

IP Support Policies and Programs

Field	Project/Initiative Name	Beneficiaries	Support Details
Creation	IP Didimdol	Aspiring Entrepreneurs and Individuals	Support for transforming creative ideas from aspiring entrepreneurs into IP-based business items and securing the associated rights.
	IP Narae	"Technology-based Startups * Within seven years of establishment (ten years for new-industry sectors)"	IP technology and management strategy consulting for the advancement of startups' IP management systems.
	Global IP Star Company Development	SMEs	Comprehensive IP services, including overseas rights acquisition, for the growth of exporting and prospective exporting SMEs into globally competitive IP-based companies.
	IP-Linked R&D Strategy Support	SMEs and Mid-sized Companies with In-house R&D Organizations, Universities, and Public Research Institutions	Customized, hands-on IP-linked R&D strategy support for companies, universities, and public research institutes seeking to secure core and foundational patents.
	Standard-Essential Patent Creation Support	Universities, Public Institutions, SMEs, and Mid-sized Companies	Strategy support throughout the entire standard-essential patent creation process for improved research productivity and the technology trade balance.
	Creation and Utilization of High-Quality Patents from Government R&D Support	Universities and Public Institutions	Capacity-building support for the creation and utilization of high-quality patents through IP management assessments of universities and public research institutes.
	In-Depth Analysis of National R&D Patent Trends	Government R&D Ministries and Specialized Agencies	Patent-based planning strategies and implications for national R&D pre-planning, aimed at preventing duplicative research in nationally prioritized fields and improving planning quality.
	IP Services Growth Support	IP Information Service Companies	Support for market-oriented IP information service development strategies, minimum viable pilot services, and service-function improvements.
	Women Invention Everywhere	Aspiring Women Entrepreneurs	Support for identifying readily commercializable everyday inventions based on women's creative ideas and for applications, design, prototyping, and commercialization.
	IP Data Gift Policy	Aspiring Entrepreneurs and Small Enterprises Established within the Past Seven Years	Free provision, for up to seven years, of IP data required for product development in the IP information service sector, differentiated by startup and growth-stage tracks.
	IP Emergency Support	SMEs	Support for resolving urgent IP-related difficulties arising in SME business operations and removing barriers to business growth.
	Public-Private Partnership IP Strategy Support	Aspiring Entrepreneurs and Startups Established within the Past Seven Years	Private-sector investment in startups and overall management of corporate IP, combined with government support through IP product commercialization packages covering rights acquisition, commercialization, production, and certification.

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Utilization	IP Creation Support for Small Businesses	Small Business Owners	Support for securing rights in trademarks, recipes, and other assets owned by small business owners, together with education and consultation programs to raise IP awareness.
	Designation of Industrial Property Diagnosis Institutions	Specialized Industrial Property Diagnostic Institutions and Organizations	Designation of industrial property diagnosis institutions that provide R&D directions and strategies to companies, research institutes, and other entities through comprehensive investigation and analysis of industrial property and related information.
	Patent-Based Commercialization R&D	MSMEs	Strategic support for SMEs using IP for innovative product development and upgrading, commercialization consulting, and market development.
	Domestic IP Transaction Support	Individuals, SMEs, etc.	IP transaction brokerage services by dedicated specialists for individuals, SMEs, and others seeking transactions such as the acquisition of patented technologies.
	International IP Transaction Support	SMEs and Mid-sized Companies (in Advanced Industries)	Overseas IP transaction brokerage support for SMEs and mid-sized enterprises in advanced industries to produce and sell export products and promote the early acquisition and localization of core technologies.
	IP Valuation Support for Commercialization	Individuals, SMEs, etc.	Support for IP valuation costs to facilitate the use of IP held by individuals, SMEs, and others for business feasibility analysis, technology transactions, and related purposes.
	Everyone's Ideas Competition	General Public	Operation of the "Everyone's Ideas Competition" to solve key economic and industrial issues through creative public ideas and translate those ideas into policies and projects.
	Transaction and Commercialization Support for Carbon-Neutrality Ideas	SMEs (in Carbon-Neutrality Sectors)	Support for identifying and refining public ideas in carbon-neutrality fields and for providing SMEs with IP strategies and IP product commercialization consulting.
	Climate-Tech Growth Support Using Public Patent Technologies	SMEs (in Climate-Tech Sectors)	Identification of public-sector patent technologies needed for carbon-reduction product development and process improvement, transfer of those technologies to the private sector, and support for validation and commercialization.
	Priority Purchase Recommendation System for High-quality Inventions	Individuals, SMEs	Market development support through recommendations by the Minister of Intellectual Property to central government agencies, local governments, and public institutions for the priority purchase of outstanding products incorporating patented technologies.
	Public IP Commercialization Support	Universities and Public Research Institutions	Full-cycle support for the utilization of patents held by universities and public research institutes, from patent creation to technology transfer, commercialization, and the development of self-sustaining ecosystems.

