



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
ON THE PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY MOTTAINAI  
BETWEEN  
THE TAIPEI MISSION IN KOREA  
AND  
THE KOREAN MISSION IN TAIPEI**

The Taipei Mission in Korea and the Korean Mission in Taipei (hereinafter individually referred to as a "Side", and jointly as the "Sides"),

**Recognizing** the importance of patent protection in fostering technological innovation and economic development;

**Taking** into consideration the increasing necessity of coping with the ever-growing number of internationally filed patent applications, which have arisen from the growing need for patent protection in the context of the globalization of the world economy;

**Striving** to ensure the benefits of expeditious, inexpensive and high-quality examinations for applicants and the benefits of avoiding duplicative work and reducing the examination workload; and

**Desiring** to promote international cooperation and enhance leadership in cooperative worldwide efforts in the patent field;

**Have reached the following understanding:**

1. The two Sides will start a pilot program for the Patent Prosecution Highway Mottainai (PPH-Mottainai) for the patent applications filed with the Taiwan Intellectual Property Office (TIPO) and the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), hereinafter referred to as "the Offices".
2. The basic concept underlying the PPH-Mottainai is that, where the office of earlier examination (OEE) has assessed the patentability of a patent application, the office of later examination (OLE) ensures that the applicant enjoys the benefit of accelerated examination for the corresponding application, provided that certain conditions are met. These conditions include, but are not limited to, the requirement that the claims of the two applications must have sufficient correspondence, and that the search and examination results of the OEE must be made available to the OLE.
3. The pilot program will commence on a date in 2015 jointly decided upon by the Offices after this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MOU") is signed. The duration of the pilot program will be five (5) years, which may be extended with the mutual written consent of the Sides.
4. The Offices will prepare guidelines for the pilot program before the program starts. The guidelines will include the conditions outlined in paragraph 2 as well as the requirements and procedures for participating in the pilot program.
5. This MOU will take effect upon its signature by both Sides and will remain in effect for a period of five years. Unless either Side gives the other Side notice in writing

to terminate this MOU 90 days before the expiration of this period, the MOU will be automatically prolonged for another period of five years, and will thereafter be renewable according to the same procedure.”

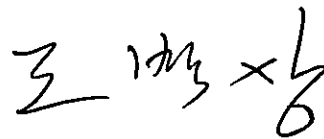
Signed in duplicate at Taipei , on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June, 2015, in the English language.

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