



**Joint Statement of Intent**  
**on**  
**Cooperation for facilitating Patent Grant of Cambodia-related patent application**  
between  
the Ministry of Industry & Handicraft of the Kingdom of Cambodia  
and  
the Japan Patent Office

The Ministry of Industry & Handicraft of the Kingdom of Cambodia (hereinafter referred to as “the MIH”) and the Japan Patent Office (hereinafter referred to as “the JPO”) (hereinafter collectively referred to as “both sides”),

**Reaffirming** the need for patent protection to play a key role in fostering technological innovation and accelerating economic development;

**Acknowledging** the importance of ensuring high quality and expeditious patent protection for applicants filing their patent applications with the MIH;

**Recognizing** the benefits for reducing workload and streamlining patent procedures in the MIH; and

**Recalling** Items 2.(1)(e) and 2.(2)(c) in the Memorandum of Cooperation on Intellectual Property between the National Committee for Intellectual Property Rights/Ministry of Commerce of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the JPO signed on 27 November 2014;

state their intention as follows:

1. Both sides will commence the “Cooperation for facilitating Patent Grant” of Cambodia-related patent application (hereinafter referred to as “CPG”). The basic concept of the CPG is that when the JPO has determined that one or more claims in a patent application is/are patentable, the MIH will grant a patent to the related patent application(s) filed with the MIH at an early date, based on the examination result of the JPO at the request of accelerated patent decision to the MIH from the applicant.

2. Both sides will begin the CPG on 1 July 2016.
3. The details of the CPG are described in the Procedural Guidelines (as attached in this Joint Statement of Intent) for requesting accelerated patent decision to the MIH under the CPG. The Procedural Guidelines include a request form to be completed by applicants.
4. The JPO will announce the CPG to the public including Japanese companies.
5. In cooperation with a concerned organization, the JPO will hold Intellectual Property Seminar(s) for the public, including but not limited to agents, the private sector, and officials, in the Kingdom of Cambodia.
6. This Joint Statement of Intent and the Procedural Guidelines are subject to regular review, and may be modified based on requests to that effect submitted in writing by one of both sides to the other side, and upon the mutual consent by both sides.
7. The Joint Statement of Intent will last for three (3) years and will be automatically extended for a further period of three (3) years, unless one of both sides notifies the other side of its intention to terminate the Joint Statement of Intent, by giving a notice in writing at least 90 days before the intended date of termination, and upon the consent of the other side to the termination.

Signed in Phnom Penh, 4 May 2016

For the Ministry of Industry & Handicraft  
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