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THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL IP TRAINING INSTITUTE : THE EXPERIENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

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1. Background on establishment

Since the demise of the Cold War, economic powers have replaced past military power and played a significant role in forming a new world order. These economic powers depend greatly on the level of its own nation's technology. Therefore, a number of countries including advanced industrial nations have made great efforts towards fostering the development of technology in order to protect their technology.

Under these circumstances, the industrial property system plays an important role in the development of technology in two aspects.

- The industrial property system encourages R&D activities by protecting a newly developed technology.
- Furthermore, a prompt disclosure of developed technology to the public accelerates further development of technology.

In order to utilize the Industrial Property system fully, it is essential to enhance a country's citizens awareness and to train experts in the field of Industrial Property Rights (IPR). The importance of personnel development can never be underestimated.

As industry in Korea has rapidly developed in the 1980's and the system of chemical substance patents were newly introduced in 1986, the application of the field of high technology continuously increases. Accordingly, enhancement of examiners and trial examiners' capability is required more than ever. However, the Korean Industrial Property Office (KIPO) has encountered many difficulties in developing human resources in the field of IPR because of the lack of specialized training institutes.

Concurrently, WIPO requested that KIPO, a model developing country in terms of IPR systems, take charge of IPR training for other developing countries. And, KIPO recognized the necessity for international cooperation strengthening through the diffusion of Korea's experience in training of IPR.

In consonance with domestic and international situations along with WIPO's request, the Korean government made a decision to establish the International Intellectual Property Training Institute also known as IIPTI.

- In July of 1987, IIPTI opened its temporary office in Seoul.

- To meet the growing need for IPR training, IIPTI was relocated to an independent new building, to its present site in Daeduk Science Town, which is approximately 160 km from Seoul.

In the past, matters related to IPR were considered as only a national problem. However, as the UR/TRIPs negotiation and Harmonization Treaty progressed, matters related to IPR are becoming an international problem and thereby IIPTI's role and function as an international training institute will be enlarged.

2. Organization and facilities

Organization

Presently, there are 54 officials including a Dean working for IIPTI. Among them, 4 officials are appointed as full-time professors.

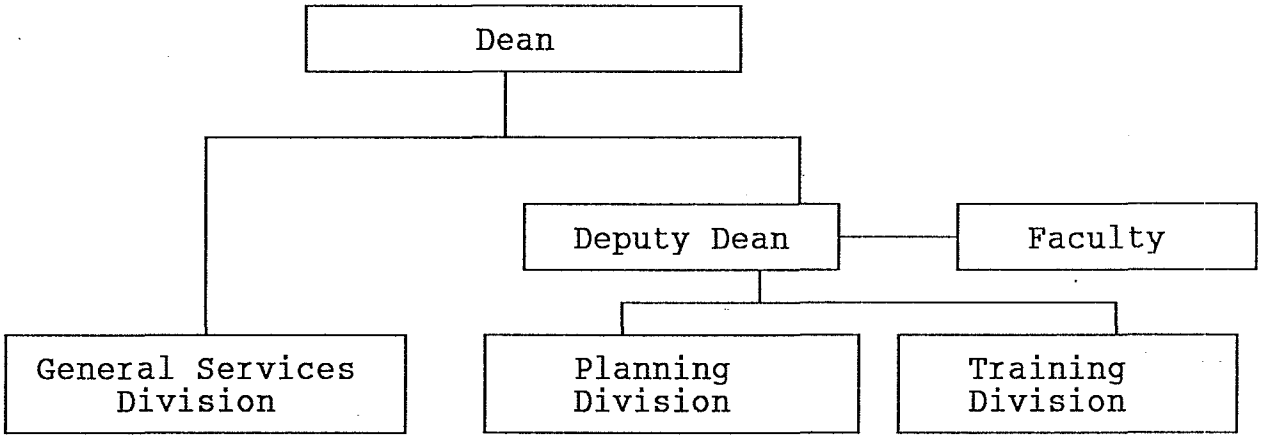
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(As of '95.1)

Grade	Total	G E N E R A L S T A F F						Skilled Staff
		G2	G3	G4	G5	G6	G7	
Regular Staff	53	1	1	7	6	8	9	21
Present Staff	54	1	1	7	6	8	9	22

Organization and division of duties are as follows :

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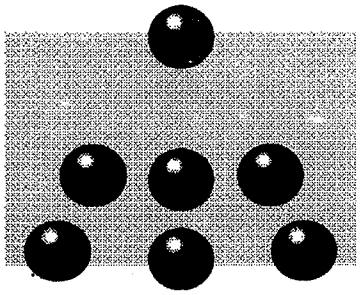
-Building's management
-Facilities & goods management
-Fund management
-Document management

-Setting up foundational training program
-Publishing and managing teaching materials
-Researching and examining IPR system development

-Setting up detailed training programs
-Guidance for trainees
-Preparing and organizing lectures and training
-Management of material for education

Facilities

IIPTI has about 66,000 square meters of ground space and about 13,000 square meters of building space. The institute is equipped with state of the art facilities and is furnished to perform as an international institute. IIPTI consists of main facilities such as the International Conference Hall, which is equipped with available simultaneous interpretation, an auditorium, which can accommodate 350 persons, 6 lecture rooms and a discussion room.



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