

Timeline of MOIP

1908

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- Promulgation of the Korean Patent Ordinance

1946

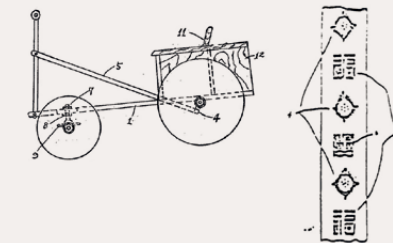
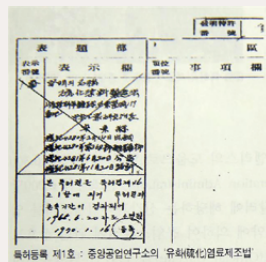
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- Enactment of the Patent Act
- Establishment of the Patent Office

1947

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- First Patent Attorney Examination

1948

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- Publication of the first Patent Gazette and first patent registered: Method for Manufacturing Sulfur Dyes
- First utility model registered: Children's Health Cart
- First design registered: Combination of Shape and Color of a Traditional Coat Ribbon



1949

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- Enactment of the Trademark Act
- First trademark registered: "天" (Cheon) of Cheonil Industrial Co.



1953

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- First Invention Exhibition and Outstanding Commercial Products Exhibition

1957

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- First Invention Day Commemoration Ceremony



1961

- - Patent Act separated into four industrial property laws (Patent Act, Utility Model Act, Trademark Act, Design Act)

1977

- - Establishment of the Korean Industrial Property Office (KIPO, renamed the Korean Intellectual Property Office in 2000)



1979

- - Membership in the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

1980

- - Accession to the Paris Convention

1984

- - Accession to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

1987

- - Opening of the International Patent Training Center (renamed the International Intellectual Property Training Institute, IIPTI)



1997

- - Designated as a PCT International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA)

1998

- - Establishment of the Intellectual Property Trial and Appeal Board (IPTAB) and KIPO Seoul Branch Office
- Relocation of KIPO Headquarters to Daejeon



1999

- - Launch of KIPOnet (Beginning of digital IP administration)



2002

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- Accession to the Trademark Law Treaty

2003

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- Accession to the Madrid Protocol

2005

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- Launch of KIPOnet II
- Opening of the Invention Education Center



2006

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- Launch of "Patent-ro" e-filing system
- Designation as Korea's first autonomously-managed central government agency

2007

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- Adoption of Korean as an official PCT publication language
- Launch of the IP5 (World's five largest IP offices)



2010

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- Establishment of the Special Judicial Police on Trademark



2017

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- Enactment of the Act on the Promotion of and Support for Invention Education

2019

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- Expansion of the Special Judicial Police's jurisdiction to IP (trademarks, patents, designs, and trade secrets)
- Milestone of the two-millionth patent registration



2024

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- 20th Anniversary of the WIPO Korea Funds-in-Trust

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- Elevation to the Ministry of Intellectual Property (MOIP)