

PATENT REGISTRY OFFICE



AN OVERVIEW

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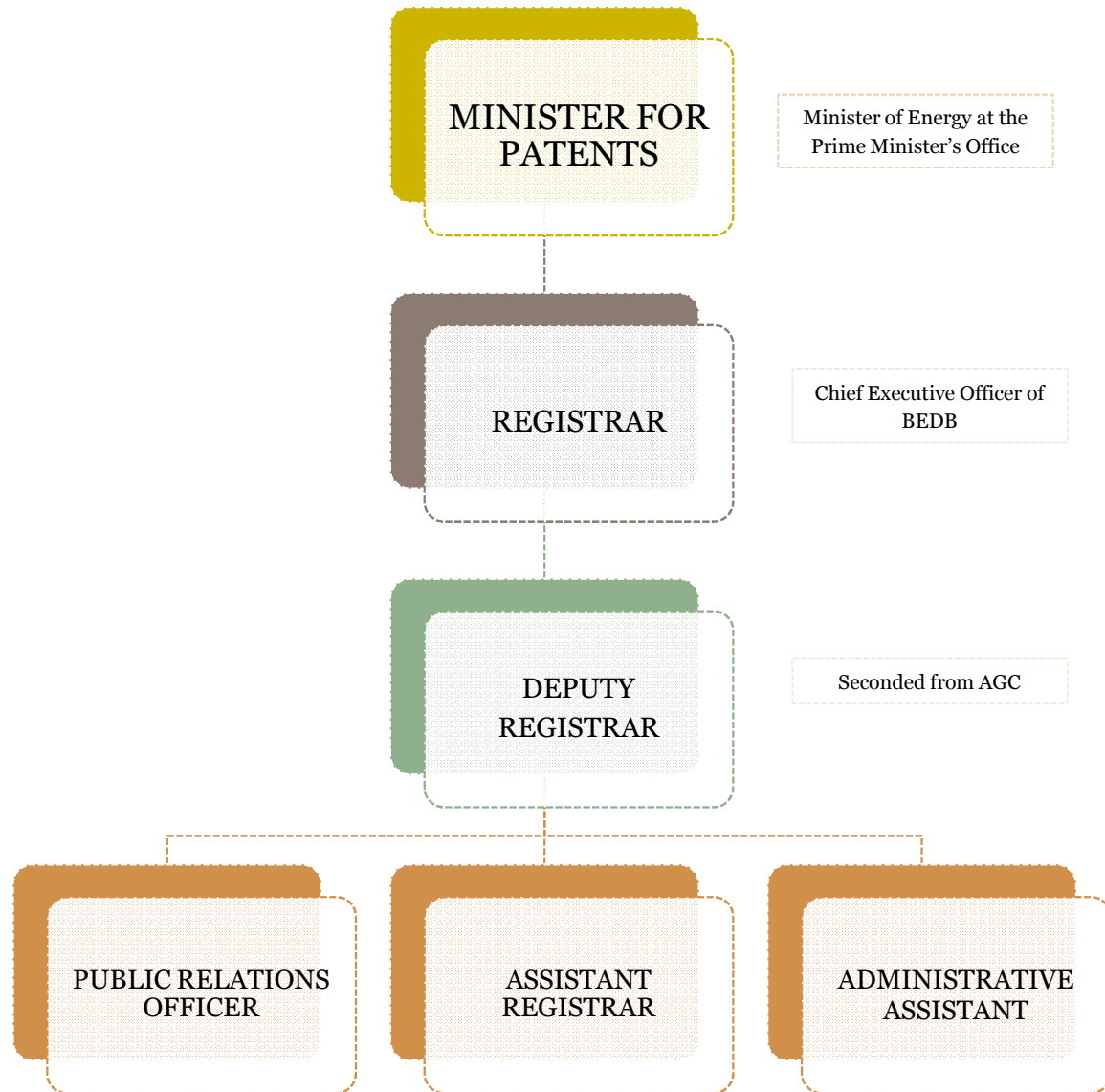
BACKGROUND

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- Established on 1 January 2012 – an initiative of the BEDB in support of the national innovation ecosystem in line with the BEDB’s mission to grow and diversify Brunei Darussalam’s economy by attracting investments and strengthening local businesses enabled through research and innovation
- Responsible for the registration of patents and promotion of public awareness on the effective use of the patent system in order to stimulate innovation and creativity
- Acts as the focal point for all patent-related matters in close collaboration with the Intellectual Property Division of the Attorney General’s Chambers (AGC)

ORGANISATION



REGISTER OF PATENTS

Responsible for the registration and issuance of patent grant



- Accepts and process applications for the registration of patents
- Grants patent
- Issuance of registration certificate for transitional applications under section 115 of the Patents Order, 2011

