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His area of responsibility is legal and policy wherein he initiates legislative consultation and policy drafting on intellectual property. In 2009 he spearheaded operationalization of the Industry Designs Registry, since then he has been assigned to head the Industry Designs Registry. He undertakes substantive and search examination of application, and post-registration services. In addition, his responsibilities also include providing advisory services to applicants and other responsibilities extending beyond purely Registry- related functions like participation in outreach programmes of the Intellectual Property Division to create awareness on intellectual property matters in the country and participation in conducting training on intellectual property matters to other government agencies and the private sector.

For sometime he was also been assigned to look after the Copyright Unit and was actively involved in the development of the Copyright Voluntary Deposit and Registration System.

Mr. PALDEN holds a Master Degree in Intellectual Property Law from the Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia. In 2006, Mr. PALDEN was ranked 7th in the Bhutan Civil Service Common Examination and subsequently underwent a yearlong Post-graduate Diploma Course in Public Administration at the Royal Institute of Management, Thimphu, Bhutan. He completed his Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the PSG College of Arts and Science, Tamil Nadu, India in 2005.

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Mr. Lee, a national of Malaysia, is presently consulting for WIPO in projects relating to strengthening IP administration in a number of LDC countries such as Bangladesh, Cambodia, Nepal, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

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He had played a key role in establishing the indigenous patent system in Malaysia that came into force in 1986. He served as the Chief Patent Examiner, and was also responsible for setting up the national Patent Information and Documentation Center (PIDC), a center dedicated to help inventors, researchers and small and medium enterprises exploit patent information for technological research and business development.

During his career, Mr. Lee had gained much experience on the utilization of IP for technology innovation. He was once general manager of the Malaysian Technology Consultants Co., a government-private venture to facilitate technology transfer and licensing of university inventions.

He is actively involved in activities of the Malaysian Invention and Design Society, which has over the years proven to be an important component in promotion of invention and innovation in the country.

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He graduated from the National University of Singapore. He is admitted to the Singapore Bar and to the Roll of Solicitors of England & Wales, and is also a registered patent agent in Singapore.

He is involved in IP transactional, enforcement and advisory work. He advises on complex investment agreements, technology transfers and licensing, IT agreements, joint venture agreements, franchising and IP due diligence, and also IP asset acquisitions, divestments and other arrangements in the context of corporate mergers and acquisitions, as well as public and private fund raising exercises.

In the area of IP enforcement, he acts on behalf of major rights protection agencies in the music and movie industries. He also advises regulatory bodies on policies, licence schemes and research projects. He also has experience handling contentious IP/IT matters, involving patent, copyright, trade mark and other IP/IT disputes, as well as IP policy matters, advising major anti-piracy bodies on their strategic initiatives, drafting white papers and model legislation to support government lobbying efforts in the region.

In the area of telecommunications and technology, he has been involved in drafting and negotiating numerous agreements (both information technology specific and general commercial) relating to the establishment of a fixed-line telecommunications company; advising IT vendors and consumers on project rollouts and service provider agreements, as well as IT consultancy disputes.

He is recommended as a leading lawyer in the 2010 edition of the Expert Guides - Guide to the World's Leading Technology, Media & Telecommunications Lawyers. In Asialaw Profiles – The Guide to Asia-Pacific's Leading Law Firms (2011), he is described by a long-standing client as "...one of the best IP lawyers in the field [who] has provided excellent, consistent and strategic sound advice to our company."

He speaks regularly at public talks and lectures on intellectual property law, legal clinics and seminars organized by various government and public sector organizations like the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, Media Development Authority of Singapore, Singapore IP Academy and Singapore Economic Development Board and Nanyang Technological University. Recent events at which he was a panelist include the Global Forum on Intellectual Property 2009, the Asia Television Forum 2009 and 2010 International Conference on ICT in Teaching and Learning.

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He has been appointed to the WIPO Panel of Film and Media Mediators, Arbitrators and Experts, and to the International Bar Association Communications Law Committee as the

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He joined the JPO in 1988 and during his more than twenty years of service in the JPO, he has been assigned to various positions both in Japan and abroad. From 1996 to 2000 he worked at the Industrial Property Training Institute, planning and conducting training courses for JPO Officials including patent and trademark examiners. He was transferred to the Agency of Industrial Science and Technology (AIST) as an Assistant Director of the Industrial Science and Technology Frontier Program Division in 2000, where he was in charge of planning and coordinating programs concerning industrial science and technology.

He was sent to the United States and worked at the New York Office of the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) as Director of the Intellectual Property Department from 2004 to 2008. There, he was in charge of preparing reports regarding the latest intellectual property trends by conducting research on new developments in intellectual property systems in the United States. After three and a half years at the New York Office, he was re-assigned in 2008 to the JPO in Tokyo, where he organized and implemented training courses for developing countries financed by the WIPO Funds-in-Trust/JAPAN and other resources.

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In 2010, he was Assistant Director, Intellectual Property Policy Office, Economic and Industrial Policy Bureau, The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI).

As an Assistant Director in the General Affairs Section of the Intellectual Property Policy Office, he has been engaged in handling a wide range of general affairs while taking care of inquiries from outside regarding the Unfair Competition Prevention Act which is under the control of the Intellectual Property Policy Office and also preparing the written opinion of the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, which is required for controlling goods violating the Unfair Competition Prevention Act.

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