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	Diagnostic Support for Government R&D Patents	Universities and Public Research Institutions	Consulting support for the strategic management and utilization of patents held by public institutions, based on patent diagnoses aimed at improving the utilization of government R&D outcomes.
Protection	Trade Secret Protection Center	Universities, Public Research Institutions, and SMEs	Provision of online and customized trade secret education, trade secret management systems, protection consulting, legal advice on leakage disputes, original-document certification services, and related support.
	Overseas IP Centers	Exporting and Prospective Exporting SMEs and Middle Market Enterprises	Support for securing local IP rights and resolving IP-related difficulties to strengthen the export competitiveness of companies entering overseas markets.
	"Support for Blocking Counterfeit Goods in Overseas Online Markets"	Current and Prospective Exporters among SMEs and Mid-sized Enterprises	Support the monitoring and removal of counterfeit product listings on overseas online platforms.
	K-Brand Dispute Response Strategy Support	Current and Prospective Exporters among SMEs and Mid-sized Enterprises	Provision of customized strategies to prepare for and respond to overseas IP disputes related to counterfeit K-brand products.
	Patent Dispute Response Strategy Support	Current and Prospective Exporters among SMEs and Mid-sized Enterprises, Universities, Public Research Institutions	Provision of tailored protection strategies for each situation of international patent disputes, including responses to warning letters and litigation, license renewals, and IP rights enforcement.
	Strengthening IP Risk Response Capabilities for Emerging Exporters	Domestic-focused and Early-stage Exporting SMEs and Mid-sized Companies	Diagnosis of and response support for potential overseas IP dispute risks facing export-challenging companies entering foreign markets.
	Industrial Property Dispute Mediation System	Rights Holders, Licensees, Employee Inventors, and Other Interested Parties	Facilitation of dispute resolution through mutual agreement by a mediation panel composed of experts in the relevant field upon the filing of a mediation request.
	IP Mutual Aid Program	SMEs and Mid-sized Companies	Distribution and alleviation of IP-related cost burdens for SMEs and mid-sized enterprises and establishment of a foundation for business stability through a mutual-aid scheme based on mutual assistance among companies.
Finance	IP-backed Collateral/Loans Recovery Support	Banks with IP Collateral Loan Agreements	Reduction of bank losses through the purchase of collateralized IP from partner banks when a company defaults after receiving an IP-backed loan.
	IP Valuation Cost Support	SMEs, etc.	Support for valuation costs enabling companies to raise financing through IP-based guarantees, secured loans, investment, and other mechanisms based on the assessed value of their IP rights.

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Education and Consultation	Korea Fund of Funds Patent Account	SMEs, venture companies, etc.	Provision of stable commercialization funding to SMEs and venture companies through direct investment in IP, including patents, or investment in innovative patent-based companies, using IP funds operated through the Korea Fund of Funds.
	IP Digital Education	General Public	Online provision of digital educational content on basic IP topics, including patents, trademarks, and designs, as well as IP management.
	Regional Universities Specializing in IP Professional Education	Undergraduate and Graduate Students	Support for regional IP-focused universities that train bachelor's, master's, and doctoral-level IP professionals specializing in national strategic technologies and key regional industries and serve as regional hubs for expanding IP education.
	Next-Generation IP Entrepreneur Development	Middle School Students and Youth Aged 13–15	Selection and development of highly creative young inventors as IP-based talented entrepreneurs capable of creating future growth industries.
	Invention Education Centers	Elementary, Middle, and High School Students	Expansion of the foundation for invention education and early identification and development of creative invention talent through invention education centers.
	IP Meister Program	Vocational High School Students	Support for vocational and Meister high school students in identifying industrial-site problems and proposing, refining, protecting, and transferring solutions, thereby developing into prospective technical professionals sought by industry.
	Invention Education Teacher Development	Current and Prospective Elementary, Middle, and High School Teachers	Training for current and prospective teachers in the instruction of invention-related subjects, aimed at strengthening teacher capabilities to foster students' creativity.
	Employee Invention System Consulting	SMEs and Mid-sized Companies	Dispatch of employee-invention experts, including doctoral-level specialists, to companies introducing employee invention regulations or experiencing operational difficulties, with support for establishing regulations and resolving implementation challenges.
	Patent Support Consultation Desks	SMEs, Aspiring Entrepreneurs, etc.	IP-related consultation services provided by IP specialists at regional IP centers.
	Public Patent Attorney Counseling Center	Small Businesses, Persons with Disabilities, Basic Livelihood Security Recipients, and Other Socially Disadvantaged Groups	Free patent attorney services for socially vulnerable groups, including industrial property consultations, document preparation, and direct representation in trials and actions for revocation of trial decisions.
	Patent Information Search and Electronic Filing Training	IP Personnel at Companies, Institutions, and Research Organizations; Students; and Aspiring Entrepreneurs	Customized training in patent information searches and electronic filing tailored to different groups of IP learners.

