# INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CORPORATION OF MALAYSIA

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# WIPO REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON EFFECTIVE USE OF THE PCT SYSTEM:

# THE EXPERIENCE OF ASIAN COUNTRIES - MALAYSIA



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#### **OVERVIEW**

The strength of intellectual property (IP) system has long been a key factor influencing foreign direct investment decisions, particularly for knowledge-intensive businesses.

As Malaysia's economic competitiveness is increasingly driven by knowledge-based industries, Intellectual Property (IP) is now a critical component of the country's present and future success in the global economy

# Malaysia as a PCT Contracting State

- accession to the PCT on 16 May 2006
- bound by Chapter II
- entered into force on 16 August 2006

## **Effective Use of PCT System**

#### **RO/MY**

Patent process efficiency:

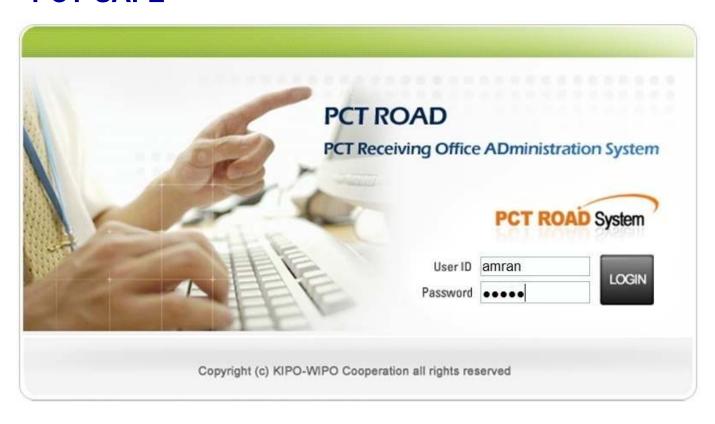
- PCT-ROAD -to receive and process application
- PCT-SAFE filer to create and submit application
- PCT-EDI to transfer RO-WASP to IB

Patent document access:

- PATENTSCOPE
- PCT-PADOS

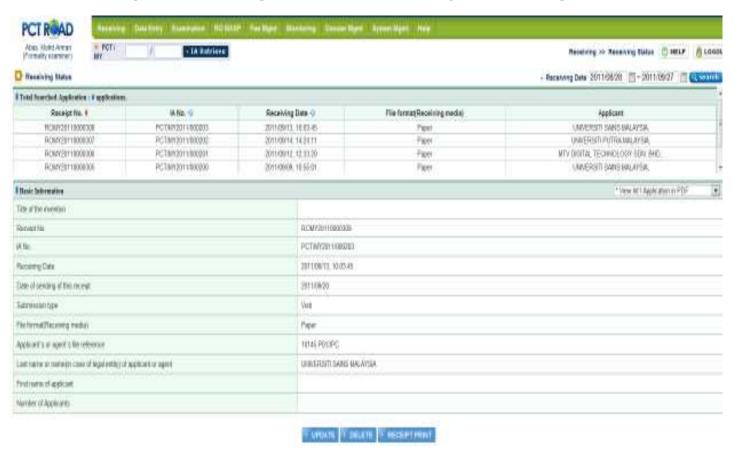
## **PCT-ROAD**

 To facilitate processing of filings on paper or PCT-SAFE



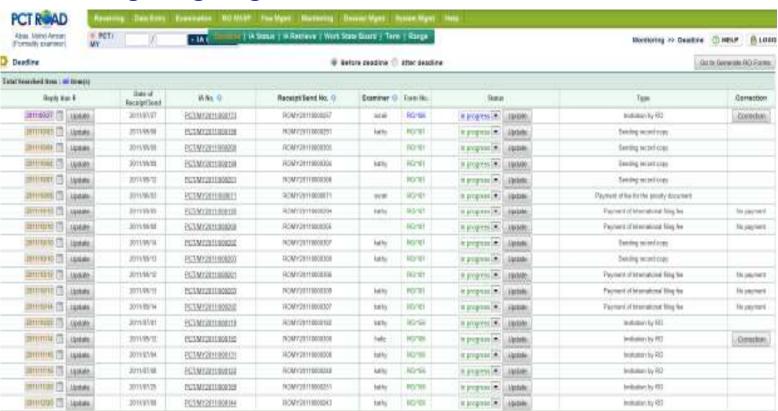
#### **PCT-ROAD**

 Provide major functions required such as receiving, data entry, ex-officio correction, formality checking, IA retrieve, System Mgt.

