

# FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF IP POLICIES AND STRATEGIES IN VIETNAM

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# Current situation of IP policies in Vietnam

- No official IP policies and strategies has been issued
- However, several measures currently taken to support IP activities can be considered such these policies

# IP laws and strengthening IP legislation (1)

- Vietnam is a member of WTO and the IP system of Vietnam is in conformity with International standards and/or requirements on IP protection, regarding:
  - *Subject matters of protection*  
(*Invention, Design, Trademark*)
  - *Criteria of protection*
  - *Term of protection*

# IP laws and strengthening IP legislation (2)

- According to the Law of Science and Technology (2000), any R&D project should result in a creation of patentable technology
- Consequently, an increase of numerous new IP applications has been expected

# IP laws and strengthening IP legislation (3)

Practical measures:

- Review the IP law every 5 years
- Optimize the search systems based on the timely updated databases for the purpose of examination

# IP laws and strengthening IP legislation (4)

## Practical measures:

- Modernize the systems of IP administration and information
- Using IT as a strategic tool for increasing service orientation, improving operations and access to IP information

# IP laws and strengthening IP legislation (5)

- Improve the skills of examiners in handling applications together with recruit and train new examiners
- Reduce the backlog of pending applications as much as possible



# IP laws and strengthening IP legislation (6)

- Establish and promote activities of the Center for supporting and consulting IP matters for enterprises
- Establish and promote activities of NOIP Representative Offices in Ho Chi Minh City and Da Nang city, which are respectively industrial centers in South and Middle of Vietnam

# Promotion of public awareness of IP laws

- Organize workshops for educational institutions and enterprises, especially SMEs
- Sponsor and support various programs relating IP matters on mass media such as TV, e-learning and the like

# Future directions

- Continue performing the effective measures that have been applied
- Study and exchange experiences with IP offices in other countries and regions

# Future directions

- Tightly cooperate with WIPO and other IP offices in education and training IPR
- Build up the official IP policies

# Conclusion

- There is an urgent need for IP policies and strategies in order to develop the IP protection
- The crucial points including:
  - Optimizing and enforce IP law system
  - Cooperating with foreign IP Offices involved while building such these policies

# Conclusion

- The crucial points about these policies deployment including:
  - Abiding by law and regulations
  - Encouraging enterprises to take into account and enforce IPR
  - Educating and making the public aware of the importance of IP

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