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	IP Education for Business Professionals	Business Professionals	Training for enterprises in AI-based IP investigation and analysis (AIXIP) for IP creation, commercialization, and global expansion, using AI-based IP service providers.
Events	Invention Day Event	General Public	Designation and commemoration of May 19—the date on which the world's first rain gauge was invented and officially put into use—as Invention Day, together with awards for contributors to invention.
	Korea Grand IP Exhibition	General Public	Integrated hosting of the Korea Invention Patent Exhibition, Trademark and Design Rights Exhibition, and Seoul International Invention Fair.
	Korea International Women's Invention Exposition	Women Who Have Filed or Registered Industrial Property Rights	Operation of exhibition booths for domestic and international participating companies, provision of distribution consultation opportunities with major domestic retailers, and support for live commerce.
	IP Data Utilization Startup Competition	General Public	Operation of a competition to identify creative ideas using IP data and support startups and commercialization, including awards for outstanding teams, free data provision, and recommendations to startup support programs of the Ministry of Science and ICT and other agencies.
	D2B Design Fair	Youth Designers	Strengthening of young designers' IP capabilities through support for design rights acquisition and commercialization, together with provision of customized high-quality designs to companies.
	Campus Patent Universiade	Undergraduate and Graduate Students in Korea	Development of IP talent needed by companies through expanded university education in patent data utilization and analysis, together with the transfer of creative university ideas to industry.
	Korea Student Invention Exhibition	Elementary, Middle, and High School Students	Development of creative invention talent through the identification and recognition of student invention ideas, and promotion of invention awareness and culture through exhibitions of outstanding student inventions.
	Korea Student Creativity and Innovation Championship	Elementary, Middle, and High School Students	Development of creativity, teamwork, leadership, and other future-oriented competencies through team-based creative problem-solving by groups of five to seven elementary, middle, and high school students.
	Patent Technology Award	General Public	Identification and recognition of outstanding inventions registered with MOIP, aimed at boosting inventor morale and fostering a nationwide culture of invention.

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	IP Startup Contest (IP League)	Aspiring Entrepreneurs, Entrepreneurs	Selection of aspiring entrepreneurs and startup teams holding or applying for outstanding IP through MOIP's preliminary IP League for the interministerial Challenge! K-Startup competition, followed by interministerial awards and follow-up startup and IP support from the Ministry of SMEs and Startups and MOIP.
Other Programs and Initiatives	Certification Program for Excellence in Employee Invention Compensation	SMEs and Mid-sized Companies That Operate an Employee Invention System and Have Provided Compensation within the Past Two Years	Provision of incentives to certified companies, including accelerated examination of patents, utility models, and designs; an additional 20 percent reduction in registration fees for years four through nine; preferential treatment by SGI Seoul Guarantee; and additional points in government support programs.
	IP Management Certification Program	SMEs Demonstrating Exemplary IP Management	Provision of various incentives to certified companies, including additional points for participation in government support programs.
	Fee Reduction Program	Individuals, SMEs, etc.	Reduction of patent, utility model, and design application fees and examination request fees; a 70 percent reduction in registration fees for the first three years; and a 50 percent reduction from the fourth year through the end of the term.
	IP-Related Tax Support	SMEs, Mid-sized Companies, and Large Enterprises	Tax support comprising income tax exemption for employee invention compensation; income and corporate tax reductions for technology transfer and licensing income; and tax credits for patent search and analysis expenses incurred by SMEs.
	State-Appointed Representative System for Patent Trials	Small Businesses, Disabled Individuals, and Other Socially/ Economically Disadvantaged Groups	Support for the appointment of court-appointed representatives for socially and economically vulnerable parties without representation in patent trial proceedings.
ODA	Appropriate Technology and Brand Development Support	Cooperatives in Developing Countries	Provision of problem-solving technologies to developing countries using patent information, together with brand and business strategy development aimed at increasing local incomes.
	Interministerial ODA Support Using Intellectual Property	Cooperatives in Developing Countries, etc.	Customized patent consulting during joint research with developing countries through patent R&D analysis in cooperation with other ministries, including the Ministry of Science and ICT and the Rural Development Administration, together with appropriate technology and brand development for seeds targeted by Rural Development Administration technology projects to support sustainable economic growth.
	Fund-In-Trust Korea (WIPO)	IP-related Human Resources in Developing and Least Developed Countries, Youth, Women, and SMEs	Support for IP capacity-building and awareness-raising in developing and least developed countries through contributions to the WIPO Korea Funds-in-Trust.