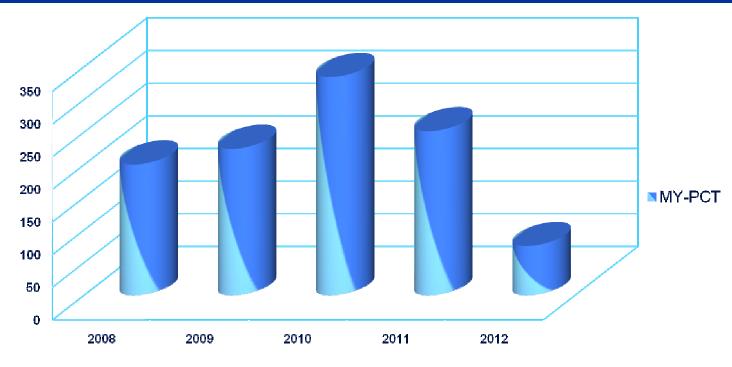


#### **PCT-ROAD**

 IA Dossier management – fee calculation, detail information search and status for IA, to manage incoming/outgoing documents

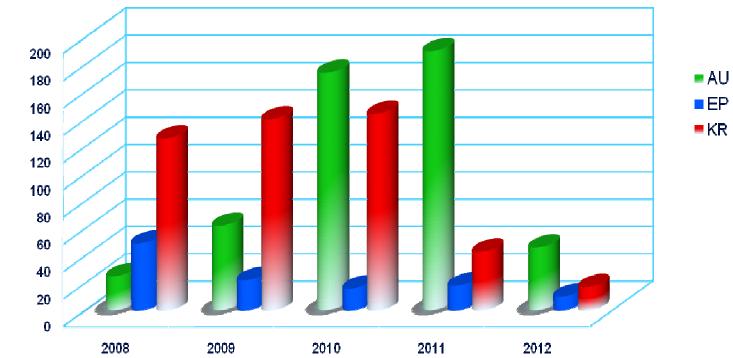


# **MY-PCT Application**



Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	<b>2012</b> (Mar)
Total (PCT-SAFE)	<b>200</b> (31)	<b>224</b> (31)	<b>334</b> (60)	<b>251</b> (21)	<b>73</b> (13)

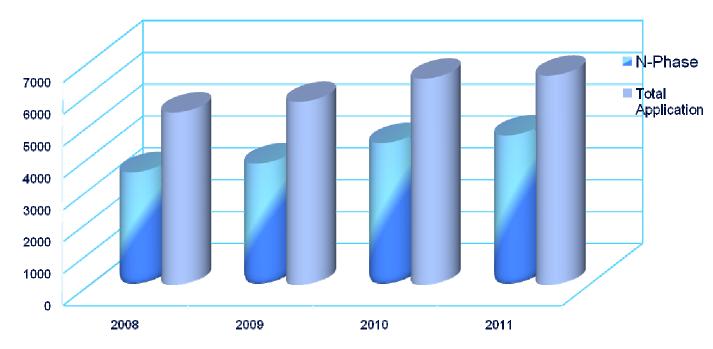
## **Breakdown by ISA**



ISA	2008	2009	2010	2011	<b>2012</b> <i>Mar</i>
AU	25	62	174	190	46
EP	49	22	16	18	10
KR	126	140	144	43	17
TOTAL	200	224	334	251	73



## **PCT: MY National Phase**



Year	2008	2009	2010	2011
N-Phase	3,527	3,801	4,442	4,684
Total App.	5,403	5,737	6,464	6,559

## **Top Filers**

#### **Most Applications Filed** (PCT-RO/MY)

2011 2010

- MIMOS
- Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM)

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2009

- MIMOS
- Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM)

2008

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- Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM)

#### Experience of a PCT user in Malaysia

#### MIMOS BERHAD

(A non-profit ICT and semiconductor research institution under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, Malaysia

MIMOS Berhad has adopted the PCT application route since 2008. The PCT system has enabled MIMOS to improve the quality of research based on the feedback reported in the International Search Report (ISR).

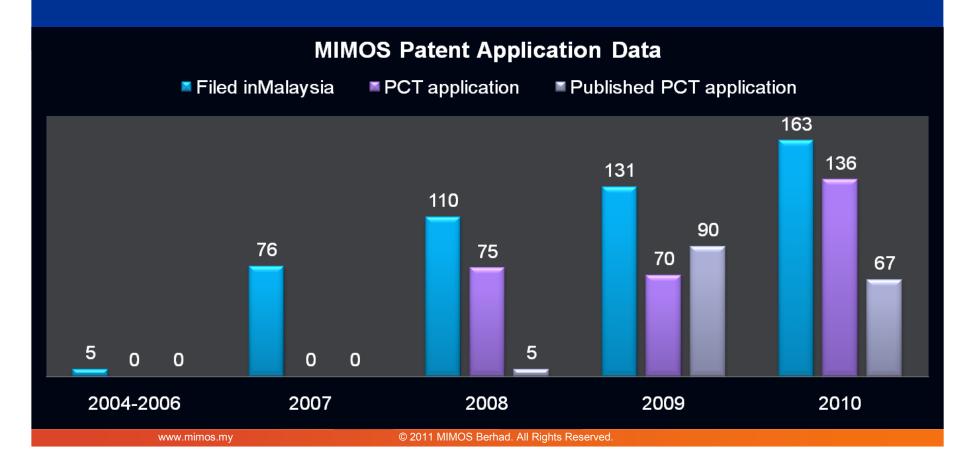
Amongst the PCT services, the ISR has been one of important indicators to decide on the optimal protection strategy for each of the patent application.

