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PROGRAM

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Monday, October 4, 2010

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 9.30 Opening Ceremony

Welcome addresses by:

Ms. Urawee Ngowroongrueng, Deputy Director General, Department of Intellectual Property (DIP), Government of Thailand, Bangkok

Mr. Akiyoshi Imaura, Deputy Director, International Affairs Division, General Affairs Department, Japan Patent Office (JPO), Tokyo

Mr. Takuya Sugiyama, Program Officer, Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva

9.30 – 10.00 Coffee Break

THEME 1: PATENTS AND THE PROMOTION OF INNOVATION

10.00 – 11.00 Topic 1: Trends in Patent Applications and Implications for Innovation Strategies of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Countries

Speakers: Mr. Konrad Lutz Mailänder, Head, Patent Information Section, Global Information Service, Global Infrastructure Sector, WIPO, Geneva

Mr. Michitaka Ohata, Director, Intellectual Property Department, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Bangkok

Discussions

11.00 – 12.30 Topic 2: Strategies of Businesses Enterprises to Effectively Protect Patent Rights and Benefit from Patent Systems in a Globalized Economy

Speakers: Dr. Chachanat Thebtaranonth, Advisor, National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA), Bangkok

Mr. Naoto Kuji, General Manager, Intellectual Property Division Honda Motor Co., Ltd., Tokyo

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break

**THEME 2: ROLE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICES
(IPOs) IN ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF PATENTS**

14.00 – 15.30	Topic 3:	Strategies for Mobilizing Human and Financial Resources to Improve Patent Search and Examination Capability
	Speakers:	Mr. Huy Anh Le, Director, Invention Division No. 2, National Office of Intellectual Property of Viet Nam, Hanoi
		Mr. Manabu Niki, Deputy Director, Administrative Affairs Division, First Patent Examination Department, Japan Patent Office (JPO), Tokyo
		Discussion
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee Break	
16.00 – 17.30	Topic 4:	Leveraging Information Technology (IT) to Expand Access to Patent Information and Streamline Patent Acquisition Procedures
	Speakers:	Mr. Takuya SUGIYAMA
		Mr. Ranganath Subbarayan, Senior Examiner of Patents, IP Australia, Woden
17.30	WIPO Reception	

Tuesday, October 5, 2010

**THEME 3: REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL POLICIES TO ADDRESS EMERGING
NEED AND CHALLENGES IN THE SPHERE OF PATENT
EXAMINATION**

9.00 – 10.30	Topic 5 (a):	Regional/International Cooperation in Search and Examination of Patents and Growing Need for Work Sharing: Issues and Challenges
	Speakers:	Mr. Akiyoshi Imaura
		Mr. Konrad Lutz Mailänder
		Discussions
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break	
11.00 – 12.30	Topic 5 (b):	Regional/International Cooperation in Search and Examination of Patents and Growing Need for Work Sharing: How IPOs Address the Issues?
	Speakers:	Ms. Sandra Lynn Merinda, Senior Assistant Director, Registry of Patents, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, Singapore
		Mr. Ranganath Subbarayan
		Discussions
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch Break	

THEME 4: CURRENT STATUS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS ON PATENT

14.00 – 15.30	Country Presentations and Discussion	Speakers: Participants from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia and Laos People's Democratic Republic
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee Break	
16.00 – 17.00	Country Presentations and Discussion (Cont'd)	Speakers: Participants from Malaysia, Myanmar and Philippines
	Discussions	
17.00 – 17.30	Round Table Discussion:	Networking and Cooperation to Accelerate Patent Examination Processes and Increase Quality of Patents
		Moderator: Mr. Konrad Lutz Mailänder
		Speakers: All participants and speakers
17.30	Closing Ceremony	

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