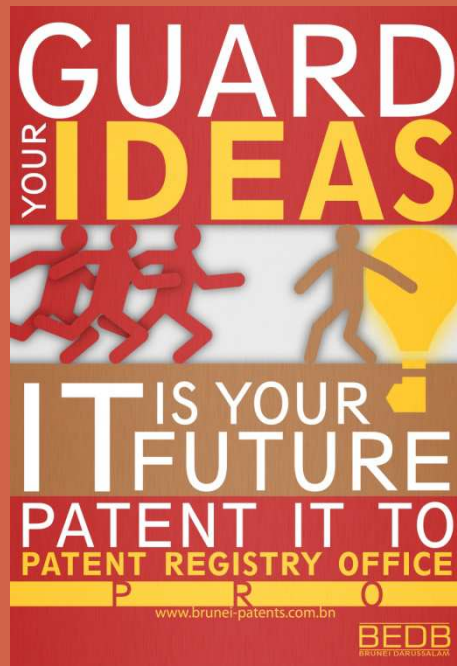
New Patent System



Register now and protect your
Patent, Trademark or Industrial Design

- Self-assessment based on Singapore's current system
- 'Formality-based' – Substantive examination outsourced DKPTO, APO, HIPO
- Restrictions on filing abroad for Bruneians
 - section 33 (1): Registrar's written authority
 - section 33 (3): Penalty up to \$5K fine and/or 2 years imprisonment

Application Process



- Lodgment of patent application form – PF1
- Prescribed fee \$160
- Necessary documents – specification and abstract
- Statement of Inventorship – PF8
- Foreign applicants – address for service in Brunei Darussalam PF46

APPLICATION FLOW



Lodgement of Patent
Form 1 - PF1

Allocation of Filing Date

1st office action – within 3 days of
receipt of application

Preliminary Examination

Search & Examination

Grant & Publication

18mths publication

SERVICES

- Assists applicants in filing application
- General advise on novelty search
- Public search of Register books
- Conducts talks and presentations to raise awareness
- www.brunei-patents.com.bn



PROMOTE INNOVATION

Provide a clear, accessible and widely understood patent system which enables the economy and society to benefit from knowledge and ideas



No.	EVENT	DATE	TARGET AUDIENCE	FACILITATORS
1	Dialogue with IHLs on Patent Search & Documentation	25 January, UBD	Researchers (30pax)	PRO & WIPO
2	Introductory Patent Seminar	26 January, KHub	Govt, Law Firms, US Embassy & BEDB (39pax)	PRO & WIPO
3	Patent Clinic - Commercialization & Licensing of Patents	27 January, KHub	SMEs, Inventors, Govt, UNISSA, UBD, BEDB (49pax)	PRO & WIPO
4	IPoster Competition in Conjunction with World IP Day on 26 April	1 March	Youths aged 13-30	INI & PRO
5	Schools Outreach to Promote IP and IPoster Competition	6 – 31 March	Sixth Forms, Business & International Schools	INI & PRO
6	Video Screening of 'ILLICIT' for Students in Collaboration with US Embassy	4 April, KHub	Students from 6 Schools (60pax)	PRO
7	RKN Exhibition	14-16 Apr, ICC	Public	JPKE/BEDB
8	World IP Day Celebration	27 April, AGC	Govt Dept, SMEs, Enforcement Agencies	AGC & PRO
9	Talk on IP and Commercialisation by Dr Lily Tan, NUS	30 April 2012, UBD	Govt, IHLs, Researchers (200pax)	PRO & UBD
10	Submission Ceremony of UBD's Patent Applications	30 April 2012, KHub	UBD	PRO & UBD
11	IP Poster Exhibition (Posters courtesy of USPTO/US Embassy)	30 April, UBD	Students, Inventors, Researchers, Public	PRO & UBD
12	Patent Clinic	12 May, AGC	Govt, Public (60pax)	PRO & AGC
13	BEDB-WIPO Introductory Seminar on the PCT & Budapest Systems	18 July, Empire Hotel	Govt, Law Firms, Embassies, SMEs, IHLs, BEDB (60pax)	WIPO & PRO
14	WIPO National Seminar on Industrial Designs & the Hague System for SMEs	18 September, Empire Hotel	Govt, SMEs, IHLs, Technical Schools (60pax)	WIPO & PRO

PARTNERSHIP

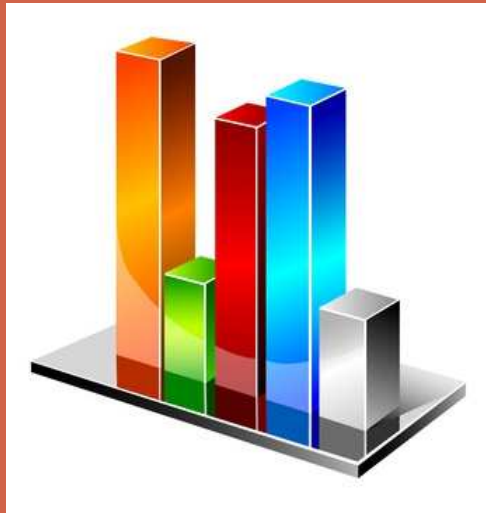
Establish partnership with the relevant stakeholders to support the national innovation ecosystem



