



## **Joint Announcement of the Continuation of the Patent Prosecution Highway Pilot Program between the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and the Korean Intellectual Property Office**

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The Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) and the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) hereby jointly announce that the CIPO-KIPO Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program will be extended in its current state.

The CIPO-KIPO PPH pilot program was launched on October 1, 2009 and benefits applicants to both offices. If an application is deemed to be patentable at one office, the results of that office's examination are used to expedite the examination of the corresponding application filed at the other office.

In order to adequately assess the feasibility of the PPH, the CIPO and the KIPO have agreed to extend the pilot program in its current state in order to collect more information before any formal decision on the pilot program is made.

The pilot program will be extended until September 30, 2013. The CIPO and the KIPO will continue to evaluate the pilot program and the needs of applicants. Notification of any changes to the pilot program will be posted on the CIPO's and the KIPO's websites.

More information and guidelines on the CIPO-KIPO PPH pilot program are available on the two offices' websites at:

- CIPO : [http://www.cipo.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cipointernet-internetopic.nsf/eng/h\\_wr02160.html](http://www.cipo.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cipointernet-internetopic.nsf/eng/h_wr02160.html)

- KIPO : [http://www.kipo.go.kr/kpo/user.tdf?a=user.english.html.HtmlApp&c=100016&catmenu=ek02\\_02\\_03](http://www.kipo.go.kr/kpo/user.tdf?a=user.english.html.HtmlApp&c=100016&catmenu=ek02_02_03)

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