



Role of Intellectual Property Office in Promotion of Innovation in Viet Nam

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1. National Innovation System in Viet Nam

- Science and Technology Management agencies:
 - Ministry for Science and Technology;
 - Department for Development of Science & Technology Market and enterprises (new);
 - National Office of Intellectual Property (NOIP).
 - Science and technology departments under ministries.



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- Innovation Promotion organizations:
 - Viet Nam Union of Science and Technology Associations (VUSTA);
 - National Foundation for Science and Technology Development;
 - Viet Nam Fund for Technological Creations (VIFOTEC);
 - Center for Promotion of inventions (CEPIN);
 - Viet Nam Intellectual Property Association (VIPA).

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1. National Innovation system in Viet Nam

Ministry for Science and Technology:

- Responsible for policy and management of science and technology;
- Promoting the development of science and technology;

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1. National Innovation system in Viet Nam

- Promoting technology transfer;
- Guiding the operations of science and technology organizations;
- Promoting innovation.

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- Budget for Science and Technology:
 - 2% of GDP;

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1. National Innovation system in Viet Nam

- National S&T policy:

- Fast growth and effective use of Science and Technology Foundation; National Foundation for Technological Innovation; National Foundation for Hi-Tech venture investment with a view to promoting R&D activities and innovation in all technological fields;
- Establishment of autonomous R&D institutions;
- Increase the investment for S&T development.

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1. National Innovation System in Viet Nam

- National Office of Intellectual property of Viet Nam (NOIP) under the Ministry:

- Main functions:

- State management of IP;
- Making proposal on policy, strategy for the development of national IP system;
- Drafting IP law and regulations;
- Carrying out procedure for granting IP rights;
- Coordinating with other governmental agencies to ensure effective IPR enforcement;
- Making proposal for promoting inventive and innovative activities nationwide;
- Establishing, effectively exploiting IP information databases to the benefits of various stakeholders.

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2. Role of NOIP in promotion of Innovation

- Drafting policies for promotion of innovation:
 - State's policies and measures for innovation and invention reflected in documents of the State, the National Assembly, and in the socio-economic development plans of the Government;

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2. Role of NOIP in Promotion of Innovation

- Drafting law and regulations serving as basis for promotion of innovation:
IP protection was first introduced in 1980's:
 - Decree on Patent (1981);
 - Decree on Trademark (1982);
 - Decree on Industrial design(1988);
 - Decree on Utility solution (1988);

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- Drafting law and regulations serving as basis for promotion of innovation:
 - Decree on licensing (1988);
 - Ordinance on the protection of industrial property (1989);
 - Civil Code (1995) (Chapter 2, Part 6 on IP);
 - Decree on the protection of trade secret, GIs, trade name and unfair competition (2000);

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2. Role of NOIP in promotion of Innovation

- Drafting law and regulations serving as basis for promotion of innovation:
 - IP law (2005);
 - Revised IP Law (2009);
 - Criminal Code;
 - Customs Law;

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2. Role of NOIP in promotion of Innovation

- Drafting law and regulations serving as basis for promotion of innovation:
 - Decree on Innovation: to stimulate innovative activities by providing favorable conditions and environment for innovators;
 - Other law implementing regulations.

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The current IP law and regulations are in conformity with the WTO/TRIPS Agreement, on one hand and promote innovation and protection of results of innovation;

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2. Role of NOIP in promotion of Innovation

- Role of NOIP in the process of innovation:
 - Receiving, examining applications and granting IP rights to inventions/utility solutions, industrial designs, integrated circuits, trademarks, geographical indications;

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2. Role of NOIP in promotion of Innovation

- Role of NOIP in the process of innovation:
 - The accuracy, and prompt grant of patents and other IP rights are essential to meet the urgent need of the society and very significant for the process of innovation;
 - Facilitating the commercialization of results of innovation (IP assets) through licensing activities;

