

Innovation

KIPO fosters IP Innovation through fast services with reliable quality.

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



Premium Examination Services

KIPO continually aims to provide high-quality, customer-oriented, and fast examination services by raising the quality of IP administration, improving examination systems, and reducing first office action pendency.

In 2019, the average first office action pendency was 10.8 months for patents and utility models, 6.8 months for trademarks, and 5.4 months for industrial designs.

To provide timely registration of intellectual property rights and accommodate the IP strategies of our users, patent and utility model examinations have three tracks: regular examination, accelerated examination, and customer-deferred examination. Trademark and industrial design examinations have two tracks: regular examination and accelerated examination.

◀M.VISION
At CES (Consumer Electronics Show), the world's largest consumer electronics show, Hyundai Mobis unveiled the level 4 autonomous driving concept car 'M.VISION'.

▶Yeonjeok
Yeonjeok is a tool used to pour a moderate amount of water when one's grinding an ink-stick against an inkstone. This peach-shaped pottery was made in the 19th century.



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 of competent business strategies.
KIPO is dedicated to establishing a competitive and rewarding IP system by transforming novel ideas into strong IPRs.

IP Competitiveness

Top Global Ranking

According to WIPO's World IP Indicator unveiled in December 2019, Korea ranked 1st worldwide with the highest number of resident patent and industrial design applications per GDP and population. Korea also ranked 1st in the category of human capital & research.
(Source: World IP Indicator, Global Innovation Index)

IPR Applications

KIPO received a preliminary total of 510,968 applications for patents, utility models, industrial designs, and trademarks in 2019. Out of the total amount, 84,243 applications were filed by residents of foreign countries.

PCT Applications

The number of PCT applications from Korea continues to grow every year. Korea has the 5th largest amount of PCT applications by country of origin. In 2019, there were 18,885 PCT applications in total which is an 11.1% increase from 2018. The Korean language is also the 5th most commonly used language as an official PCT publication language.
(Source: WIPO IP Statistics Data Center)

◀Drone for Agriculture
In the era of the 4th industrial revolution, the use of drones in the agricultural sector is rapidly increasing.

▶Writing Brush Case
This case was made by connecting three hexagonal wooden pails of different heights. The cow's horn was ground thinly and a picture was drawn on it and then attached to the outside of the case.



Harmonization

KIPO collaborates with key national allies to create a global community that appropriately values and rewards inventions.

Cooperation is fundamental to creating an environment where IPRs are promptly acquired and firmly protected for stakeholders. KIPO engages in activities that advance the global IP systems as it works to increase the value of IP.

Worldwide IP Collaboration

Global Cooperation Forums

As one of the world's leading IP office, KIPO engages in cooperation forums with other leading IP offices that contribute to harmonizing global IP systems, such as the IP5 for patents, the TM5 for trademarks, and the ID5 for industrial designs.

Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) with 31 Countries/Regions

KIPO works with countries/regions around the world under the PPH for reducing the time and costs required to obtain patent rights overseas. As of 2019, the PPH has been implemented with 31 countries/regions.

• PPH participants: Australia, Austria, Canada, China, Colombia, Denmark, Eurasia, European Patent Office, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan(Province of China), UK, USA, and Vietnam.

46 IP-Sharing Projects

IP-Sharing Projects are implemented to share our gained knowledge of rapid development and to help bridge the IP divide among developed and developing countries. These projects aim to help create cost efficient and sustainable appropriate technology and brand development for improving the quality of life and income of local communities.

WIPO Korea Funds-In-Trust (FIT)

Jointly undertaken in collaboration with KIPO and WIPO, the WIPO Korea FIT is applied towards projects that support developing countries and strengthen the global IP system through economic, social, and cultural development. For the continued operation of the WIPO Korea FIT, Korea has contributed about 12.8 million Swiss francs in total since 2004.

◀Tea Ceremony

Korean tea ceremony refers to the manners of drinking tea and various knowledge about tea. Koreans greet their ancestors with tea on New Year's Day or Chuseok and treat guests with a cup of tea.

▶Gyeongsang

Gyeongsang is a type of desk used to place and read Buddhist scriptures in temples. Both sides of the top plate were rolled up to prevent rolls of books and documents from rolling over.

