

Regional Workshop on Patent Examination Quality Management

Session 1
Quality of Patents

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Aim of the Workshop

Expand the capacity on patent examination quality management through exchanging experiences of IP Offices and through interactive discussions with various stakeholders



How?

Expand the capacity on patent examination quality management through exchanging experiences of IP Offices and through interactive discussions with user

- by providing the participants with an opportunity to
 - □ learn about and become more aware of initiatives taken by other IP Offices
 - present the current situation in their respective IP Offices, as well as any recent developments
 - discuss with officials from other IP Offices and stakeholders such as attorneys and industries



Program

- **■** Experiences from other Offices
- Views from Patent Attorneys
- Views from Industries (applicants)
- Group Discussions + presentations + Discussions



What is the "Quality" in Patent Examination?

■ What is the quality in patent examination for YOUR Office?



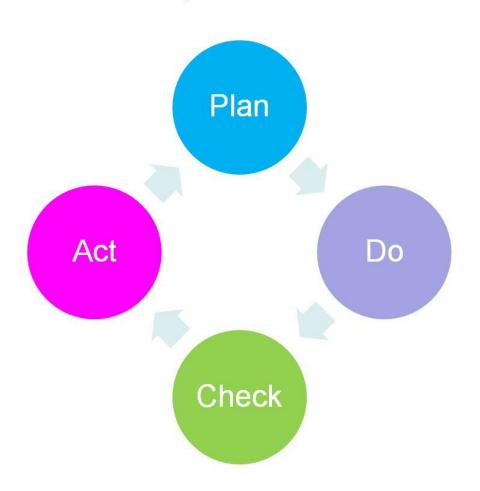
What is "Quality" in Patent Examination?

- Time factor (the earlier, the better?)
- Appropriate decision on patentability (grant/reject)
 - ☐ Stability of patent right
- Communication with stakeholders (e.g. applicants, attorneys)
- Satisfaction of customer (e.g. applicants, attorneys, third parties)



Quality Management System

- Quality Control
- Management
 - Planning
 - Assurance
 - □ Control
 - Improvement





Let's Get Started.

