

**Memorandum of Understanding on  
the Exchange of Industrial Property Information  
and  
the Electronic Exchange of Priority Documents  
between  
the Taipei Mission in Korea  
and  
the Korean Mission in Taipei**

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

Recognizing that industrial property (IP) information needs to be disseminated globally, not only to facilitate the protection of IP rights worldwide but also to promote scientific and technological development,

Considering that the electronic transfer of priority documents will benefit the Taiwan Intellectual Property Office (TIPO) and the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), hereinafter referred to as "the Offices", by reducing the administrative costs associated with handling paper copies and by enabling electronic records management, and

Desiring to foster closer cooperation between the Offices within the field of IP in order to promote the creation, protection, and enforcement of IP rights,

Have reached the following understanding:

### **1. Exchange of IP Data**

1. The Offices will strengthen their relationship, based on the principle of reciprocity, by providing to each other, free of charge, public IP information with respect to applications for patents, utility models, designs, and trademarks (hereinafter referred to as "IP Data"). Details of the IP Data that the Offices will provide to each other are included in the Annex to this Memorandum of Understanding.

2. Existing arrangements between the Offices on the exchange of data will remain unaffected by this Memorandum of Understanding insofar as they cover data other than IP Data.

3. The Offices providing IP Data will allow the receiving Offices to use the exchanged IP Data for internal use (i.e. official use, library use, search use) as well as for external use (i.e. provision to third

parties for commercial use). The exchanged IP Data may be distributed to the public or third parties in any applicable form.

## **2. Electronic Exchange of Priority Documents**

1. The Offices will transfer certified copies of patent applications for inventions and utility models for which priority is claimed ("priority documents"), electronically. This Memorandum of Understanding will not extend to priorities claimed in the electronic transfer of design patent applications.

2. Priority document exchange will be in accordance with mutually determined technical procedures and guidelines, and the means used for such priority document exchange will be jointly determined by the Offices and may be subject to change based on the mutual consent of the Offices.

3. The Offices will maintain the confidentiality of priority documents received from unpublished applications until their publication by both Offices, and will ensure that the priority documents are accessible only to the Offices and the appropriate applicants.

## **3. Settlement of Disputes**

If any dispute arises from the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding, the Sides will meet promptly and attempt to reach an amicable settlement in good faith.

## **4. Entry into Effect, Duration, Termination, and Amendment**

1. This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of signature by the Sides and will have duration of five (5) years.

2. This Memorandum of Understanding will be automatically renewed unless it is terminated by either Side by means of a termination letter sent by registered post no later than six (6) months prior to the expiry date of this Memorandum of Understanding.

3. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended with the mutual consent of the Sides. Any amendment will be formalized in writing and will include the dates on which such amendment becomes effective.

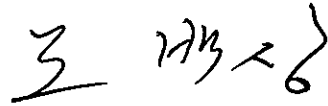
Signed in duplicate at Taipei, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June, 2015,  
in the English language.

For the Taipei Mission in Korea

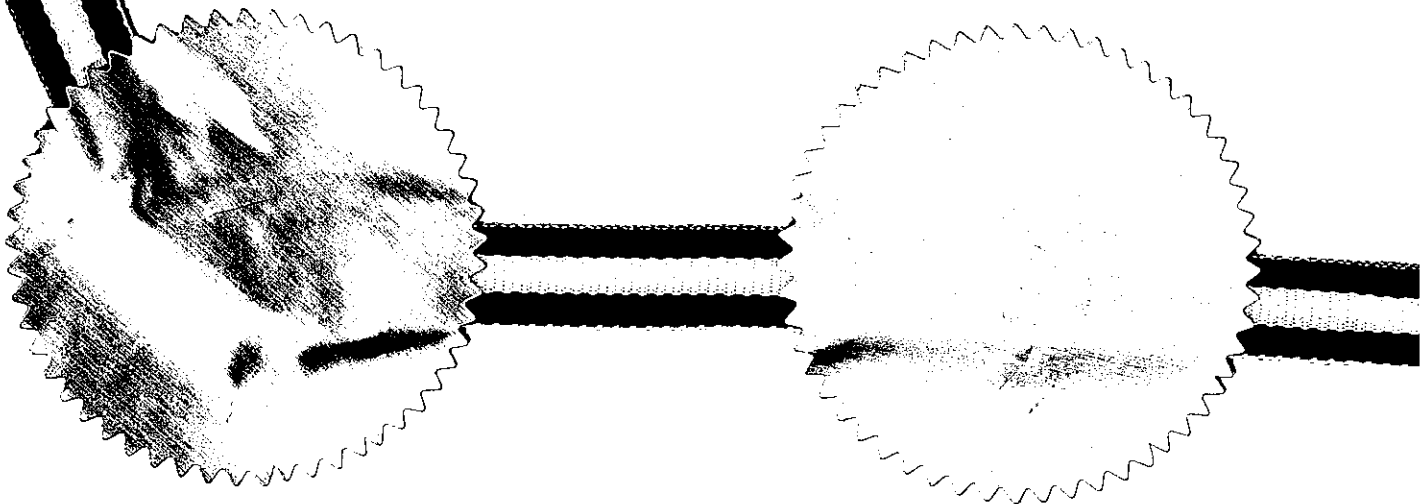


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## Annex

### Details of IP Data to be exchanged between the Offices in Taiwan and in Korea

IP Data available in digital form to be provided by Korea to Taiwan,  
format and delivery time:

Item	Description	Coverage	Format	Delivery time
1	Published unexamined patent publications	1979~present	XML	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> week
		2001~present	PDF	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> week
2	Registered examined patent publications	1979~present	XML	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> week
		2001~present	PDF	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> week
3	Published unexamined utility model publications	1979~present	XML	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> week
		2001~present	PDF	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> week
4	Registered examined utility model publications	1979~present	XML	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> week
		2001~present	PDF	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> week
5	Published unexamined design publications	1998~present	XML	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> week
		2001~present	PDF	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> week
6	Registered examined design publications	1998~present	XML	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> week
		2001~present	PDF	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> week
7	Official Trademark Gazette	1998~present	XML	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> week
		2001~present	PDF	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> week
8	Korean Patent Abstract (KPA)	1979~2009	SGML	
		2010~present	XML	Monthly

\* The back-file data of Korea will be provided in hard disk format on jointly decided date(s) afterward.

IP Data available in digital form to be provided by Taiwan to Korea,  
format and delivery time:

Item	Description	Coverage	Format	Delivery time
1	Specification images of granted patents (including inventions, utility models and designs)	1990~present	TIFF	monthly
2	Specification images of published patent applications (TW-A)	2003~present	TIFF	monthly
3	Full text of published patent applications (TW-A)	2003~present	XML	monthly
4	Full text of granted patents (including inventions, utility models and designs)	1992~present	XML	monthly
5	Chinese text of the Patent Gazette (with bibliographic data, abstract and claims)	1950~present	TXT	monthly
6	English bibliographic data and abstracts of published patent applications (TW-A)	2003~present	XML	monthly
7	English bibliographic data and abstracts of invention patents (TW-B)	1998-2007	XML	monthly
8	English bibliographic data of utility models	1993~present	XML	monthly
9	Official Patent Gazette (DVD)	2001~present	XML, PDF	Three times a month
10	Patent Application Publication Gazette (DVD)	2003~present	XML, PDF	Twice a month
11	Official Trademark Gazette	2005~present	XML, PDF	Twice a month
12	Intellectual Property Rights Journal		PDF	monthly

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