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The KOICA-IIPTI Seminar on IP Administration and Patent Information

KIPO's training institute, the IIPTI, fosters IP experts by providing systematic education for government officials, people from the private sector, students and international participants. The IIPTI program for 2006 comprised 153 IP courses, at an average of 13 courses a month. Fifty-seven of these courses, including the course for new examiners, were for government officials; 37, including the course for patent lawsuit cases, were for the private sector; 53, including the course for school invention teachers, were for invention promotion; and six, including the WIPO Asian-Pacific Regional Seminar, were for international participants.

The courses for government officials, which cover basic and advanced knowledge of IPRs, target KIPO examiners and judges, as well as officials from the Korea Customs Service, the Public Prosecutor's Office, the central government and local governments. The courses for the private sector target patent attorneys, IT experts, R&D experts, those in charge of IPRs in companies, as well as students and teachers. These courses aim to raise the general awareness of IPRs.

The IIPTI was established in 1987 to nurture the development of IPRs and to foster IPR experts in the Asia-Pacific region. Subsequently, in conjunction with WIPO and the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), the IIPTI has held 55 international seminars for an aggregate of 1,373 foreign participants. In 2006, the IIPTI hosted six international seminars for a total of 116 participants.

The KOICA-IIPTI Training Course on Intellectual Property Office Automation and Patent Information covers various aspects of KIPO's information technology, such as the KIPOnet system. The course, which includes a field trip to see the KIPOnet system in operation, offers lectures and discussions on ten themes, such as international trends in IP information and innovation in the IT aspects of IPR administration. In general, the KOICA course has heightened the awareness of patent officials in the Asian-Pacific region towards the development of information systems. Moreover, by promoting the exchange of information between participating countries, the course has increased cooperative support for developing countries.

In 2006, as a follow-up to the 2005 memorandum of understanding with the China Intellectual Property Training Center, we conducted a Korea-China joint seminar in Seoul for people working in the IPR field.

The Invention Education Center was opened in 2006, and more than 2,000 students, parents and teachers have participated in invention programs designed to encourage positive attitudes towards inventions.

### International courses in 2006

Name of course	Number of trainees	Number of participating countries	Duration	Training schedule
WIPO-KIPO PCT Roundtable on Receiving Offices	17	7	3 days	April 25-27
WIPO-KIPO Academy on Capacity-Building in Intellectual Property for Policy Makers	28	20	3 days	June 7-9
KOICA-IIPTI Training Course on Intellectual Property Office Automation and Patent Information	15	13	14 days	Sept. 17-30
KOICA-IIPTI Training Course for Intellectual Property Experts	14	10	12 days	Oct. 30 to Nov. 10
WIPO Asia-Pacific Regional Seminar on International Negotiations and Intellectual Property	29	16	3 days	Nov. 20-22
WIPO Workshop on the Formulation and Implementation of IP Outreach Strategies for the Least Developed Countries	13	10	2 days	Dec. 6-7
<b>Total</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>76</b>		

### On-campus courses in 2006

Category	Training courses	Sessions	Trainees
<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>7,678</b>
Public sector	34	57	3,329
Private sector	20	37	1,424
Invention promotion	10	53	2,309
International	6	6	116

### Off-campus courses of the IIPTI in 2006

Category	Sessions	Trainees
Educational tours to promote student inventions	133	9,662



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