description	To deepen participants' understanding and expertise in applicable laws and regulations, examination guidelines, and examination practices for trademarks through case studies and on-the-job training and to improve the expertise for prompt and appropriate trademark examination for examiners in developing countries.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Trademark examiners from IP Offices with more than one year of experience conducting substantive examinations.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	JIII Asia-Pacific Industrial Property Center (APIC) The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS)
Outputs or impact	30 participants from 18 countries and 1 region have completed
Website for further information	https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/news/kokusai/developing/training/2021.html
Contact point for further information	PA0870@jpo.go.jp

Name of programme or project	JPO/IPRs Training Course on Patent Examination in Specific Technical Fields for Latin American Countries
Date and end date	18 January 2022 - 17 February 2022
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Brazil; Chile; Colombia; Mexico
Brief description	To deepen the understanding on technologies in specific fields and on substantive examination practices, by examining case studies, so as to enhance one's expertise to the level that is required of patent examiners at IP Offices in Latin American countries.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Patent examiners from IP Offices, engaged in substantive examination for at least three years, engaged in, or expected to engage in PCT operations, and in charge of the fields of machinery / chemistry.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	JIII Asia-Pacific Industrial Property Center (APIC) The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS)
Outputs or impact	13 participants from 4 countries have completed
Website for further information	https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/news/kokusai/developing/training/2021.html
Contact point for further information	PA0870@jpo.go.jp

Name of programme or project	JPO/IPR Training Course on Design Substantive Examination and Accession to the Hague Agreement
Date and end date	24 January 2022 - 23 February 2022
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Bangladesh; Brazil; China; India; Kazakhstan; Malaysia; Mexico; Philippines; Thailand
Brief description	(1) To deepen participants' understanding on expertise of applicable laws and regulations, examination guidelines, and substantive examination practices for designs. (2) To encourage and assist candidate countries of the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs (the Hague System) and to improve participants' ability to carry out prompt and appropriate design examination by sharing Japan's experiences in accommodating the Hague System into its national design system, including the practical execution of substantive examination.
Beneficiary institution or audience	(1) Design examiners from IP Offices who have more than one year of experience conducting substantive examination; AND/OR (2) Officials involved in preparation for accession to the Hague Agreement in IP Offices.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	JIII Asia-Pacific Industrial Property Center (APIC) The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS)
Outputs or impact	19 participants from 9 countries have completed
Website for further information	https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/news/kokusai/developing/training/2021.html
Contact point for further information	PA0870@jpo.go.jp

