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INTRODUCTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY TRAINING INSTITUTE (IIPTI); ITS OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR IP EDUCATION

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I. OVERVIEW

The International Intellectual Property Training Institute (IIPTI) has been providing education and training in the field of intellectual property rights (IPRs) to IPR experts, officials, practitioners and users since its establishment in 1987.

Also, the institute, as an independent training body under the national patent authority, has been providing many international training courses for the members of foreign intellectual property community.

Moreover, since its move to the present premises in 1991 in Daejeon where it houses over 60 universities, public or private research institutions, IIPTI has been endeavoring to enhance cooperative relationship with the neighboring academic and research institutions.

As a result, during the period 1987-2001, a total of 598 training classes were offered and the number of participants reached around 38,508 including 1,086 foreigners.

II. TRAINING OBJECTIVES

The institute has dual goals, internal and external, for performing its function as a government training body specialized in the field of intellectual property, as follows.

Firstly, to provide training opportunities for personnel working in the field of intellectual property so as to improve their practical knowledge and skills for development and dissemination of the advanced intellectual property system.

Secondly, to promote understanding of the general public on the importance of industrial property rights.

Thirdly, to conduct research and to provide useful information on creating industrial property for the users, thereby fostering the ability to develop and utilize knowledge and technology.

Externally, to provide training opportunities on intellectual property for the foreign personnel working in the field of intellectual property and to strengthen mutual understanding and cooperation toward the development of intellectual property system.

By performing these functions, in the long run, it sets the ultimate aim at nurturing IP experts capable of taking the lead in the knowledge-based society.

III. ORGANIZATION

IIPTI consists of Faculty and two divisions: the Academic Affairs Division and Training Division, for which a total of 34 government officials are working.

The Academic Affairs Division has four teams organized to manage general affairs, planning, international affairs, and facilities.

The Training Division is divided into three teams, which are in charge of managing the training programs for public officials, civilians, and educators, respectively.

The faculty is composed of four permanent professors. In addition, officials of KIPO, professors, patent attorneys, and lawyers are invited as part-time lecturers.

IV. TRAINING PROGRAMS

A. Courses for Public Sector

1. Courses for examiners and trial examiners of KIPO

Currently nine courses are offered as a preparation for promotion, aiming to improve the competence of examiners and trial examiners in legal and technological knowledge and to upgrade the quality of examinations.

The courses cover a wide range of subjects on IP-related laws, convention or treaties, criteria of examination, dispute settlements, and case studies.

2. General courses on IPR system and its practices

These courses offer the officials of KIPO and the related Ministries background knowledge and perspectives on IPR. These courses also help them explore appropriate IP-related policy directions in an international environment of rapid technological development.

3. Course for enforcement

The aim of this course is to provide practical knowledge to the field officials who control violations or infringements on IPR regulations, such as customs officials, police, and others.

This course focuses on the systematic development of managing skills and techniques to control various IPR infringements including counterfeit trademarks and the import/export of counterfeits.

4. Course for schoolteachers

Two courses are offered to provide basic knowledge on intellectual property and case-oriented lectures on invention techniques, to the education managers and teachers who are in charge of "invention clubs" in the primary, middle, and high schools.

These educators are supposed to encourage schoolchildren to invent and to share with them the excitement of new inventions.

B. Courses for Private Sector

1. Course for the patent attorneys in apprenticeship

This course aims to improve the practical abilities of the trainees and reinforce the legal backgrounds of the patent attorneys in apprenticeship who passed the patent attorney's examination.

2. Course for IP specialists

Seven courses are provided at various levels for employees of enterprises and law firms. The basic objective is to develop skills necessary for effective acquisition and management of industrial property rights.

These courses offer the trainees a wide variety of theoretical knowledge as well as the practical knowledge necessary to perform their jobs.

3. Course on new technologies

Emerging technologies, particularly biotechnology and computer technologies, constitute one of the biggest challenges to intellectual property. This course provides the essential knowledge necessary to accommodate and embrace new technologies.

C. International Training Courses

IIPTI lays a great deal of emphasis on the international training courses.

Participants from foreign countries are equipped with detailed knowledge on Korea's experience gained in the course of development of intellectual property right system as well as with the legal and administrative system in the field.

In addition, IIPTI takes pride in its role as a center that offers educational courses and training programs to foreign IPR experts, and organizes international conferences and seminars on IPR system.

Currently, two international courses are offered annually; one of them is designed for professionals and officials of developing countries working in the field of IPRs who desire to be equipped with practical knowledge, especially with the experience of Korea.

The Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) provides funds for the course, and since the first course held in 1987, about 214 participants came from 43 countries including Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Peru, etc.

