

Introduction of NOIP

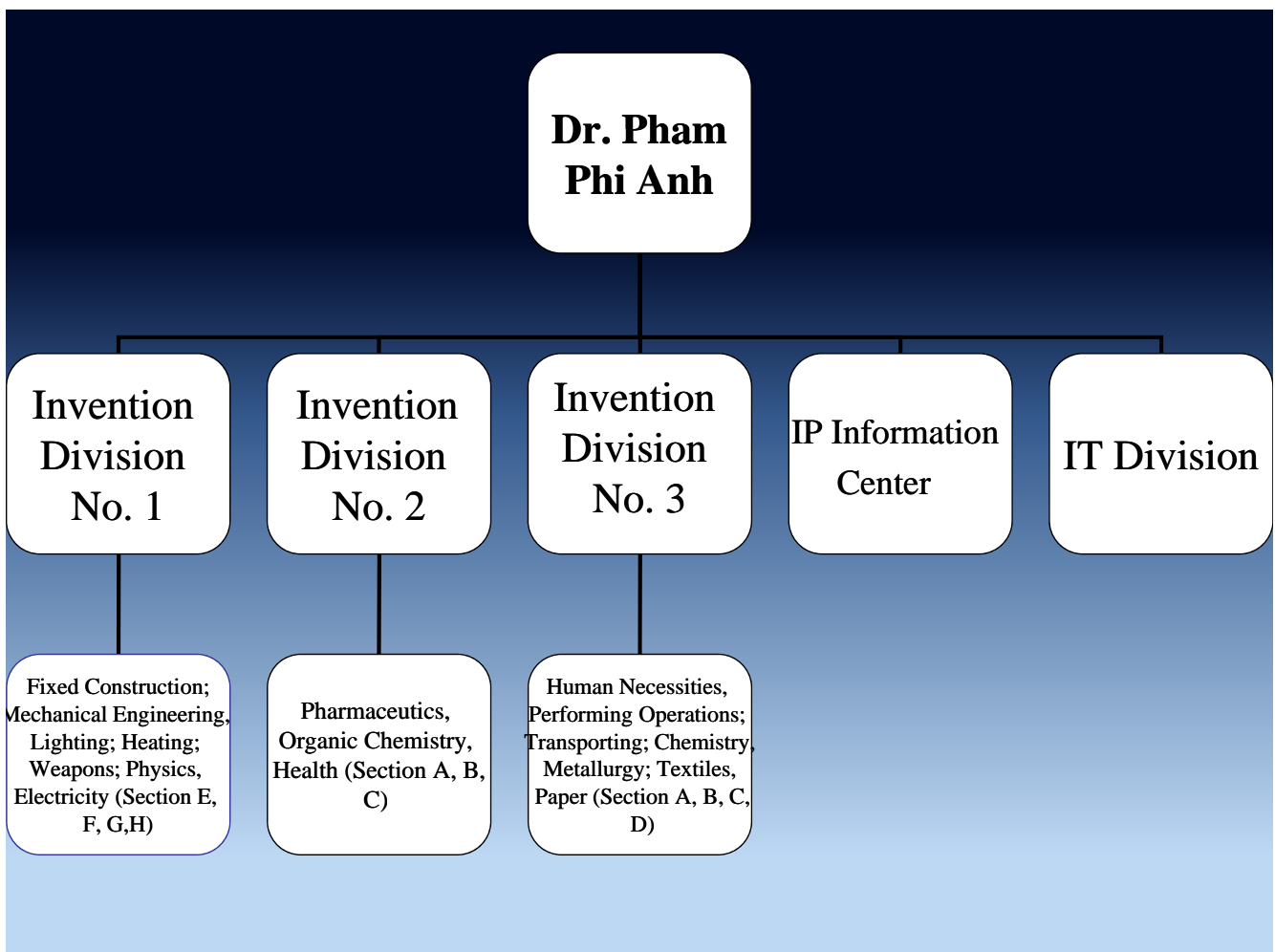
The National Office of Intellectual Property of Vietnam (**NOIP**) is an agency under the Ministry of Science and Technology, assuming the functions of exercising the State management and providing services in the field of intellectual properties.