The ISR has also been used as a benchmark to improve the in-house IP management process and evaluation standards to ensure that the protection of the intellectual properties are in accordance with the requirements of the Malaysian patent regulations.



## Experience of a PCT User in Malaysia

The published ISR has been used as a guide to proceed with patent examination in Malaysia and to decide whether to choose the expedited substantive examination track or the normal substantive examination track.



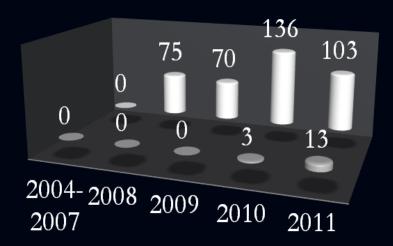


#### **Advantages of Published PCT ISR**

- The published PCT ISR enables an applicant to choose the best route to seek substantive examination at the national phase either in Malaysia or other designated countries.
- The PCT ISR also enables an applicant to identify potential commercialization opportunities for the respective patents.

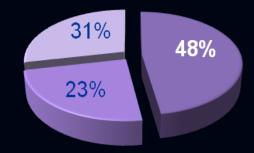
# PCT v. Patent Granted in Malaysia

■ Patent Granted ■ ■ PCT application



# Patentability criteria based on PCT ISR ( 2008-2011)

- Novel & Inventive
- Not novel & not inventive
- Novel & not inventive





#### Other benefits of PCT and challenges

#### Other Benefits:-

- 1. Higher positive PCT ISR reports will provide a higher citation opportunity for the organization. This will increase the reputation and hence, recognition either in the respective field of technology or in the respective industry, territory or region.
- 2. Higher numbers of positive PCT ISR reports and an increase in published patents will enable the organization to seek investments and collaborations.
- 3. Higher PCT applications and published applications will enhanced the country's innovation index and increase investment opportunities.

#### **Challenges:**

- 1. PCT ISA cost increment on an average of 2 times or more a year affects the management cost for filing via theh PCT route.
- 2. (With due respect,) the Quality of ISR varies between ISAs and this affects the national phase filing process due to additional requirements of the respective country's national phase patent examination expectation for thorough ISR.

#### **Awareness Program**

- 1. Intellectual Property Training Centre (IPTC) Planning and Implementation of Effective IP Education Programs
- 2. Public Relation Unit (PRO) Public-Private Partnership for Public Awareness Program, enhance IP awareness
- 3. Public Outreach and Information Dissemination to assist inventors to patent their inventions, Maintain their patent safeguard the rights of the patentee
- 4. Collaborations with Government agencies, Industries/SMEs and NGOs
- 5. Programs exhibitions, road shows and publications

### **Awareness Program**

Smartpartnership on awareness program with industries, R&D , universities & NGOs



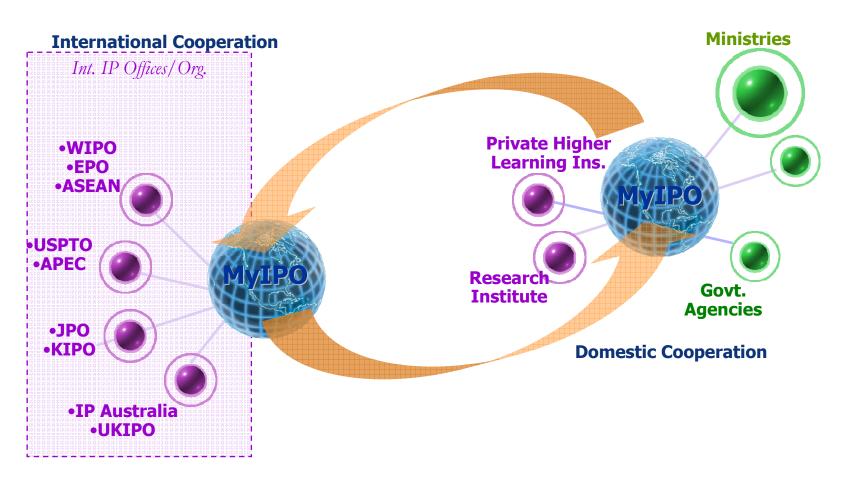
## Cooperation

#### **Modernisation of PCT system (automation): Future Plans**



# Partnership

#### ... growing international and domestic linkages



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