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Dynamic IP Korea

Open Innovation and Regional Capacity Building

Toward IP-friendly society

Highlighting Figures of 2008

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Highlights of 2008-2009



Inauguration of the 20th Commissioner of the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), Dr. Jung-Sik Koh



Commemorative ceremony for the 43rd Invention Day

May 2008

- May 1 Inauguration of the 20th Commissioner, Dr. Jung-Sik Koh
- May 8 Korea International Women's Invention Exposition
- May 10 2008 Invention Experience Festival for Students
- May 19 Commemorative ceremony for the 43rd Invention Day
- May 27 Establishment of the Korean Association of Intellectual Property Service (KAIPS) /

June 2008

- June 4 Establishment of Korea Intellectual Property Association
- June 11 Heads meeting between Korea and Denmark
- June 12 Event to celebrate the three millionth call received at the KIPO Customer Call Center
- June 26 Award ceremony for patented technologies

July 2008

- July 22 Launch of Core-A Processor Platform
- July 30 The Korea Student Invention Exhibition

August 2008

- August 1 Heads meeting between KIPO and IP Australia
- August 21 Award ceremony for the University Invention Competition
- August 27 Visit of the Korea Intellectual Property Association to the Japan Intellectual Property Association

- August 28 Visit from the Director General of the National Office of Intellectual Property in Vietnam

September 2008

- September 1 Opening of the 2008 Korea Contest for Invention and Contents
- September 10 Prior Art Search Competition
- September 22 P General Assembly of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
- September 23 MOU between KIPO and the US Patent and Trademark Office

October 2008

- October 1 Commencement of the customized three-track patent examination system
- October 7 Commencement ceremony for the Patent Administration Experience Team
- October 16 Sports festival for KIPO employees and their families
- October 21 2008 Women's Invention Exposition
- October 27 IP5 Heads Meeting

November 2008

- November 1 Introduction of the preferential administrative trial system
- November 11 Opening of PATINEX
- November 17 Memorandum of understanding (MOU) between KIPO and the Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency
- November 18 2008 Patent Exchange Festival

December 2008

- December 8 Ninth Award Ceremony for Korean Semiconductor Designs
- December 11 The 2008 Korean Patent, Trademark and Design Exhibition
- December 17 Award Ceremony for Patented Technologies
- December 23 MOU between KIPO and the Small and Medium Business Administration
- December 31 End of year ceremony for 2008

January 2009

- January 16 Establishment of the Korea Intellectual Property Protection Association (KIPRA)
- January 19 Ceremony for the designation of Gwangju as an intellectual property city
- January 19 Work agreement between KIPO and Jeju Free International City Development Center
- January 30 Lunar New Year meeting for families of patent holders and inventors

February 2009

- February 4 MOU between KIPO and the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology
- February 6 MOU between KIPO and the Pohang Institute of Science and Technology
- February 13 Award ceremony for the Campus Patent Strategy Universiade
- February 25 MOU with USPTO on Patent Classification

March 2009

- March 1 Australia's designation of KIPO as ISA/IPEA

March 1

Export of an international search service to Australia

March 12

Commencement of the pilot Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) between KIPO and the Danish Patent and Trademark Office

Trilateral Policy Dialogue Meeting among the Commissioners of Korea, China and Japan

March 13

Commissioners meeting between KIPO and the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China

March 23

Visit from the Director General of the Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia

March 31

Home-coming day for KIPO O/Bs

April 2009

April 1

Commencement of the fast-track trademark examination system

April 1

Commencement of the Second Campus Patent Strategy Universiade

April 7

Opening ceremony of the Korean Intellectual Property Protection Association (KIPRA)



Volunteer activities for the Salvation Army's Hyesengwon in Daejeon



Korea Invention Patent Exhibition

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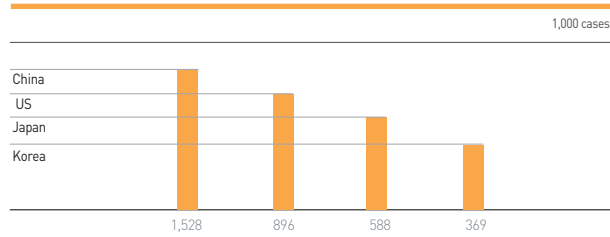


Korea Student Invention Exhibition

World's fourth largest country for IPR applications

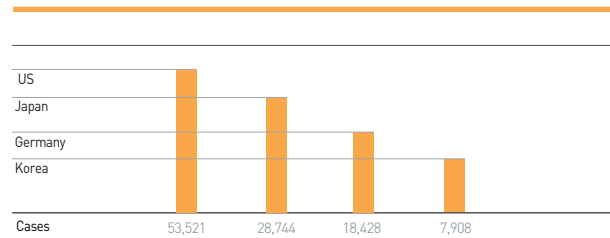
In 2008, our total of 368,565 applications for patents, utility models, trademarks and designs earned us a ranking of fourth in the world after China, the US, and Japan.

- Patents: 167,904, Utility models: 17,226
- Designs: 56,296, Trademarks: 127,139



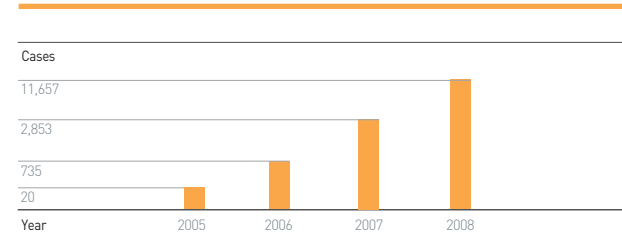
World's fourth largest country for applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

In 2008, our total of 7,980 applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) earned us a ranking of fourth in the world after the US, Japan, and Germany.



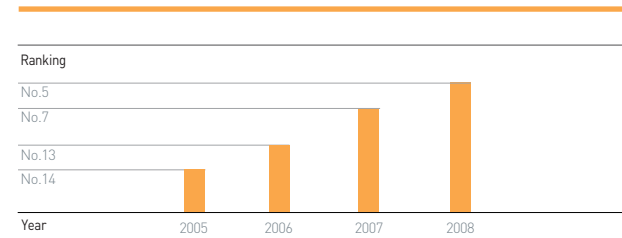
Number of requests for PCT international searches

In 2005, only 20 requests for international searches were made for PCT applications in Korea. However, in 2008, the number rose drastically to 11,657, reflecting the global confidence in our examination capabilities.



The number of patents in force per 100,000 inhabitants

According to the IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook, the number of patents in force per 100,000 inhabitants in Korea has risen drastically. Our world ranking has jumped from 14th in 2005 to fifth in 2008 and 2009.



Human resources

Our staff of 1,511 are highly educated: 398 (or 26.3%) have a PhD; 388 (or 25.7%) have passed the Higher Civil Service Examination; and 31 (or 2.1%) have passed the Examination for Professional Engineers.



The Commissioner and Director Generals



IP5 Heads Meeting at Jeju Island