Establishment and development of NOIP

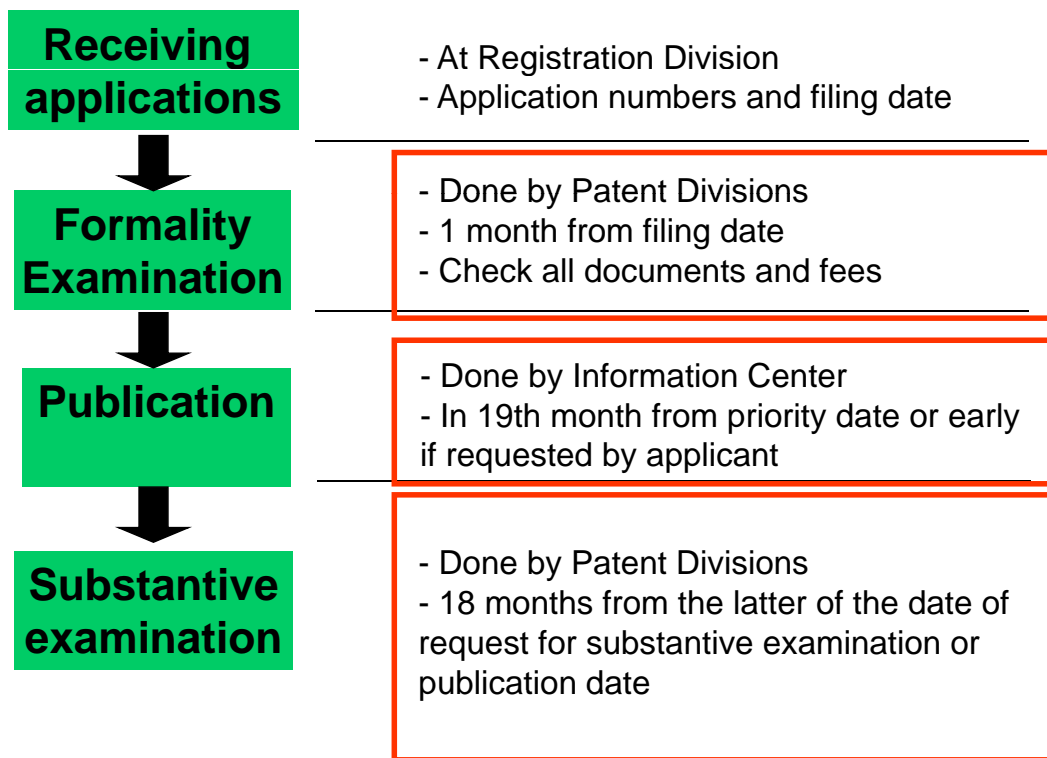
- 1964: Invention-Discovery Section under the State Committee of Science;
- 1973: Invention-Discovery Management Division under the State Committee of Science and Technique;
- 29/7/1982: **Patent Office** under State Committee of Science and Technique;
- 25/5/1993: Renamed as **National Office of Industrial Property** under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment;
- 19/5/2003: Renamed as **National Office of Intellectual Property** under Ministry of Science and Technology.

Staff of NOIP

- 310 persons with university graduate degree (80%)
- High rate of young staff
- High number of untrained young staff in basically IP, especially industrial property (nearly 50% of NOIP)



Examination Procedure



Examination guidelines

- Official legislative texts: Intellectual property law of Viet Nam; Circular 01/2007/TT-BKHCN
- Non-official legislative texts: Regulation on patent examination

- Possible to file an application and request examination at a later stage
Ex: For PCT application, 6 months after the period specified for filing into the national phase (31 months from priority date) (Point 27.4b and 27.5b of Circular 01)
- Possible to request from the applicant information on whether the application has been filed elsewhere, and also copies of the external examination (Point 15.3 of Circular 01)
- Hearings with applicants: un-limited, depended on each case
- Advisory services for applicants: advice or support for drafting an application, claims

Claims

- Types of admissible claims: Product and Process
- Number of independent/dependent claims are admissible: un-limited