Name of programme or project	IP4Youth&Teachers Workshop
Date and end date	3 June 2021 - 4 June 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Cambodia; Indonesia; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Myanmar; Philippines; Thailand; Viet Nam
Brief description	This workshop focused on the importance of teaching IP to youth from the perspective of promoting creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship to foster a knowledgeable future generation of IP users and producers
Beneficiary institution or audience	44 participants including policymakers, teachers and practitioners in the field of IP from abovementioned countries
Technical cooperation provider(s)	The WIPO Academy and the WIPO Japan Office with the support of the Japan Patent Office and with financing from the Funds-In-Trust Japan Industrial Property Global
Outputs or impact	The expected impact is to cultivate dialogue among educators, curricula setters and IP offices
Website for further information	https://www.wipo.int/academy/en/news/2021/news_0017.html
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	Sub Regional Workshop in MIP Program, Africa University, From University Research to Intellectual Property, Commercialization and Entrepreneurship
Date and end date	3 June 2021 - 4 June 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Botswana; Eswatini; The Gambia; Ghana; Kenya; Lesotho; Liberia; Malawi; Mozambique; Namibia; Rwanda; Sao Tomé and Príncipe; Sierra Leone; Somalia; Sudan; Tanzania; Uganda; Zambia; Zimbabwe
Brief description	This workshop was held to provide alumni of the Master's degree in Intellectual Property (MIP) program a platform to discuss the opportunities that exist within the IP system for the management of research outcomes, including commercialization
Beneficiary institution or audience	Students of MIP program 2021, alumni of MIP program, and representatives of WIPO, ARIPO and the Africa University
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WIPO in collaboration with the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) with support from the FIT Japan IP Global
Outputs or impact	The expected impacts are i) to enable MIP graduates from the Africa University expand their networks in the field of IP; and ii) to add value to the knowledge acquired from their training at the MIP program
Website for further information	https://www.wipo.int/cooperation/en/funds_in_trust/japan_fitip_global/news/2021/news_0004.html
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	Intersessional Meeting for the Second Arab-Asian Dialogue on Intellectual Property Between Japan and Selected Arab Countries
Date and end date	8 July 2021 - 8 July 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Kingdom of Bahrain; Egypt; Jordan; Morocco; Oman; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Sudan; Tunisia
Brief description	This meeting focused on IP policy and strategic considerations relating to the current international circumstances and emerging trends in the field of IP, particularly frontier technologies.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Government officials responsible for the national IP policy and strategy in Arab countries
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WIPO in cooperation with the Japan Patent Office (JPO) and the League of Arab States (LAS), with the support of financing from the FIT Japan IP Global
Outputs or impact	Acknowledgement of the important influence of the fourth industrial revolution on national IP Offices, which need to be flexible and adaptable to the needs of IP users; with the ultimate objective of serving national development goals dedicated to promoting innovation, creativity and sustainable development.
Website for further information	https://www.wipo.int/cooperation/en/funds_in_trust/japan_fitip_global/news/2021/news_0006.html
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	WIPO-JPO-DGIP Virtual National Workshop on Building Respect for Intellectual Property in the Digital Environment for Public Prosecutors and Law Enforcement Officials in Indonesia
Date and end date	1 December 2021 - 2 December 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Indonesia
Brief description	This workshop covered a range of topics including Building Respect for IP as a global approach of IP enforcement; the legal framework on IP enforcement in Indonesia; trademark counterfeiting, copyright piracy and commercial scale; the disposal of IP infringing goods; the role of the right holders in the fight against counterfeiting and piracy; border measures in Indonesia; and IP crime in the digital environment, including evidencing and remedies.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Public prosecutors and law enforcement officials in Indonesia
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WIPO with the support of the Directorate General of Intellectual Property of Indonesia and the Japan Patent Office and with financing from the FIT Japan IP Global
Outputs or impact	It is expected that IP crime investigators and prosecutors be equipped to deal with IP and IP-related crimes in a manner conducive to the implementation of Recommendation 45 of the WIPO Development Agenda.
Website for further information	https://www.wipo.int/cooperation/en/funds_in_trust/japan_fitip_global/news/2021/news_0007.html
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	Regional Workshops on IP, Innovation and Sustainable Development for Small Island Developing States (SIDS): A Look at Leveraging IP in the Blue Economy Sectors
Date and end date	23 September 2021 - 24 September 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Barbados; Belize; Grenada; Jamaica; Saint Lucia; Trinidad and Tobago
Brief description	The participants ideated, prototyped and tested the first iteration of a capacity development program for visionaries in the CARICOM region
Beneficiary institution or audience	IP Offices. Climate Change Agencies, Renewable Energy Agencies, Policy Makers, Entrepreneurs, Researchers/Academia, etc.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WIPO in cooperation with the University of the West Indies (UWI), the Japan Patent Office (JPO) and the Caribbean Climate-Smart Accelerator, with the support of financing from the FIT Japan IP Global
Outputs or impact	The expected impact is to cultivate a self-sustaining and culturally relevant innovation hub co-designed by practitioners actively working in the CARICOM region through design thinking methodologies
Website for further information	https://www.wipo.int/cooperation/en/funds_in_trust/japan_fitip_global/news/2022/news_0001.html
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	Regional Workshops on IP, Innovation and Sustainable Development for Small Island Developing States (SIDS): A Look at Leveraging IP in the Blue Economy Sectors
Date and end date	2 November 2021 - 3 November 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Barbados; Belize; Grenada; Jamaica; Saint Lucia; Trinidad and Tobago
Brief description	The participants ideated, prototyped and tested the first iteration of a capacity development program for visionaries in the CARICOM region
Beneficiary institution or audience	IP Offices. Climate Change Agencies, Renewable Energy Agencies, Policy Makers, Entrepreneurs, Researchers/Academia, etc.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WIPO in cooperation with the University of the West Indies (UWI), the Japan Patent Office (JPO) and the Caribbean Climate-Smart Accelerator, with the support of financing from the FIT Japan IP Global
Outputs or impact	The expected impact is to cultivate a self-sustaining and culturally relevant innovation hub co-designed by practitioners actively working in the CARICOM region through design thinking methodologies.
Website for further information	https://www.wipo.int/cooperation/en/funds_in_trust/japan_fitip_global/news/2022/news_0001.html
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	Regional Workshops on IP, Innovation and Sustainable Development for Small Island Developing States (SIDS): A Look at Leveraging IP in the Blue Economy Sectors
Date and end date	8 December 2021 - 9 December 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Barbados; Belize; Grenada; Jamaica; Saint Lucia; Trinidad and Tobago
