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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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Monday, August 26, 2013 – Venue: WIPO Singapore Office

- 9.30 – 10.00 Registration
- 10.00 – 10.30 Opening Ceremony
- Opening remarks by:
- Mr. Francis Gurry, Director General, World Intellectual Property Organization
- BG (NS) Tan Yih San, Chief Executive, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore
- Ms. Sharon Chan, Deputy Director, Technical Cooperation Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore
- 10.30 – 10.45 Coffee Break
- 10.45 – 11.15 **Topic 1: Global trends in patent filings**
- Speaker: Mr. Matthew Bryan, Director, Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Legal Division, WIPO, Geneva
- 11.15 – 12.00 **Topic 2a: Benefits of patent work sharing arrangements:**
- ASEAN - ASPEC
- Patent Prosecution Highways (PPH)
- Speakers: - Ms. Sandra Merinda, Senior Assistant Director, Registry of Patents, IPOS
- Mr. Bong Hoon Lee, Deputy Director, Patent Examination and Policy Division, Korean Intellectual Property Office
- Mr. Paolo Trevisan, Attorney-Advisor, Office of Policy and External Affairs, USPTO
- Mr. Zhang Xian Feng, Patent Manager, SIPO
- 12.00 – 12.45 **Topic 2b: Benefits of patent work sharing arrangements: the PCT as a work sharing mechanism**
- Speaker: Mr. Matthew Bryan, WIPO
- 12.45 – 13.45 Lunch Break
- 13.45 – 14.45 **Topic 3: Establishing best practice on searching and examination techniques:**
- sharing of national experiences in searching techniques
- Speakers: - Mr. Keith Porter, Policy Officer, International Policy & Cooperation, IP Australia
- Mr. Le Huy Anh, Patent Division No. 2, National Office of Intellectual Property of Vietnam
- Madam Norsita Ismail, Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia

14.45 – 15.30	Topic 4:	Similarities and differences in patent law and practices: spotlight on software patents
	Speaker:	Mr. Paolo Trevisan, USPTO
15.30 – 15.45	Coffee Break	
15.45 – 16.45	Topic 5:	PCT International search and examination guidelines: a potential model for best practice search and examination
	Speaker:	Mr. Matthew Bryan, WIPO
16.45 – 17.30	Topic 6:	WIPO CASE Update
	Speakers:	- Mr. Peter Willimott, Senior Program Officer, WIPO Singapore Office - Mr. Keith Porter, IP Australia - Mr. William Meredith, Director, IP Office Business Solutions Division, WIPO, Geneva (via video conference)
17.30	WIPO Reception	

Tuesday, August 27, 2013 – Venue: Cassia Room (3306 & 3206), Marina Bay Sands Convention Centre

8.45 - 9.30	Global IP Forum (Marina Bay Sands Convention Centre) Registration, networking and morning coffee	
9.30 – 9.45	Welcome Address by Chairman of IP Week@SG 2013	
9.45 – 10.00	Opening Address by Guest-of-Honour	
10.00 – 11.00	Keynote Panel Discussion 1	The Changing Global Innovation Landscape: Whither IP?
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break	
11.30 – 13.00	Keynote Panel Discussion 2	Global IP Perspectives and Strategies
13.00 – 14.00	Networking lunch	
14.00 – 15.15 (Level 3, #3306 & 3206 Cassia Room)	Topic 7:	Key considerations for patent filing strategies, benefits of patent work sharing and suggestions for better use – users' perspectives
	Moderator:	Ms. Sandra Merinda, IPOS
	Speakers:	- Mr. Shinji Komai, General Manager/Patent Attorney,

Intellectual Property Department, Sumitomo Osaka Cement Co. Ltd.

- Mr. Shun Hara, Patent Attorney/Program Manager, Intellectual Property Group, Hitachi, Ltd.

- Mr. Akimichi Tanabe, President and CEO/Japanese Patent Attorney, felcitate IP Consulting Singapore Pte. Ltd.

- Ms. Tan Hui Leng, Patent Agent, Drew & Napier LLC

15.15 – 15.30 Coffee Break

15.30 – 16.15 **Topic 8: Promoting the use of patents and PCT – IP Offices' perspective**

Moderator: Mr. Peter Willimott, WIPO

Speakers: Roundtable discussion of national experiences

16.15 – 16.45 **Topic 9: Wrap-up Session**

Moderator: Mr. Matthew Bryan, WIPO

Speakers: All participants and speakers

16.45 Closing Ceremony

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