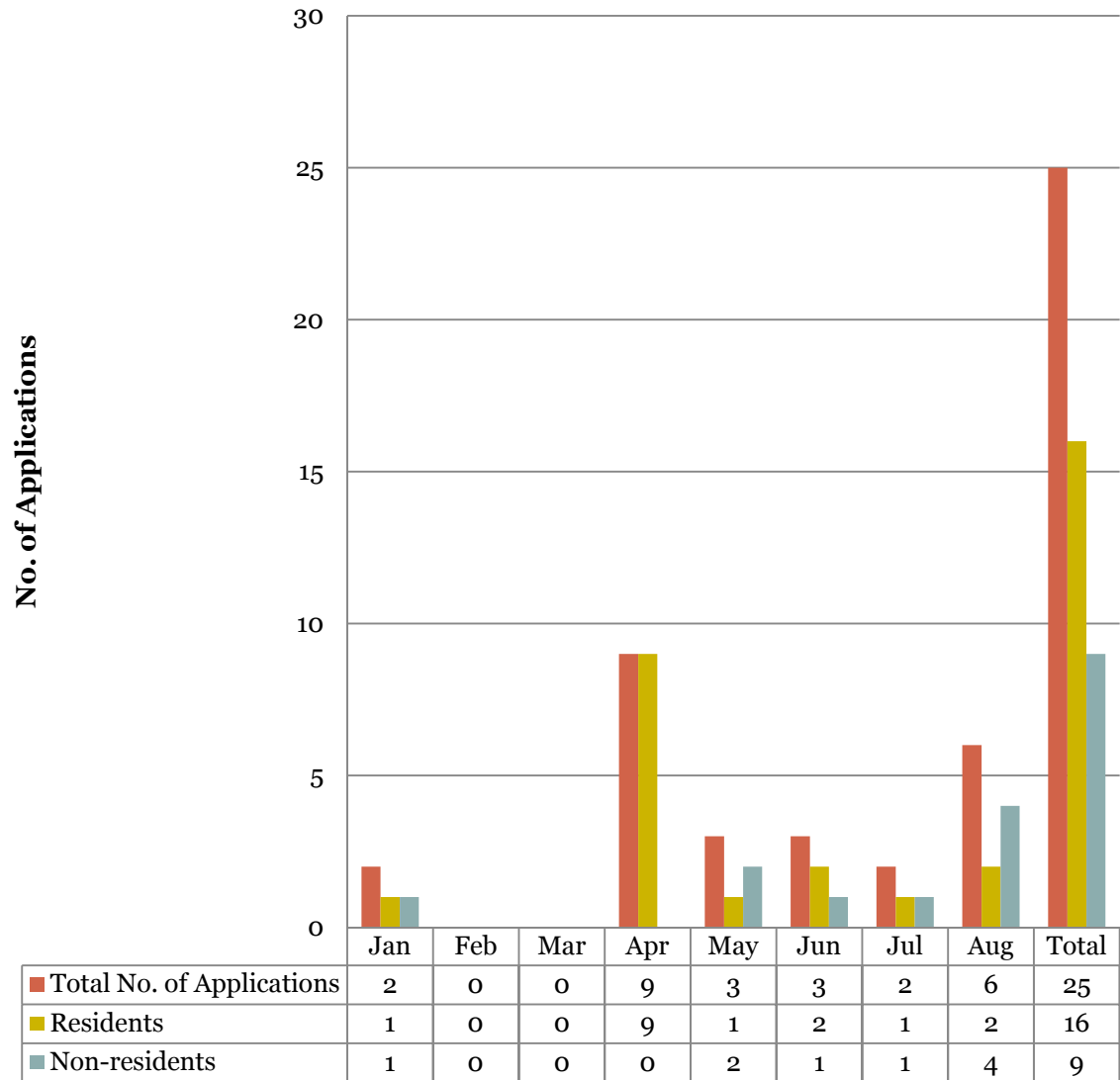
- Institutions of Higher Learning (IHLs) – UBD & ITB
- Brunei Darussalam Research Council (BDRC)
- Ministry of Industry & Primary Resources (MIPR)
- Ministry of Culture Youth & Sports (MCYS)

STATISTICS

Number of Applications



Patent Statistics Jan-Aug 2012



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Patent Work Sharing



- MOU with Patent Offices of Denmark, Austria and Hungary for the conduct of substantive search and examination
- Implemented the PCT system on 24 July 2012
 - 1st application filed on 3 August
- ASEAN Patent Examination Cooperation (ASPEC)
- IP Cooperation under ANZFTA, BJEPA, ASEAN-US, ASEAN-China, ASEAN-Japan



FUTURE DIRECTIONS



- Expansion of services to include registration of industrial designs by October 2012.
- Implementation of the Plant Variety Protection (PVP) system in 2013.
- In line with ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) IPR Action Plan, looking into the feasibility of acceding to the Hague Agreement, Madrid Protocol and UPOV by 2013.
- Spin-off into full-fledged IP Office by 2014.

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