Brief description	The participants ideated, prototyped and tested the first iteration of a capacity development program for visionaries in the CARICOM region
Beneficiary institution or audience	IP Offices. Climate Change Agencies, Renewable Energy Agencies, Policy Makers, Entrepreneurs, Researchers/Academia, etc.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WIPO in cooperation with the University of the West Indies (UWI), the Japan Patent Office (JPO) and the Caribbean Climate-Smart Accelerator, with the support of financing from the FIT Japan IP Global
Outputs or impact	The expected impact is to cultivate a self-sustaining and culturally relevant innovation hub co-designed by practitioners actively working in the CARICOM region through design thinking methodologies.
Website for further information	https://www.wipo.int/cooperation/en/funds_in_trust/japan_fitip_global/news/2022/news_0001.html
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	Online IP study courses held by the Osaka Institute of Technology (OIT)
Date and end date	28 September 2021 - 14 December 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Malaysia; Philippines; Sri Lanka; Thailand; Viet Nam
Brief description	These online courses covered various aspects of IP law and practice, and informed about the international and Japanese context of numerous key areas that included: IP strategies, IP marketing, IP assessments, IP licensing, and Industry-academia collaboration using IP
Beneficiary institution or audience	People involved in technology research, licensing and management
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WIPO and Osaka Institute of Technology with the support of financing from the FIT Japan IP Global
Outputs or impact	It is expected that the participants return and transfer the experiences learned back to their home institution and colleagues in the field of IP-based technology transfer.
Website for further information	https://www.wipo.int/cooperation/en/funds_in_trust/japan_fitip_global/news/2022/news_0002.html
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	WIPO Online Workshop on Utilizing Examination Work Products from other National Phases for Paris Convention or PCT Filings
Date and end date	13 March 2022 - 16 March 2022
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Bangladesh
Brief description	Participants learned in particular how to research patent family information, analyze examination status in different national phases, and retrieve and compare citation and dossier information of family members.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Patent examiners of Department of Patents, Designs and Trademarks (DPDT)
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WIPO with the assistance of the Japan Patent Office
Outputs or impact	Development of the skills of DPDT's examiners with respect to utilizing examination work-products from the international and other national phases
Website for further information	https://www.wipo.int/cooperation/en/funds_in_trust/japan_fitip_global/news/2022/news_0003.html
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	Virtual Regional Training Workshop on the Madrid System for Selected African Madrid Members
Date and end date	28 February 2022 - 4 March 2022
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Algeria; Madagascar; Morocco; Tunisia
Brief description	This workshop focused on operations at the level of both the office of origin and the offices of designated members, data communication (IPAS, Madrid Office Portal, and Madrid e-Filing), and online tools and resources for trademark users and intellectual property (IP) offices.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Officials or heads of units/sections that are responsible for operational aspects of the Madrid System or for the accession preparation to the Madrid System in IPOs
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WIPO with support from FIT Japan IP Global
Outputs or impact	The expected impacts are to strengthen the participants' knowledge of and capacity to use the Madrid System, and to create a network for them to exchange experiences.
Website for further information	https://www.wipo.int/cooperation/en/funds_in_trust/japan_fitip_global/news/2022/news_0015.html
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	WIPO Virtual Regional Meeting on Developing the ASEAN Regional Technology and Innovation Support Center (TISC) Network
Date and end date	7 March 2022 - 7 March 2022
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Brunei Darussalam; Cambodia; Indonesia; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Malaysia; Myanmar; Philippines; Singapore; Viet Nam
Brief description	TISC focal points in each ASEAN Member States shared information on the status, including recent developments of their national TISC network.
Beneficiary institution or audience	TISC staffs in ASEAN member states
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WIPO with support from Japan Patent Office
Outputs or impact	The expected impact: (1) continued development of the ASEAN regional TISC network; and (2) enhanced access to and use of IP information by IP institutions and the public to promote innovation and creativity.
Website for further information	https://www.wipo.int/cooperation/en/funds_in_trust/japan_fitip_global/news/2022/news_0006.html
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	Virtual Regional Meeting of Intellectual Property Office Officials Responsible for the Madrid System in Selected Asia and Pacific Countries
Date and end date	23 March 2022 - 29 March 2022
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Bangladesh; Bhutan; Brunei Darussalam; Cambodia; Indonesia; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Malaysia; Mongolia; Myanmar; Pakistan; Papua New Guinea; Philippines; Samoa; Singapore; Sri Lanka; Thailand; Viet Nam
Brief description	This meeting focused on operations at the level of both the office of origin and the office of a designated member, classification, data communication (IPAS, Madrid Office Portal and Madrid e-Filing), how to prepare for the accession to, and further promote, the Madrid System.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Officials or heads of units/sections that are responsible for operational aspects of the Madrid System or for the accession preparation to the Madrid System in IPOs
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WIPO with support from FIT Japan IP Global
Outputs or impact	The expected impacts are to strengthen the capacity of IP offices and to improve the operations of the Madrid System in the contracting parties, to enhance the knowledge of the operations and to encourage accession to the Madrid System for non-contracting parties.
Website for further information	https://www.wipo.int/cooperation/en/funds_in_trust/japan_fitip_global/news/2022/news_0014.html
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	WIPO-ARIPO Virtual Regional Meeting on Developing the Regional Technology and Innovation Support Center (TISC) Network
Date and end date	14 March 2022 - 15 March 2022
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Botswana; Cabo Verde; Eswatini; The Gambia; Ghana; Kenya; Lesotho; Liberia; Malawi; Mauritius; Mozambique; Namibia; Rwanda; Sao Tomé and Príncipe; Sierra Leone; Sudan; Tanzania; Uganda; Zambia
Brief description	TISC focal points of the ARIPO member states exchanged information about their activities and discussed their efforts and experiences in order to strengthen their TISC networks and dissemination of IP information.
Beneficiary institution or audience	TISC staffs in ARIPO member states
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WIPO in collaboration with ARIPO with support from Japan Patent Office
Outputs or impact	The expected impacts: (1) continued development of the ARIPO sub-regional TISC network; (2) enhanced access to and use of IP information by IP institutions and the public to promote innovation and creativity.
Website for further information	https://www.wipo.int/cooperation/en/funds_in_trust/japan_fitip_global/news/2022/news_0007.html
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	Forum on IP, Innovation and Sustainable Development for Small Island Developing States (SIDS): A Look at Leveraging IP in the Blue Economy Sectors
Date and end date	22 March 2022 - 24 March 2022
