

A tropical beach scene with palm trees, a sandy shore, and a blue ocean under a clear sky. The text is overlaid on the upper right portion of the image.

***NIPO Infrastructure  
Modernization  
Project***

# Outline

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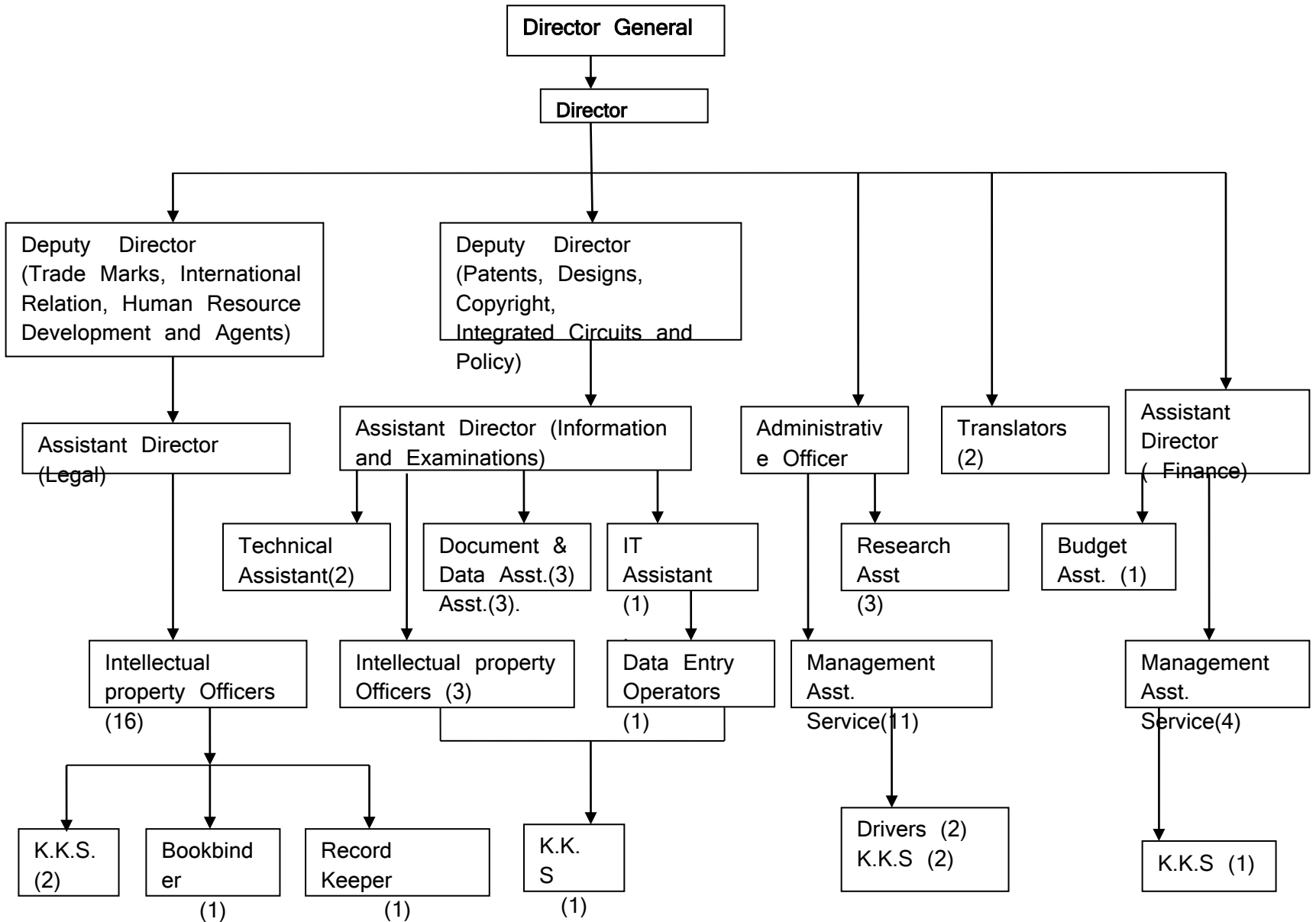


# National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka (NIPO)

- Act No. 36 of 2003 governs the Administration of Intellectual Property in Sri Lanka.
- NIPO presently Register
  - Trademarks
  - Patents
  - Industrial Designs etc .....



# Organizational Structure of National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka



# Office Automation Project at NIPO

- Name: Office Automation Project
- Objectives:
  - Automation of IP administration system
  - Setting up of web-based IP information dissemination system
- Budget: Rs.10 , 00,000.00
- Starting date: June 2007
- Scope:
  - Digitization of IP data(Trade Mark,Patent & Industrial Design) and implementation of automated system to handle administration processes of trademarks, patents and industrial designs
  - Establishment of office infrastructure to support the automation process



# Implementation of IP Automation

- Implementation is in 3 stages
  - Completion of the installation of IPAS
  - Data Migration validation & operation
  - Online Information dissemination and filing