The other course, jointly organized and operated with WIPO, is an advanced seminar course for the senior IP professionals working for law firms, enterprises, universities, government, and international organizations who want to be equipped with an ability to get the matters of IPR into perspective.

The participants coming from Asia and the Pacific region have been provided with valuable opportunities to further the development of a harmonized IP system through the seminars since the first course held in 1988.

In addition, a Course for instructors working in the field of IP training and a Seminar on IPRs for IP-enforcement staff members are established.

V. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND PERSPECTIVE

IIPTI has been undertaking every effort to extend cooperative activities with domestic and international training and research institutes, patent offices or professional societies such as Max Planck Institute in Germany, the Franklin Pierce Law Center of the United States, and the International Association for the Advancement of Teaching and Research in Intellectual Property (ATRIP).

In addition, while IIPTI is vigorously seeking ways to serve as a center for consolidating a network for information exchange on education and training programs on IPRs, it is also planning to offer medium and long-term specialized training courses to IP specialists from Korea and also the Asia-Pacific region, who were formerly trained at IIPTI.

Currently IIPTI is promoting mutual cooperation with foreign IP training institutes such as the WWA, JPO, JIII, EPO International Academy, and the USPTO in pursuit of exchanging IP training information and experience.

VI. REGULAR COURSES FOR TRAINING DOMESTIC PARTICIPANTS (2001)

Course		Class	Participants
Courses For Public Sector	Course for Examiner Candidates	1	29
	Course for Newly Appointed Examiners	1	67
	Supplementary Course for Examiners	2	113
	Course for Trial Examiners	2	114
	Course on IPR & its practices	1	64
	Course on Industry & Technology Administration	3	216
	Course on IPR Litigation	2	59
	Course on Design	2	61
	Course on PCT	1	38
	Course on Newly Emerging IPRs	1	21
	Advanced Course on Trademark Laws	1	22
	Course on IPR-related Foreign Language	1	30
	Course on IPRs	1	55
	Course on IPR Enforcement Staff Members	2	141
	Course on Knowledge Management	2	103
	Course for Improvement of Teaching Faculty	1	29
	Course on Information Education	19	672
	Course for School Principal and Inspectors	4	513
	Course for Teachers in charge of Invention Club	2	100
	Course for University Professors	2	42
	Sub-Total (20 Courses)	51	2489
Courses For Private Sector	Course on IPRs	6	440
	Course on Knowledge Management	1	27
	Course for Group Training	11	742
	Course for College Students	1	95
	Course on Commercialization of Patented Technology	1	28
	Course for Patent Attorneys in Apprenticeship	1	119
	Course on Patent & Utility Model I (Processing and analyzing patent information)	1	34
	Course on Patent & Utility Model II (Writing specification and interpreting claims)	2	85
Course		**Class**	**Participants**
Courses For Private Sector	Course on Patent & Utility Model III (Writing practice for written argument and complementary statement)	1	27
	Course on Patent & Utility Model IV (Patent dispute cases)	1	42
	Course on Patent & Utility Model V (PCT application practice)	1	18
	Course on Trademark	1	51
	Course on Industrial Design	1	26
	Course on Foreign IPR System	1	32
	Course on Computer-related Patent	1	32
	Course on Bio-Technology Patent	2	88
	Course on E-Commerce-related Patent	1	35
	Course for staff of Korea Institute of Patent Information	1	25
	Sub-Total (18 Courses)	35	1946
Total (38 Courses)		**86**	**4435**

VII. REGULAR TRAINING COURSES AND ACHIEVEMENT FOR FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS (2001)

Course	Duration	Number of Participating Countries	Number of Participants	Funding
Course on the IPR System of Korea	14 days (3.29~4.11)	9	20	Korea International Cooperation Agency
	14 days (9.13~9.26)	14	19	
WIPO Asian Regional Seminar	3 days (11.20~11.22)	22	35	WIPO, IIPTI
Seminar on IPRs for IP Enforcement Staff Members	4 days (6.26~6.29)	2	20	JPO, KIPO, IIPTI
Course for Instructors in the field of IP Training	5 days (3.19~3.23)	14	20	WIPO
Total		**32**	**114**	

VII. FACILITIES

The main facilities are located in Daedok Science Town and occupies a grass area of 66,000 square meters

The central building consists of six lecture rooms and various auxiliary facilities such as a language laboratory, discussion rooms, an international conference hall, an auditorium, a library, an A/V operator's room and an information service center.

The international conference hall is fully equipped with facilities for simultaneous interpretation.

Three three-storey accommodation buildings can accommodate up to 180 people.

A multi-purpose lawn sports ground and two tennis courts are available for recreational activities.

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