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Barbados; Belize; Grenada; Jamaica; Saint Lucia; Trinidad and Tobago
Brief description	The participants successfully achieved testing the next iteration of the capacity development concepts by interactively discussing with presenters from governments and development agencies and joining prototyped capacity building sessions.
Beneficiary institution or audience	IP Offices. Climate Change Agencies, Renewable Energy Agencies, Policy Makers, Entrepreneurs, Researchers/Academia, etc.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WIPO in cooperation with the University of the West Indies (UWI), the Japan Patent Office (JPO), the Caribbean Climate Smart Accelerator (CCSA), the Caribbean Intellectual Property and Innovation Project of the European Union (CARIPI) and the Compete Caribbean Partnership Facility/ the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), with the support of financing from the FIT Japan IP Global
Outputs or impact	The expected impact is to cultivate a self-sustaining and culturally relevant innovation hub co-designed by practitioners actively working in the CARICOM region through design thinking methodologies.
Website for further information	https://www.wipo.int/cooperation/en/funds_in_trust/japan_fitip_global/news/2022/news_0008.html
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	The Enabling Innovation Environment (EIE) Project for IP and Technology – Remote Mentorship Program 2021-22
Date and end date	1 October 2021 - 31 March 2022
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Malaysia; Philippines; Sri Lanka; Thailand; Viet Nam
Brief description	This program assisted 36 institutions across the five countries through the remote mentoring by WIPO's experts to learn about IP management practices based on the institution's own technologies.
Beneficiary institution or audience	TTOs
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WIPO with support from JPO
Outputs or impact	Supported a total of 52 technologies and innovations
Website for further information	https://www.wipo.int/cooperation/en/funds_in_trust/japan_fitip_global/news/2022/news_0009.html
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	WIPO GREEN Latin American Acceleration Project Phase 2
Date and end date	1 April 2021 - 31 March 2022
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Argentina; Brazil; Chile
Brief description	With regard to the innovative green technology solutions, the projects focused on identification of needs and solution seekers; identification of relevant solution providers; and establishment of contact between seekers and providers.
Beneficiary institution or audience	INPI Argentina, INPI Brazil, INAPI Chile, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Argentina
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WIPO with financing from the FIT Japan IP Global
Outputs or impact	The expected impact is to facilitate adaptation, adoption, transfer, and deployment of green technologies in Argentina, Brazil, and Chile.
Website for further information	https://www.wipo.int/cooperation/en/funds_in_trust/japan_fitip_global/news/2022/news_0010.html
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	Master's Degree in Intellectual Property (MIP) program offered jointly by WIPO, ARIPO and Africa University
Date and end date	1 May 2021 - 4 June 2022
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Botswana; Eswatini; Ethiopia; Kenya; Namibia; Sudan; Tanzania; Uganda; Zambia; Zimbabwe
Brief description	The FIT Japan IP Global provided 12 scholarships to selected students from the countries indicated above to participate in the MIP jointly offered by WIPO, ARIPO and Africa University, Mutare, Zimbabwe.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Students and young professionals in the field of IP in ARIPO member states
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WIPO, ARIPO and Africa University with financial assistance from the FIT Japan IP Global
Outputs or impact	It is expected that the alumni will be the future leaders who will lead the national economic policies or science and technology policies from the aspect of IP.
Website for further information	https://www.wipo.int/cooperation/en/funds_in_trust/japan_fitip_global/fitip_capabilities_capacities.html
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	Master's Degree in Intellectual Property (MIP) program offered jointly by WIPO, OAPI and University of Yaoundé II
Date and end date	1 October 2021 - 30 June 2022
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Benin; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cameroon; Central African Republic; Côte d'Ivoire; Gabon; Guinea; Mauritania; Senegal; Togo
Brief description	The FIT Japan IP Global provided 12 scholarships to selected students from the countries indicated in bold above to participate in the MIP jointly offered by WIPO, OAPI and University of Yaoundé II in Yaoundé, Cameroon.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Students and young professionals in the field of IP in OAPI member states
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WIPO, OAPI and University of Yaoundé II with financial assistance from the FIT Japan IP Global
Outputs or impact	It is expected that the alumni will be the future leaders who will lead the national economic policies or science and technology policies from the aspect of IP.
Website for further information	https://www.wipo.int/cooperation/en/funds_in_trust/japan_fitip_global/fitip_capabilities_capacities.html
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	Project for Efficient and Fair Disputes Resolution Mechanism and Legislative Drafting Capacity Development for Improving Business Environment
Date and end date	1 October 2021 - 30 September 2025
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Indonesia
Brief description	This project is designed to improve legal certainty in the business community by enhancing the capacity of drafters to ensure legislative consistency and the capacity of judges for efficient and fair case processing and disposition in business-related cases including IP disputes
Beneficiary institution or audience	The Directorate General of Legislation(DGL) of the Ministry of Law and Human Rights, Supreme Court
Technical cooperation provider(s)	Japanese Experts
Outputs or impact	(1) Training materials to improve the capacity of drafters for ensuring legislative consistency are created and training for drafters using such materials is conducted. (DGL); (2) Training materials are developed in order to strengthen Judge's capacity for efficient case processing and fair case disposition in litigation with business-related litigation, particularly IP litigation and training for judges using such materials is conducted. (Supreme Court); (3) Reference materials regarding business-related litigation, particularly IP litigation are developed, published and disseminated among judges and other legal professionals. (Supreme Court)
Website for further information	
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Name of programme or project	Virtual Workshop on Copyright and Related Rights for Performers of South Pacific Countries
Date and end date	25 February 2021 - 25 February 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Fiji; Papua New Guinea; Samoa; Tonga; Vanuatu
Brief description	Topics covered: (1) Country Report on Recent Developments and Future Perspective in the field of Copyright and Related Rights at National Level; (2) Copyright and Related Rights Issues: Digital Opportunities and Challenges most relevant to Pacific Performers; (3) National Strategy and Mechanisms for Supporting Performers: Practice and Experience of Japan; (4) Main Features of the International Marketplace: Potentials and Strategies for Performers of the South Pacific; and (5) Supporting Young Performers and other Creators of the South Pacific: How to Participate in and Benefit from the International and Digital Marketplace
Beneficiary institution or audience	Cook Islands: Ministry of Cultural Development and others Fiji: Attorney-General's Chambers and others Kiribati: Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives Niue: Department of Finance and Planning and others Papua New Guinea: Investment Promotion Authority (IPA) and others Samoa: Ministry of Commerce Industry and Labour and others Tonga: Ministry of Trade and Economic Development and others Tuvalu: Ministry of Local Government and Agriculture and others Vanuatu: Vanuatu Intellectual Property Office and others
