



INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE LA PROPIEDAD INDUSTRIAL



JAPAN PATENT OFFICE

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
between
the National Institute of Industrial Property of Argentina
and
the Japan Patent Office
on Industrial Property

The National Institute of Industrial Property of Argentina (INPI) and the Japan Patent Office of Japan (JPO), hereinafter referred to individually as “Office” and collectively as “the Offices”,

Desiring to make the most of the industrial property (IP) systems to promote innovation and thus socio-economic development, by accelerating the “intellectual creation cycle” that consists of the creation, protection, and exploitation of IP; and

Recognizing that cooperation between the Offices will contribute to enhance their capabilities and thereby to satisfy the above challenge;

Concurred as follows:

1. Objective

The objective of this Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) is to establish further cooperation between the Offices in the IP field, including patent, design, and trademarks, in line with the respective national laws and regulations and based on the respective responsibilities of the Offices.

2. Areas of Cooperation

The cooperation activities referred to in this MOC will be carried out in the following areas:

- a) Promotion of comprehension on the intellectual property right (IPR) systems and practices of the Offices such as:

- Exchanging information between the Offices on the IPR systems and practices at the respective Office as well as information on the regional cooperative frameworks in which the Offices participate.
- b) Improvement of the IPR systems to enhance the development of industry and innovation such as:
- Exchanging experiences of the Offices with improving examination efficiency and workload capacity of the Offices.
 - Exchanging the IPR information data such as gazette between the Offices.
 - Cooperating in the field of human resources development of the officials of the Offices, including trainings in Japan or Argentina.
 - Cooperating between the Offices within international frameworks, including the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH).
- c) Enhancement of interaction of the Offices with the IPR users such as:
- Holding seminar and/or sending speakers to seminar to provide information to the IPR users.
 - Providing information to the public on the IPR systems of one's own Office in English.
 - Sharing feedback from user evaluations of the IPR systems and practices of the Offices.
- d) Any other areas decided by the Offices.

3. Meetings

The implementation of this MOC will be discussed and reviewed at meetings between the Offices periodically.

4. Funding

The implementation of each activity will be subject to the budgetary availabilities of the Offices. In each case a mechanism coverage of the corresponding costs will be determined. The approval of expenditures required by the implementation of these activities is subject to the laws and regulations that each Office is subject to.

5. Specific Arrangements

The activities related to this MOC will be implemented through specific arrangements in which the duties and / or responsibilities of the Offices to comply with the purposes thereof are set.

6. Diffusion

Each Office will not to disclose - in any respect - the information to which they have had access in developing the intended target, among themselves and with respect to third parties, unless specified in the respective arrangement, or when, subsequently, both Offices decide jointly, under the respective national laws and regulations that they are subject to, to publicize the information considered relevant.

7. Modification

This MOC may be modified by mutual written consent of the Offices.

8. Commencement

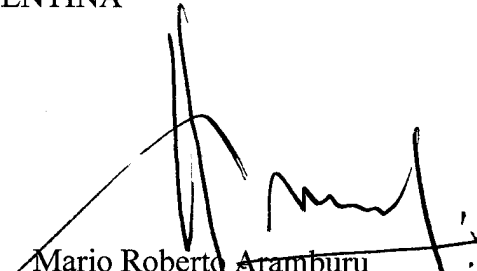
The cooperation under this Memorandum of Cooperation will commence on the following day on which the representatives of the respective Offices place their signatures on this Memorandum of Cooperation.

9. Termination

The cooperation under this MOC will continue for a five-year period. After this initial period, the cooperation under this MOC will be automatically extended for another five-year period, and thereafter will be extended automatically for five-year periods. Either Office may terminate this MOC by sending a notice in advance at least 90 calendar days before the end of the initial period or the then existing extended period.

Signed in Geneva, the 7th of October of 2015 in two original copies in English.

FOR THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OF ARGENTINA



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