

# Patent System and Innovation in Southeast Asian Countries

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- **\*** Introduction
- Trends in Patent Applications in Southeast Asian Countries
- Japan's Experience of IP & Innovation
- Patent System at Establishment of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC)





#### 1. Introduction

#### What is JETRO Bangkok IP Dep.?

- Founded in 1996 as "Industrial Property Department" (Changed its name in October 2002)
- **X** Main activities of the Department are as follows:
  - 1. Conducting research and disseminating IPR enforcement information in ASEAN and South Asia countries
  - 2. Providing legal advisory services to the private sector
  - 3. Organizing IP events
  - 4. Liaison Office of Japan Patent Office
- 🎇 Most activities funded by JPO (Japan Patent Office)

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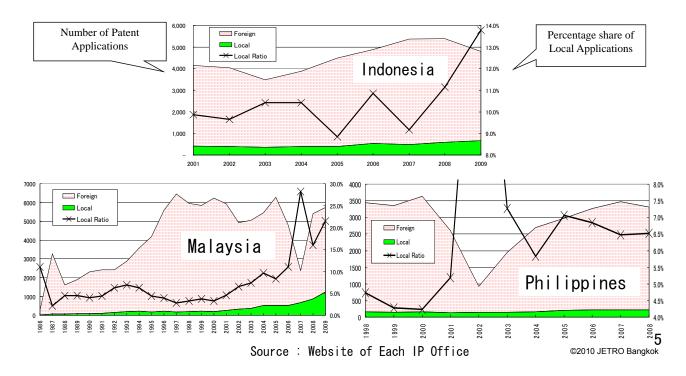
### 2. Trends in Patent Applications in Southeast Asian Countries

Year	ID	MY	РН	SG	ТН	VN
2001	4,147	5,934	2,605	8,133	5,332	1,286
2002	4,048	4,937	918	8,070	4,489	1,211
2003	3,492	5,062	1,942	7,908	4,943	1,150
2004	3,877	5,442	2,695	7,951	5,373	1,431
2005	4,499	6,286	2,972	8,605	6,340	1,947
2006	4,880	4,800	3,261	9,164	6,261	2,166
2007	5,377	2,372	3,473	9,955	6,818	2,860
2008	5,381	5,403	3,311	9,692	6,741	3,199

Source: Website of Each IP Office

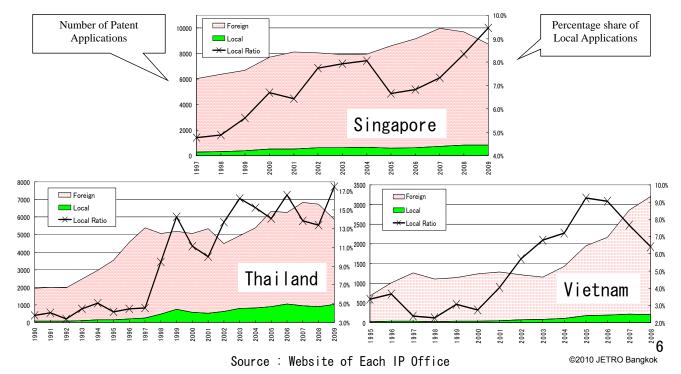


### 2. Trends in Patent Applications in Southeast Asian Countries



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#### 3. Japan's Experience of IP & Innovation

Three Stages of Japan's Development

1st. Stage:Stage: (-1950's)

Dawn of modernization, and Birth of its Original Intellectual Property System

• 2nd. Stage: (1960's - 2000)

Enhancement of national R&D capacity

3rd. Stage: (21th Cen.)