Technical cooperation provider(s)	Center for Performers' Rights Administration(CPRA/Geidankyo), Australasian Performing Right Association (APRA), artists
Outputs or impact	Provided practical information and knowledge in how to participate in and benefit from the international and digital market.
Website for further information	
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Name of programme or project	Training Workshop for Officials and Managers of New and Young Collective Management Organizations
Date and end date	15 June 2021 - 16 June 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Bangladesh; Cambodia; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Mongolia; Pakistan; Sri Lanka
Brief description	Topics covered: (1) Overview of the Copyright System of Japan and Role of the Copyright Office; (2) Overview of Collective Management System in Japan; (3) Overview of the WIPO Good Practice Toolkit for Collective Management Organizations (CMOs); (4) Country Report on Current Status and Future Perspective in the field of Copyright and Collective Management; (5) Typical Issues Encountered by New and Young CMOs and How to Prevent and Resolve Them; (6) Typical Issues Encountered by Japanese Society for Rights of Authors, Composers and Publishers (JASRAC) and Experience in How prevent and Resolve Them; (7) Typical Issues Encountered by Copyright Offices and Experience in How to Prevent and Resolve Them; (8) Challenges and Issues Encountered by Participating Countries and Suggestions on How to Prevent and Resolve Them.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Bangladesh: Secretary General, Licensing and Collecting Society for Cinematograph Film (LCSCF) and others Cambodia: Director, Copyright and Related Rights Department, Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts and others Lao PDR: Deputy Director, Copyright Division, Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Industry and Commerce and others Mongolia: General Manager, Mongolian Society of Composers, Authors & Publishers (MOSCAP) and others Pakistan : Deputy Registrar Copyrights, Copyright Office, Intellectual Property Organization of Pakistan (IPO-Pakistan) Sri Lanka: Director General, National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka (NIPO) and others
Technical cooperation provider(s)	Attorney at Law, International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers (CISAC), Japanese Society for Rights of Authors, Composers and Publishers (JASRAC)
Outputs or impact	Gained practical knowledge on effective management of performers' rights. Strengthened cooperation among copyright management organizations in the region.
Website for further information	
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Name of programme or project	Virtual Coaching Program for Artists and Managers of Creative Enterprises
Date and end date	25 August 2021 - 25 August 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Cambodia; Indonesia; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Malaysia; Philippines; Singapore; Thailand; Viet Nam
Brief description	Topics covered: (1) New Trends, Opportunities and Business Models in the Creation, Production and Distribution of Artistic Works: How to Adapt to Changing Environment during and post the Pandemic: and (2) How Copyright Offices Can Assist Artist and Creative Enterprises in Adjusting to New Markets and Maximizing the Benefits: Practices and Experiences from the Region.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Cambodia: Chief Executive Officer, Camazoon Co., Ltd. and others Indonesia: Deputy Director, Legal Affairs and Collective Management Organization Division, Directorate General of Intellectual Property Rights (DGIPR), Ministry of Law and Human Rights and others Lao PDR: Deputy Director, Copyright Division, Department of intellectual Property, Ministry of Industry and Commerce and others Malaysia: Account Assistant Archive Capital Sdn. Bhd. and others Philippines: Director IV, Bureau of Copyrights and Other Related Rights, intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOP HL) and others Singapore: Co-Founder, ARTO and others Thailand: Business Development and Strategy Manager, Ookbee Co., Ltd. and others Viet Nam: Director, Copyright Office of Viet Nam(COV), Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism and others
Technical cooperation provider(s)	Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOP HL), Chiang Mai, Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia (MyIPO), Kodansha Ltd, Australasian Performing Right Association (APRA), ARTO
Outputs or impact	Enhanced understanding of the importance of protecting copyright and related rights.
Website for further information	
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Name of programme or project	2nd Virtual Coaching Program for Artists and Managers of Creative Enterprises
Date and end date	22 February 2022 - 22 February 2022
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Cambodia; Indonesia; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Malaysia; Philippines; Thailand; Viet Nam
Brief description	Topics covered: (1) How to Add Value to Artistic Creations: Tips from Artists; (2) How to Adapt to Digital Transformation: Adaptive Approach to Paradigm Shift for Creative Enterprises in Art Fields; (3) How to Maximize the Role of Copyright for Boosting Creative Industries in Art Fields: Examples and Best Practices; and (4) How to Support Artists and Creative AMEs in Art Fields and Facilitate their Works/ Products Entering the marketplace.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Cambodia: Official, department of Copyright and Related Rights, Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts and others Indonesia; Deputy Director, Legal Affairs, Collective Management Organizations, Directorate General of Intellectual Property (DGIP) and others Malaysia; Head, Marketing, Glue Studios Sdn. Bhd. And others Philippines: Intellectual Property Rights Specialist IV, Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOP HL) and others Thailand: Executive Committee, The Publishers and Booksellers Association of Thailand and others Viet Nam: Officer, Copyright Office of Viet Nam (COV), Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism and others
Technical cooperation provider(s)	Cultural Economy Development Agency (CENDANA), Komiket Inc., Shogakukan Inc., Visual Industry Promotion Organization (VIPO), Tokyo Flex Law Office
Outputs or impact	Enhanced understanding of the importance of protecting copyright and related rights.
Website for further information	
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Name of programme or project	3rd Virtual Coaching Program for Artists and Managers of Creative Enterprises and the Role of Copyright
Date and end date	23 March 2022 - 23 March 2022
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Bhutan; Nepal; Sri Lanka
Brief description	Topics covered: (1) Recent Developments in Copyright and Related Rights and New Challenges and Opportunities for Creators and Creative Enterprises; (2) How Creators and Creative Enterprises can Work Together to Add Values and Broaden Markets for their Works and Products; (3) How Governments can Support Creators and Creative Enterprises: Examples and Suggestions; and (4) How Cultural/ Trade/ Professional Associations can Support Artists and Creative Enterprises: Examples and Best Practices.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Bhutan: Operations Manager, SAMUH Mediatech Pvt Ltd and others Nepal: Accountant, Nepal Copyright Registrar's Office, Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation and others Sri Lanka: Consultant, Authors Composers and Publishers Organization of Sri Lanka (ACPOSL) and others
Technical cooperation provider(s)	Komiket Inc., Visual Industry Promotion Organization (VIPO), International Relations Australasian Performing Right Association (APRA), National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka (NIPO)
Outputs or impact	Enhanced understanding of the importance of protecting copyright and related rights.
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	kokuchosaku@mext.go.jp