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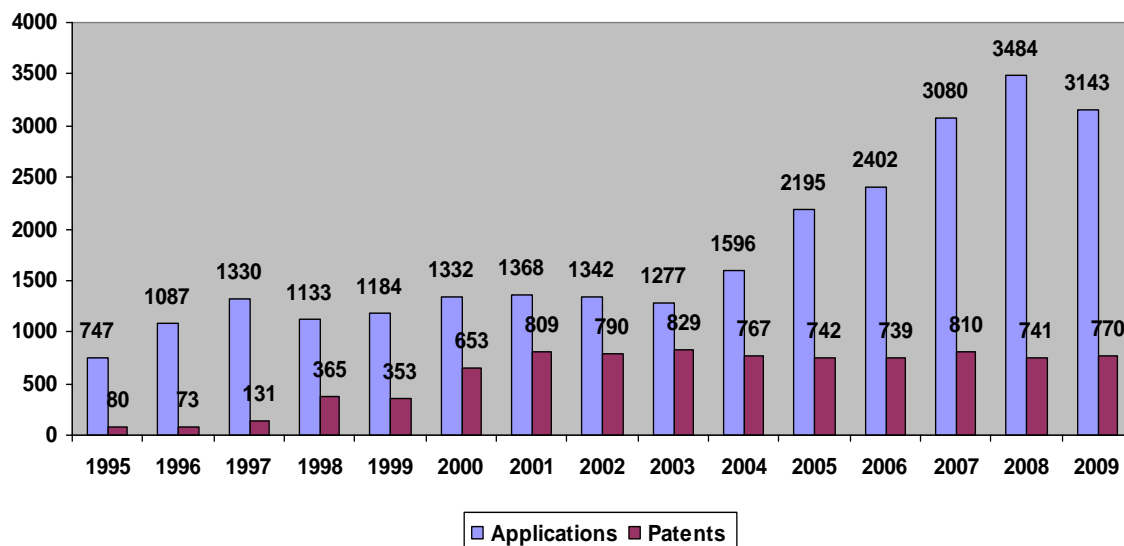
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- Role of NOIP in the process of innovation:
 - Facilitating technology transfer;
 - Encouraging foreign direct investment (FDI);

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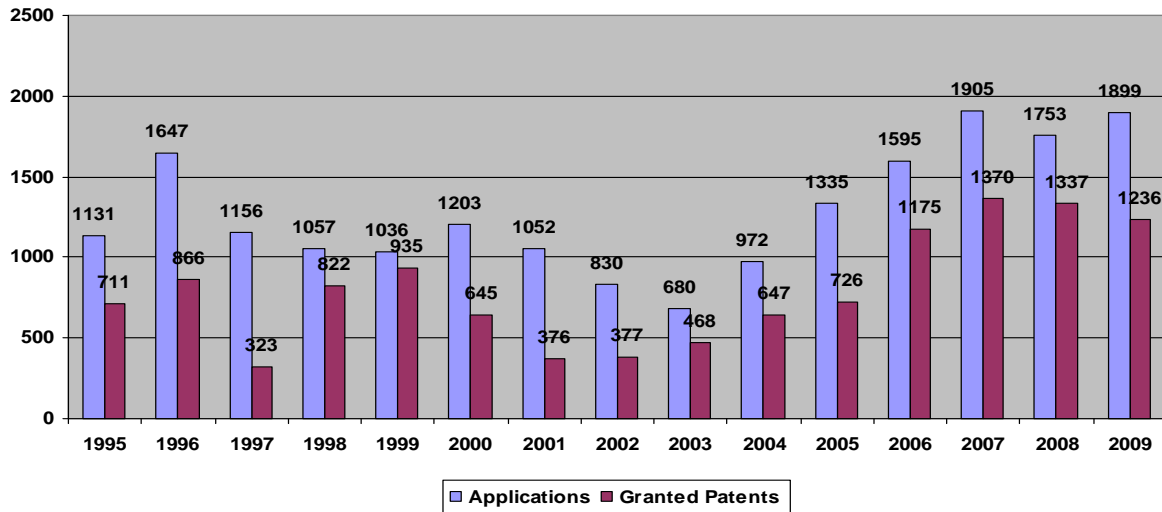
- Trend of Patent filing and grants



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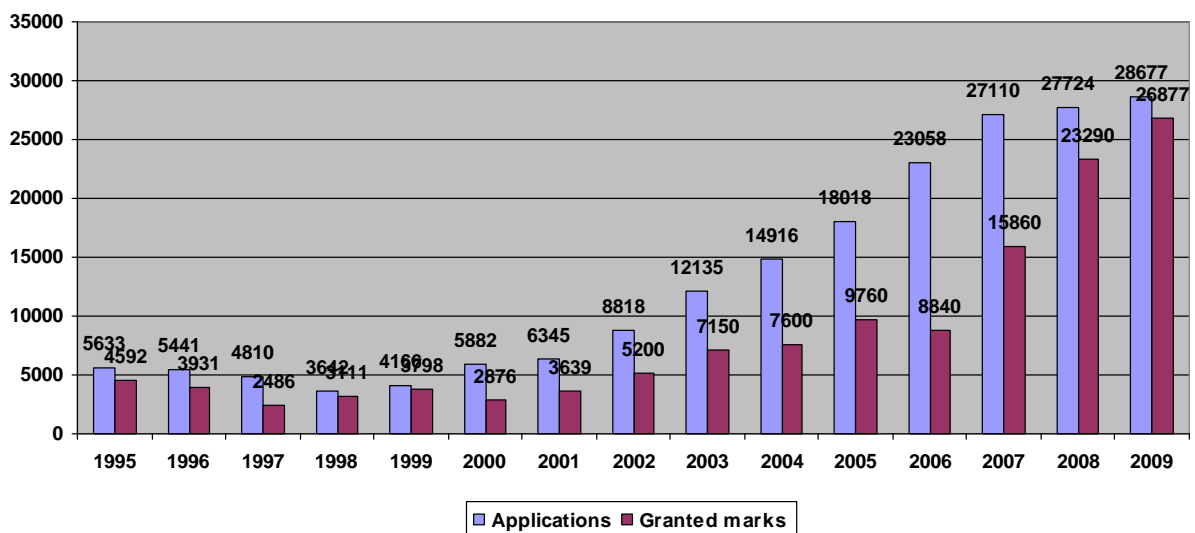
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Trend of trademark filing and grants



