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PROGRAM

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Wednesday, Jun 21, 2017

- 9.30 – 10.00 Registration
- 10.00 – 10.15 Opening ceremony
- Welcome addresses by:
- Mr. Kazuo HOSHINO, Director of International Cooperation Division,
Japan Patent Office (JPO)
- Mr. Ken-Ichiro NATSUME, Director of PCT International Cooperation Division,
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva
- 10:15 – 11:00 **Session 1 Quality of Patents**
- Introduction of the workshop
- Goal / Aim of the workshop
- Speaker : Mr. Ken-Ichiro NATSUME(WIPO)
- 11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:15 – 12:15 **Session 2 JPO's initiatives on the Quality Management for Patents part 1**
- Speaker: Ms. Hiromi TAKAOKA
Director of Quality Management Office (JPO)
- 12:15 – 14:00 Lunch Break
- 14:00 – 14:30 **Session 2 (cont'd) JPO's initiatives on the Quality Management for Patents part 2**
- 14:30 – 15:15 **Session 3 What are higher quality Patent examinations from the perspective of IP Professionals (Patent Attorneys)?**
- Speakers: Mr. Masahiko FUKUMOTO, Vice Director
of International Activity Center
of Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA)
- 15:15 – 15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30 – 16:15 **Discussion Q&A session on Session 3**
- Moderator: Mr. Ken-Ichiro NATSUME (WIPO)
- 16:15 – 17:15 **Session 4 Quality Management as an International Searching Authority (ISA) - experience and preparation to become an ISA-**
- Speakers: Participants from Singapore and Philippines

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- 09:30 – 10:15 **Session 5** **Challenges and Initiatives of IP Offices (part 1)**
Speakers: Participants from Viet Nam and Thailand
- 10:15 – 11:00 **Session 6** **Quality Management at the International Arena and Approach to Substantive Patent Examination**
Speaker: Mr. Ken-Ichiro NATSUME (WIPO)
- 11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:15 – 12:00 **Session 7** **Challenges and Initiatives of IP Offices (part 2)**
Speakers: Participants from Malaysia and Indonesia
- 12:00 – 13:30 Lunch Break
- 13:30 – 14:15 **Session 8** **Challenges and Initiatives of IP Offices (part 3)**
Speakers: Participants from India and Brunei
- 14:15 – 15:00 **Session 9** **JPO's methods for understanding user needs part 1**
Speaker: Mr. Yasunori SHIMIZU, Deputy Director of Quality Management Office (JPO)
- 15:00 – 15:15 Coffee Break
- 15:15 – 16:00 **Session 9 (cont'd)** **JPO's methods for understanding user needs part 2**
Speakers: Mr. Yasunori SHIMIZU (JPO)
- 16:00 – 16:45 **Session 10** **Introduction to the Group Discussion**
Moderator: Mr. Ken-Ichiro NATSUME (WIPO)

Friday, Jun 23, 2017

- 9.30 – 11.00 **Session 11** **Group Discussion**
Speaker: All Participants
- 11.00 – 11.15 Coffee Break
- 11.15 – 12.30 **Session 11 (cont'd)** **Group Discussion**
- 12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break

- 14.00 – 14.45 **Session 12** **User’s View: What is the high quality patent examination from the perspective of companies?**
- Speaker: Mr. Akihiro OTSUKA, WG leader,
International Policy PJ,
Japan Intellectual Property Association (JIPA)
- Mr. Katsuyuki SHIBATA, Vice Chairman,
1st patent committee,
Japan Intellectual Property Association (JIPA)
- 14.45 – 15.30 **Discussion** **Q&A session on Session 12**
- Moderator: Mr. Ken-Ichiro NATSUME (WIPO)
- 15.30 – 15.45 Coffee Break
- 15.45 – 16.45 **Session 13** **Future quality management in each IP Office**
- Speaker: All participants
Moderator: Mr. Ken-Ichiro NATSUME (WIPO)
- 16.45 – 17.00 Closing ceremony

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