Name of programme or project	National Workshop on Developing the Potential of Creative Youth and Copyright for A Better Future
Date and end date	26 April 2022 - 26 April 2022
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Cambodia
Brief description	Topics covered: (1) The Important Role of Youth, Creativity and Copyright in Creating A Better Future; (2) How Copyright could Support and Reward the Potential of Your Creativity; (3) How to Increase Awareness and Capacities through Innovative Approaches and Contribute to the Creation of A Better Future; and (4) What Creation and Copyright Mean to Me: Inspirations and Experience
Beneficiary institution or audience	
Technical cooperation provider(s)	New Zealand Division Australasian Performing Right Association (APRA), Royal Academy of Cambodia, Tokyo Gakugei University
Outputs or impact	Enhanced understanding of the importance of protecting copyright and related rights.
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	kokuchosaku@mext.go.jp

Name of programme or project	8th meeting of EAPVP Pilot project
Date and end date	15 December 2021 - 16 December 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Brunei Darussalam; Indonesia; Japan; Malaysia; Myanmar; Thailand; Viet Nam
Brief description	Participating countries adopted documents about following topics: Proposal for roles, responsibilities of the participating countries, and the e-PVP Asia service; Arrangements for DUS examination; Schematic and Payment mechanism of e-PVP Asia.
Beneficiary institution or audience	
Technical cooperation provider(s)	UPOV
Outputs or impact	Meeting documents about the e-PVP Asia were adopted.
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	st-pqr@jataff.or.jp

