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Thimphu, December 15 and 16, 2011

PROGRAM

Thursday, December 15, 2011

9.00 – 9.30 Registration

9.30 – 10.00 Welcome address:

Mr. Sonam Wangchuk, Director, Intellectual Property Division, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Thimphu

Opening address:

Dasho Sonam Tshering, Honourable Secretary, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Thimphu

Mr. Yoshihiro Nakayama, Assistant Director, Developing Country Cooperation Section, International Affairs Division, General Affairs Department, the Japan Patent Office (JPO), Tokyo

Mr. Md. Daniul Islam, Senior Program Officer, Division for Least-Developed Country, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva

10.00 – 10.20 Coffee Break

10.20 – 11.00 **Topic 1 Intellectual Property (IP) as a Tool for Economic Growth and Business Competitiveness**

Speaker: Mr. Yoshihiro Nakayama

Discussion

11.00 – 11.40 **Topic 2 The Use of the IP System for Development and Issues of Interest to Least Developed Countries (LDCs)**

Speaker: Mr. Md. Daniul Islam

Discussion

11.40 – 12.20 **Topic 3 National IP Institution Building in LDCs: The Experience of Bhutan**

Speaker: Mr. Kencho Palden, Intellectual Property Officer, Intellectual Property Division, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Thimphu

Discussion

12.20 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 15.30 **Topic 4** **The IP System and the Competitiveness of National Enterprises and Industries: Sharing of Country Experiences on Challenges and Opportunities**

Moderator: Mr. Md. Daniul Islam

Speakers: Participant from Afghanistan

Participant from Bangladesh

Participant from Bhutan

Participant from Cambodia

Discussion

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee Break

16.00 – 17.30 **Topic 4 (Cont'd)** **The IP System and the Competitiveness of National Enterprises and Industries: Sharing of Country Experience on Challenges and Opportunities**

Moderator: Mr. Takuya Sugiyama, Program Officer, Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, WIPO, Geneva

Speakers: Participant from Lao People's Democratic Republic

Participant from Myanmar

Participant from Nepal

Participant from Samoa

Discussion

17.30 WIPO Reception

Friday, December 16, 2011

9.00 – 9.45 **Topic 5** **The Strategic Importance of Patents and Utility Models for Innovation and Development**

Speaker: Mr. Lee Yuke Chin, Consultant, Malaysian Invention and Design Society (MINDS), Selangor, Malaysia

Discussion

9.45 – 10.30	Topic 6	The Strategic Importance and Use of Trademarks and Geographical Indications for Business Growth and Development of LDCs	Speaker: Mr. Lam Chung Nian, Partner, Wong Partnership LLP, Singapore
		Discussion	
10.30 – 11.00		Coffee Break	
11.00 – 11.45	Topic 7	The Strategic Importance and Use of Industrial Designs to Enhance Competitiveness	Speaker: Mr. Lee Yuke Chin
		Discussion	
11.45 – 12.30	Topic 8	The Role and Contribution of Copyright and Related Rights and Collective Management Societies for Economic Growth	Speaker: Mr. Lam Chung Nian
		Discussion	
12.30 – 14.00		Lunch Break	
14.00 – 14.30	Topic 9	Access to Cases on the Use of IP for Trade, Economic Growth and Development	Speaker: Mr. Takuya Sugiyama
		Discussion	
14.30 – 15.00	Topic 10	Addressing Counterfeiting and Piracy: A Development Perspective	Speaker: Mr. Lam Chung Nian
		Discussion	
15.00 – 15.30	Topic 11	Recent Developments in the Field of WIPO's Cooperation with LDCs	Speaker: Mr. Md. Daniul Islam
		Discussion	
15.30 – 16.00		Coffee Break	

- 16.00 – 16.20 **Topic 12** **Technical Assistance and Capacity Building by Japan in the field of Industrial Property**
- Speaker: Mr. Yoshihiro Nakayama
- Discussion
- 16.20 – 16.50 **Topic 13** **The Use of the IP System for the Promotion of Innovation and Business Competitiveness: Support to Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)**
- Speaker: Mr. Yosuke Kawasaki, Assistant Director, SMEs Policy Planning Section, Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division, General Affairs Department, Japan Patent Office (JPO), Tokyo
- Discussion
- 16.50 – 17.30 **Roundtable Discussion** **Opportunities and Challenges in Using the IP System for Enhancing Economic Competitiveness and Development; Possible Measures and Way Forward**
- Moderator: Mr. Md. Daniul Islam
- Discussion All participants and speakers
- 17.30 Closing ceremony

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