

Experience from National Office; Accession, Operation, Plans and Implementation of Lao PDR

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Introduction

- ◆ The Intellectual property in Lao PDR was established in 1990 following an executive decision by the Council Ministries.
- ◆ Since 1999 the Department of Intellectual property, Standardization and Metrology is assigned by the Government to be the focal point for all Intellectual Property management.
- ◆ The year 2011 was established Department of Intellectual Property.

Accession

- ◆ Laos has become as a member of Madrid Protocol since December 7th, 2015
- ◆ Entered into force on 7th March 2016

Operation

💧 Legal Text:

- 💧 Madrid Protocol
- 💧 Common regulation
- 💧 Law on Intellectual Property, No. 01/NA, dated 20/12/2011
- 💧 Ministerial Decision on Trademark and Trade name, No. 753/MOST, dated 20/9/2012
- 💧 Decision of the Minister of Science and Technology On the Implementation of the procedure for the registration and protection of trademark through the Protocol relating to the Madrid Agreement concerning the International registration of marks.

Operation

💧 Fees

Lao PDR make declaration of individual fee

- 💧 International registration designated Lao PDR: 141 CHF for one class; 101 CHF for each additional class
- 💧 Renewal of each international registration designated Lao PDR: 141 CHF for one class; 101 CHF for each additional class
- 💧 Handling fee: 50 USD

Operation

💧 Time limit

- 💧 Lao PDR has made a declaration under the Article 5(2)(b) of the Madrid Protocol to extend to 18 months of the refusal period

Operation

💧 Examiners

- 💧 There are 4 examiners responsible for Madrid examination.

Challenges

- ◆ Language barriers
- ◆ Examination within the time limit
- ◆ Raising awareness on trademark and registration through Madrid System

Plans and Implementations

- ◆ Madrid System Information dissemination
- ◆ Increasing numbers of examiners that responsible for Madrid Operation
- ◆ Encouraging export companies to establish and register trademarks in foreign countries through the Madrid System

Q&A

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Thank you very much!!

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