Name of programme or project	9th meeting of EAPVP Pilot project
Date and end date	22 March 2022 - 22 March 2022
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Brunei Darussalam; Cambodia; China; Indonesia; Japan; Malaysia; Myanmar; Philippines; Thailand; Viet Nam
Brief description	Participating countries adopted documents about following topics: Proposal for roles, responsibilities of the participating countries, and the e-PVP Asia service; Arrangements for DUS examination; Schematic and Payment mechanism of e-PVP Asia
Beneficiary institution or audience	
Technical cooperation provider(s)	UPOV
Outputs or impact	Meeting documents regarding the e-PVP Asia were adopted
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	st-pqr@jataff.or.jp

Name of programme or project	Plant Variety Protection and Quality Control System of Seeds to Facilitate Distribution of High Quality Seeds
Date and end date	13 September 2021 - 2 November 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Indonesia; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Malaysia; Mongolia; Nepal; Pakistan; Sudan; Thailand; Viet Nam; Zambia
Brief description	This program aims to establish an environment for Plant Variety Protection (PVP) in accordance with the UPOV Convention for countries that do not have a system for PVP, and which contributes to accelerated development in agriculture by promoting the utilization of new varieties in conformity with internationally agreed principles.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Center for Plant Variety Protection and Agricultural Permits of Indonesia, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Laos, Institute of Plant Agriculture Science of Mongolia, Pakistan Academy for Rural Development, Peshawar of Pakistan, Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources of Sudan, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Viet Nam, Ministry of Agriculture of Zambia, Department of Agriculture (DOA) of Malaysia, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development of Nepal
Technical cooperation provider(s)	JICA/ Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE) / Center for Seeds and Seedlings, NARO (NCSS) / Intellectual Property Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan (MAFF)
Outputs or impact	Participants acquire practical skills to implement public system of seed quality test, and new plant variety protection (PVP) system, in conformity with international standards.
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	WCO SMIPRP (The Strategic Management and Intellectual Property Rights Program)
Date and end date	19 March 2021 - 26 March 2022
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Azerbaijan; Bangladesh; Botswana; Cameroon; India; Jamaica; Kenya; Malawi; Mongolia; Nigeria
Brief description	SMIPRP is a 12-month master's degree program at AGU's Graduate School of Business and offers cutting-edge classes and practical management skills for future leaders, particularly in customs organizations around the world.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Customs Administration
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WCO (CCF-Japan)
Outputs or impact	Acquiring the foundational skills in strategic management and IPR, and in how to design, implement, and evaluate public policies, in particular customs policy, in accordance with development strategies for organizations
Website for further information	https://www.aoyasmiprp.jp/
Contact point for further information	430190300000@mof.go.jp

