

Japan's intervention at 64th WIPO Assemblies (July 6th-July 14th, 2023)

Agenda item 14: PCT System

Appointment of the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT (PCT/A/55/1)

Thank you, Madam Chair.

Japan supports the appointment of the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property, SAIP, as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT.

We heartily welcome any efforts that SAIP is able to make in terms of enhancing the PCT system.

Since signing the MOC with SAIP in 2019, Japan has established an annual work plan based on this memorandum. Since this time, cooperation has taken place in areas such as data exchange and human resource development.

As with previous collaborations, we are prepared to share the Japan Patent Office's knowledge as necessary in order to help SAIP grow as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority in the future.

Last but not least, Japan expects that SAIP will play an important role in the development of the PCT system.

I thank you, Madam Chair.