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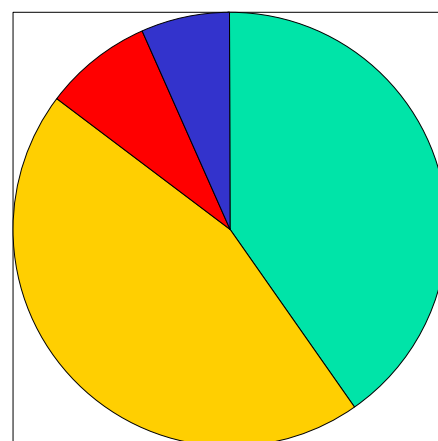
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- Role of NOIP in the process of innovation:
 - Measures taken:
 - Recruiting more examiners;
 - Training and advancing the expertise of examiners;

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- Number of examiners at NOIP:
 - Patent: 49
 - Design: 10
 - Trademark:55
 - GI:8



■ Patent ■ TM ■ ID ■ GI

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- Role of NOIP in the process of innovation:
 - Measures taken:
 - Automation of IP administration (from receiving to granting IP rights):
 - Automation systems (developed with the support by Japanese Government):
 - IPAS system for IP administration;
 - UTIPINFO system for utilization of IP information.

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- Role of NOIP in the process of innovation:
 - Measures taken:
 - Establishment of NOIP representative offices in HCM City (South of VN), Da Nang (Middle of VN) and in Hoa Lac Hi-Tech Park (near Ha Noi);
 - To bring our service closer to stakeholders.

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- Role of NOIP in the process of innovation:

- Measures taken:

- Considering to establish “Technology and Innovation Support Center” (in cooperation with WIPO): *With the purpose to foster the development of appropriate effective and sustainable technology and innovation support services for national stakeholders in Viet Nam.*

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2. Role of NOIP in promotion of Innovation

- Role of NOIP in the process of innovation:

- Implementation of Program 68:

- Approved by the decision No 68 of the Prime Minister of VN in 2005;
 - The Government allocated separate budget for the Program 68;

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- Role of NOIP in the process of innovation:
 - Implementation of Program 68:
 - Main objective of the Program 68: to support SMEs in creating, protecting using and exploiting IP assets;

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- Role of NOIP in the process of innovation:
 - Implementation of Program 68:

Main activities:

- Public awareness and training on Intellectual property;
- Support for the establishment (IP application drafting including patent drafting), exploitation (commercialization), protection and development of IP assets;
- Support for the use/exploitation of IP information, especially patent information.

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2. Role of NOIP in promotion of Innovation

- Role of NOIP in the process of innovation:
 - Implementation of Program 68:
 - Results achieved: More than 34 projects implemented (in the area of GIs, collective and certificate marks, exploitation, commercialization of patents and raising public awareness of IP).

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2. Role of NOIP in promotion of Innovation

- Role of NOIP in coordination with stakeholders:
 - Coordination with SMEs:
 - Providing support to SMEs:
 - Support in establishing IP rights;
 - Support in protecting and enforcing IP rights;
 - Raising awareness of IP among SMEs (Seminars, workshops, providing publications on IP for SMEs;
 - Coordination with VCCI and other SMEs associations.

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2. Role of NOIP in promotion of Innovation

- Coordination with universities and R&D institutions:
 - Agreements/MoU between NOIP and universities/R&D institutions;
 - Providing services such as training, seminars, workshops on IP in general and IP management, IP information, IP commercialization in universities and R&D institutions;

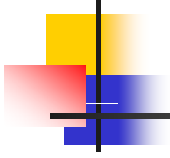
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- Role of NOIP in coordination with stakeholders:
 - Coordination with innovation promotion organizations:
 - Coordination with VUSTA, VIFOTEC, CEPIN:
 - Organizing bi-annual technological creation contests:
 - Among general public;
 - Among students of schools and universities;
 - National scientific and technological awards;
 - WIPO awards;

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■ Thank you for your attention!