



Korean Intellectual
Property Office

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON
THE INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, SCIENCE,
TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION OF
THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA
AND
THE KOREAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE OF
THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

The Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology & Innovation (hereinafter referred to as the "MISTI") of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Korean Intellectual Property Office (hereinafter referred to as "KIPO") of the Republic of Korea (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Sides");

Recognizing the importance of protection for industrial designs in promoting a sound national and global economy, encouraging economic investment, and fostering technological innovation;

Taking into consideration the necessity of implementing more efficient management for an ever-growing number of industrial design applications filed internationally, which have arisen from an increase in the demand for the protection for industrial designs facing economic globalization;

Striving to ensure expeditious, inexpensive, and high-quality examination of industrial design applications, as well as to avoid duplicative work and reduce the examination workload; and

Desiring to promote inter-office cooperation and exercise greater leadership in worldwide cooperative efforts in the area of design

Have reached the following understanding:

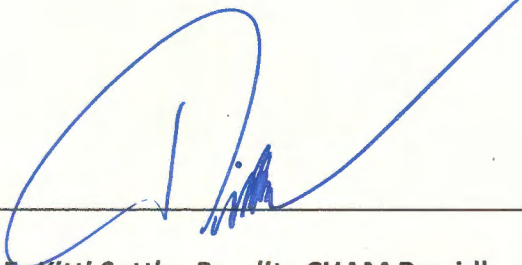
1. This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is to establish a cooperation framework between the Sides to implement the Fast Registration program for Industrial Designs (hereinafter referred to as the "FRID") in Cambodia.
2. The fundamental concept of the FRID is that when an applicant on the basis of an establishment, domicile or habitual residence in the Republic of Korea or nationality of the Republic of Korea files an industrial design application with the MISTI, the MISTI will perform an examination in an expeditious fashion on the corresponding industrial design application at the request of the applicant. The MISTI reserves clearance check with existing registered designs, public order and morality.
3. Industrial design applications mentioned in the preceding paragraph refer to the ones filed under the Paris Convention and/or the international ones filed under the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs.
4. A request for an accelerated grant decision under the FRID is required to be accompanied by a request form.
5. The MISTI agrees to deliver an accelerated grant decision within three (3) weeks from the filing date of request for the FRID by applicants on their application that fulfills all the requirements under the preliminary examination set forth by the MISTI.
6. The Parties may conduct cooperative activities on enhancement of legislation, advancement of electronic systems, and operation of examiner training program, related to industrial design.
7. This MOU may be amended by a mutual written agreement of the Sides.
8. Fund for the implementation of this MOU will be borne by MISTI and the KIPO respectively, subject to availability.
9. This MOU does not, and is not intended to, create any legally binding rights or obligations under international law.
10. The Sides will establish a process of periodic review by means of which they evaluate progress in the cooperation under this MOU. The first review may take place before the end of the first year of the FRID.
11. The Sides will consult with each other, where appropriate, on any issues that may arise

in the course of implementing this MOU and will appoint a coordinator for the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the cooperation activities. The Sides will arrange their officers to meet and discuss with each other any topics of interest under this MOU.

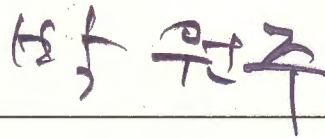
12. The Sides will jointly formulate an annual work plan that will set out cooperative activities under this MOU.
13. This MOU will come into effect from the date of signing and will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years.
14. The FRID will be started on August 12, 2020.
15. The MOU will be automatically renewed for the successive five (5) year periods, unless either Side, at least thirty (30) days prior to the current expiration date, gives the other Side through diplomatic channels a written notice of its desire not to renew this MOU.

Done in duplicate at Phnom Penh, the Kingdom of Cambodia, on August 4, 2020 and at Daejeon, the Republic of Korea, on August 12, 2020 in English.

For the Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology & Innovation of the Kingdom of Cambodia *Ch.* For the Korean Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Korea



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