Step toward "IP-based Nation"

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1st. Stage:Stage: (-1950's)

Dawn of modernization, and Birth of its Original Intellectual Property System

- Low technological level of Japan (Closed-door policy until late 19<sup>th</sup> century)
- Enactment of the Patent Law in 1885
- Accession to the Paris Convention in 1899
  - → Many domestic small inventions emerged
  - → Open to introduce foreign technology





- 2nd. Stage: (1960's 2000)
  - Enhancement of national R&D capacity
    - Active technology introduction from foreign countries
    - Absorbing technological knowledge
    - Inventor of original technology

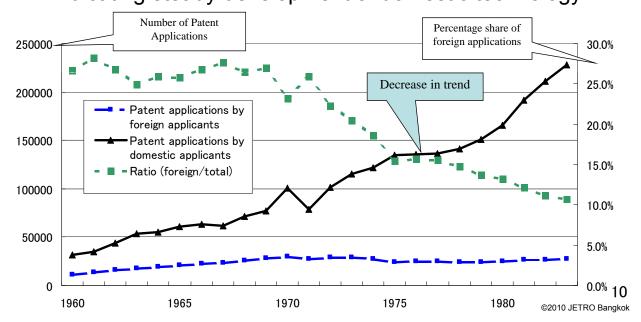
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#### Trend in the share of foreign applications

Since the 70's, the ratio of domestic filings has become increased, indicating steady development of domestic technology.

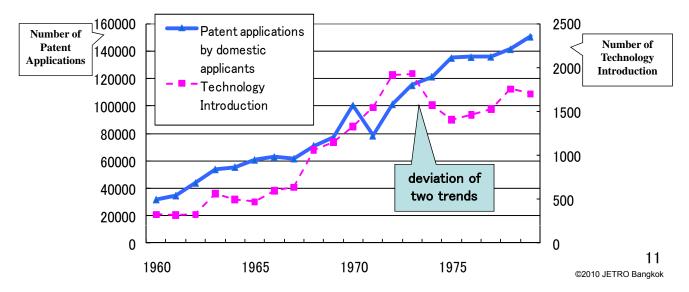


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# Trends in domestic patent applications and Technology Introductions

After the steady development of domestic technology, the introduction of foreign technology hit a ceiling in the 70's, and declined since then



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• 3rd. Stage: (21th Cen.)

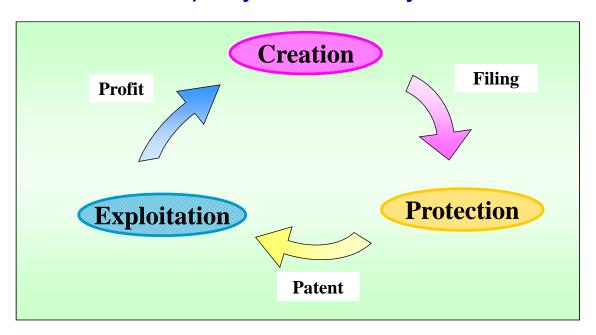
Step toward "IP-based Nation"

- Realization of "IP-based Nation" (fully utilizes knowledge/creativity)
- Enhance 'Intellectual Property Creation Cycle' to economic development

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#### Intellectual Property Creation Cycle



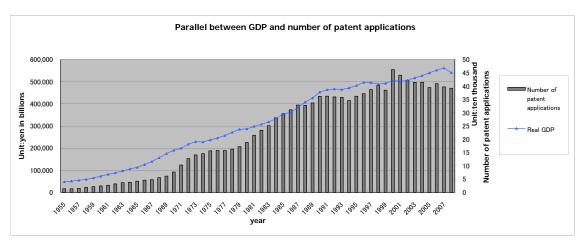
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### Correlation between GDP and Patent System

The close correlation between GDP and utilization of Patent system proves the "IP creation cycle"



Note:

Authentic GDP is based on the Cabinet Office, Government of Japan announcement. However, the basis for calculation of GDP varies according to the era. 68SNA: between 1955 and 1979 93SNA: between 1980 and 2008 (SNA: system of national account)

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### 4. Patent System at Establishment of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC)

### **Keywords:**

\* High Quality & Timeliness

\* Foreseeability

**Simplicity** 

#### Reference:

"Requests from Japanese Business community in ASEAN" (Extract is attached)

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# Thank you

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