Name of programme or project	WCO/JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program Customs Administration
Date and end date	6 December 2021 - 16 December 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Egypt; Ethiopia; Iran; Malawi; Nigeria; Pakistan; South Sudan; Sudan; Tanzania; Zimbabwe
Brief description	This program aims to help participants to formulate Action Plans for their Customs Reform and Modernization by identifying challenges, which ought to be tackled to improve in the field of Customs Administration in respective country.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Customs Administration
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WCO/JICA
Outputs or impact	Formulate Action Plans for their Customs Reform and Modernization by identifying challenges
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	430190300000@mof.go.jp

Name of programme or project	WCO/JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program Customs Administration
Date and end date	31 January 2022 - 10 February 2022
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Kazakhstan; Kyrgyz Republic; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan
Brief description	This program aims to help participants to formulate Action Plans for their Customs Reform and Modernization by identifying challenges, which ought to be tackled to improve in the field of Customs Administration in respective country.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Customs Administration
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WCO/JICA
Outputs or impact	Formulate Action Plans for their Customs Reform and Modernization by identifying challenges
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	430190300000@mof.go.jp

Name of programme or project	WCO/JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program Customs Administration
Date and end date	11 January 2022 - 20 January 2022
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Algeria; Benin; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cameroon; Côte d'Ivoire; Djibouti; Guinea; Senegal; Togo; Tunisia
Brief description	This program aims to help participants to formulate Action Plans for their Customs Reform and Modernization by identifying challenges, which ought to be tackled to improve in the field of Customs Administration in respective country.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Customs Administration
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WCO/JICA
Outputs or impact	Formulate Action Plans for their Customs Reform and Modernization by identifying challenges
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	430190300000@mof.go.jp

Name of programme or project	WCO CLiKC! E-Learning Module Working Group
Date and end date	21 June 2021 - 23 June 2022
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	
Brief description	WG to be shared experience in the IPR for the WCO online training material
Beneficiary institution or audience	Customs Administration
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WCO (CCF-Japan)
Outputs or impact	Transfer of best practices and international standards
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	430190300000@mof.go.jp

Name of programme or project	WCO National Workshop on combating counterfeiting and piracy for Mozambique Revenue Authority
Date and end date	6 July 2021 - 8 July 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Mozambique
Brief description	Workshop that focused on supporting the development of the regulations and operational procedures to implement IPR border enforcement
Beneficiary institution or audience	Customs Administration
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WCO (CCF-Japan)
Outputs or impact	Transfer of best practices and international standards
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	430190300000@mof.go.jp

Name of programme or project	WCO National Workshop on combating counterfeiting and piracy for Sri Lanka Customs Administration
Date and end date	4 August 2021 - 6 August 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Sri Lanka
Brief description	Workshop that focused on supporting the development of the regulations and operational procedures to implement IPR border enforcement
Beneficiary institution or audience	Customs Administration
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WCO (CCF-Japan)
Outputs or impact	Transfer of best practices and international standards
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	43019030000@mof.go.jp

Name of programme or project	WCO National Workshop on combating counterfeiting and piracy for Iran Customs Administration
Date and end date	13 September 2021 - 15 September 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Iran
Brief description	Workshop that focused on supporting the development of the regulations and operational procedures to implement IPR border enforcement
Beneficiary institution or audience	Customs Administration
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WCO (CCF-Japan)
Outputs or impact	Transfer of best practices and international standards
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	43019030000@mof.go.jp

Name of programme or project	JSP21 Workshop on Intellectual Property (IP) Rights
Date and end date	15 October 2021 - 15 October 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Cambodia; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Myanmar; Viet Nam
Brief description	Workshop that focused on supporting the development of the regulations and operational procedures to implement IPR border enforcement
Beneficiary institution or audience	Customs Administration
Technical cooperation provider(s)	JICA
Outputs or impact	Transfer of best practices and international standards
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	430190300000@mof.go.jp

Name of programme or project	WCO National Workshop on combating counterfeiting and piracy for Indonesian Customs Administration
Date and end date	18 October 2021 - 19 October 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Indonesia
Brief description	Workshop that focuses on supporting the development of the regulations and operational procedures to implement IPR border enforcement
Beneficiary institution or audience	Customs Administration
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WCO (CCF-Japan)
Outputs or impact	Transfer of best practices and international standards
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	430190300000@mof.go.jp

Name of programme or project	WCO National Workshop on combating counterfeiting and piracy for Iran Customs Administration
Date and end date	21 February 2022 - 23 February 2022
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Iran
Brief description	Workshop that focused on supporting the development of the regulations and operational procedures to implement IPR border enforcement
Beneficiary institution or audience	Customs Administration
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WCO (CCF-Japan)
Outputs or impact	Transfer of best practices and international standards
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	430190300000@mof.go.jp

Name of programme or project	WCO OPERATION "BALKAN GATE 2" OPERATIONAL WORKSHOP
Date and end date	2 March 2022 - 4 March 2022
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Albania; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Bulgaria; Croatia; Greece; Italy; Malta; Montenegro; North Macedonia; Romania; Serbia
Brief description	It was mainly organized for the benefit of operational services of Customs Administrations and of right holders actively involved in the operation.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Customs Administration
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WCO (CCF-Japan)
Outputs or impact	Transfer of best practices and international standards
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	430190300000@mof.go.jp

Name of programme or project	WCO National Workshop on combating counterfeiting and piracy for Thailand Customs Administration
Date and end date	28 March 2022 - 1 April 2022
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Thailand
Brief description	Workshop that focused on supporting the development of the regulations and operational procedures to implement IPR border enforcement
Beneficiary institution or audience	Customs Administration
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WCO (CCF-Japan)
Outputs or impact	Transfer of best practices and international standards
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	43019030000@mof.go.jp