

Innovation

KIPO fosters IP innovation through fast, reliable and high-quality **IP** examination services

Creative ideas have the power to change the world. KIPO continues to provide innovative, timely, and accurate IP examination services to ensure that ideas are adequately protected as IP.



Premium Examination Services

We aim to provide high-quality and customer-oriented examination services by improving examination systems, raising the overall quality of each of our IP administration processes (the application, examination and registration stages), and reducing first action pendency.

We offer customized examination services with our three-track patent and utility model examination system, two-track trademark and design examination system, as well as three-track trial system.

The average first office action pendency are as follows:

- Patents and utility models: 14.8 months in 2012 → 13.2 months in 2013 → 11.0 months in 2014 → 10.0 months in 2015 → 10.6 months in 2016
- Designs: 8.8 months in 2012 \rightarrow 7.3 months in 2013 \rightarrow 6.5 months in 2014 \rightarrow 4.4 months in 2015 \rightarrow 4.7 months in 2016

► Gilt-bronze Pensive Maitreya Bodhisattva National treasure No.78. Height is 83.2 cm. It is believed to have been made in the latter half of the 6th century and is considered to be the best masteroice of Buddhist art on the Korean peninsula.

• Trademarks: 8.9 months in 2012 \rightarrow 7.7 months in 2013 \rightarrow 6.4 months in 2014 \rightarrow 4.7 months in 2015 \rightarrow 4.8 months in 2016



In the world for resident patent applications per GDP and population

Competitiveness

KIPO increases its IP competitiveness by maintaining the highest number of resident patent applications per both GDP and population

In this era of creative economies, IPRs are the core factor of any competent business strategy. KIPO is dedicated to establishing a competitive and rewarding IP system that nurtures IP creation and utilization by transforming novel ideas into strong IPRs.

IP Competitiveness

IP applications

The total preliminary number of IP applications, including patents, utility models, designs, and trademarks, submitted to KIPO in 2016 amounted to 451,622. Patent applications stood at around 200 in 1949 before jumping to around 5,000 in 1980 and 100,000 in 2000. Over the past 16 years, this number has doubled to more than 200,000.

Patent application competitiveness

According to the World IP Indicator unveiled by WIPO in December 2016, since 2007, Korea ranked first for 9 consecutive years (Since 2007) in regard to the number of resident patent applications per GDP and population.

PCT applications

The number of PCT application increased by 11.1 percent, from 14,594 in 2015 to 15,595 in 2016, which is the 5th largest amount by country of origin.

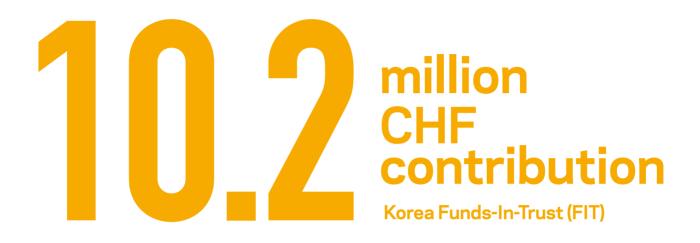
 Taekwondo
It is an internationally recognized sports that was created in Korediscipline such as courtesy and perseverance with physical training.

► Green-Glazed Roof Tile with Monster Mask The ancient people of Korea believed that illness, death, disaster, etc w of monster as one of the ways to chase those ghosts.



pread all over the world. It emphasizes mental

used by evil ghosts, and made tiles with the face







Appropriate technology and brand development

Harmonization

KIPO, in collaboration with key national allies, creates a global community that appropriately values and rewards inventions

International cooperation is critical in order for the stakeholders to easily acquire and protect IPRs. KIPO contributes to the advancement of IP systems as it works to increase the value of IP holdings by participating in various activities worldwide.

Worldwide **IP Collaboration**

WIPO Korea Funds-In-Trust (FIT)

Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) with 26 Countries

In order to improve the efficiency and quality of examinations, we have become Annual Meeting to harmonize global patent systems. We are also implementing the

24 IP Sharing Projects

In collaboration with WIPO and APEC, we are implementing IP sharing projects to brand development.

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