# Site Map of NIPO Automation Project



World intellectual Property office

Local Area Network

Internet

LGN

NIPO LAN

NIPO

Link

NIPO  
WEB  
SITE

Agents

Stake Holders

Public

Information  
Recipients

IPAS Database  
& Application  
Software

Intellectual  
Property  
Information

Information  
Desk

Public search

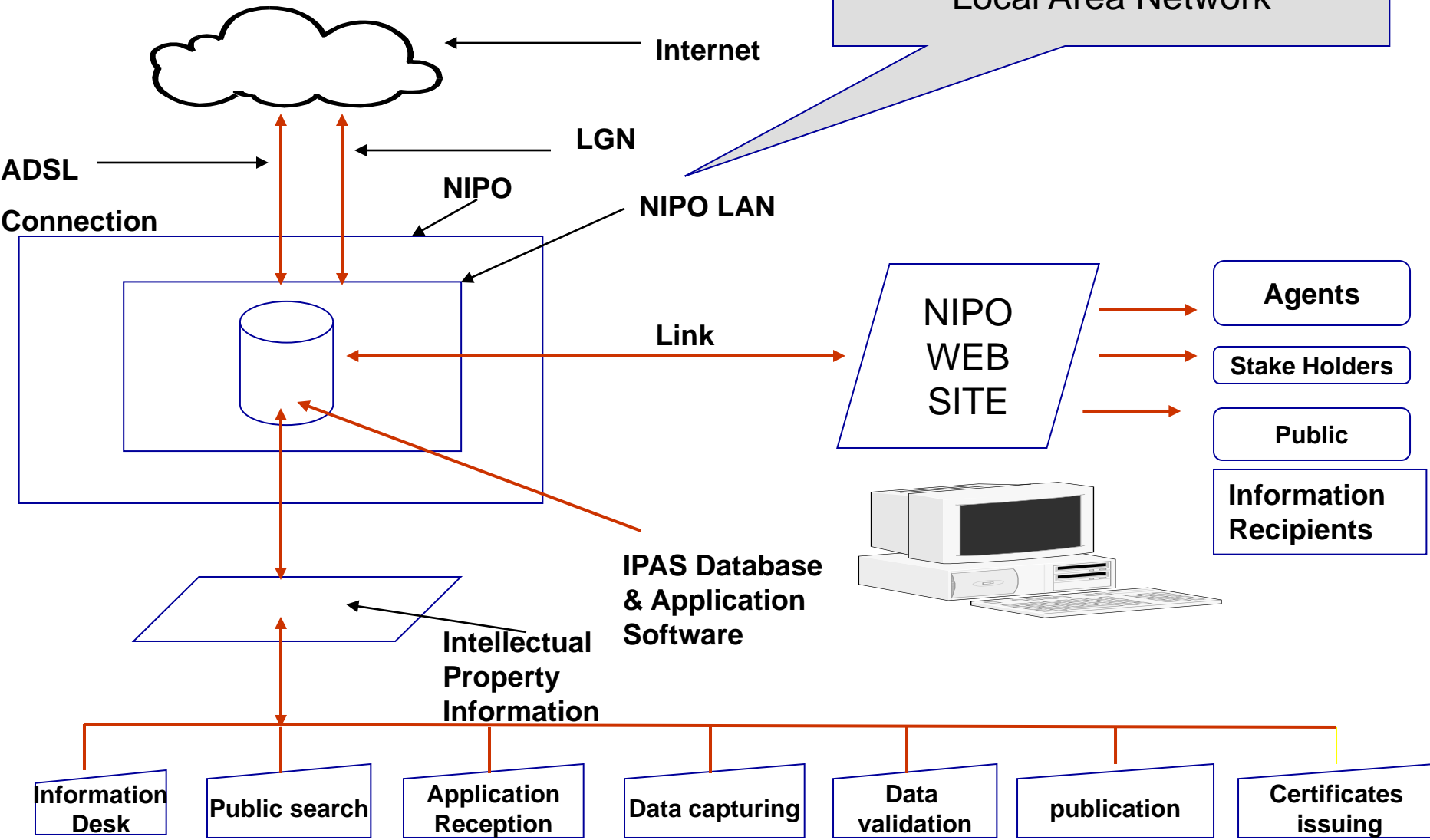
Application  
Reception

Data capturing

Data  
validation

publication

Certificates  
issuing



# Status before implementation of the project

## Trade Marks, Patent , Industrial Design

- Public Search (Examination for existing marks) -Conducted manually using the collection of Trade Mark representations
- **Issuance of Office Documents**
  - Manually prepared office documents
- **Registration Certificates**
  - Type written
- **Substantive Examination**
  - Manually performed using Trade Mark records( registered & pending).
- **Gazetting**
  - Type written on printed forms & sent to Government Printer in paper media





# Status at present

- **Public Search (Examination for existing marks)**
  - conduct using a computerized database
- **Office Documents**
  - Automatically generate using the IPAS system
- **Registration Certificates**
  - Automatically generate using the IPAS system
- **Substantive Examination**
  - Both interactive search and Logo search are done using the IPAS system .
- **Gazetting**
  - Generated by the system & sent to the Government Printer in digital media



# Future Expansions

- On-line public search
- On-line filing
- Publication of online journal



# Achievements

- Data migrated to the IPAS system in year 2007
  - Trade Marks- 88463
  - Patent-4924
  - Industrial Design-6887
- Direct filing of Trade Marks, Patent and Industrial Designs

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Trade Marks	5907	4927	4245
Patent	450	403	346
Industrial Design	389	313	156

- Almost 90% of the Trade Marks, Patent, Industrial Design , data validation has been completed.



# Challenges

- Recruitment of staff
- End-user training
- Building confidence towards the system
- Setting-up new office procedures
- Changing document format
- Information Security



**THANK YOU**

