



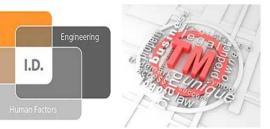


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The Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BruIPO)





The Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BruIPO) was set up on 1 June 2013 in line with the joint effort between the Brunei Economic Development Board (BEDB) and the Attorney General's Chambers (AGC) in the restructuring of the Intellectual Property (IP) administration in Brunei Darussalam.

OBJECTIVES

• To provide a clear, accessible and widely understood patent system that protects ideas and inventions whilst encouraging innovation, Research and Development (R & D) and commercialisation.

• To raise awareness on the benefits and protection of trademarks and industrial designs and to use them to enhance business growth and competitiveness.

- To promote and develop an 'IP Culture' where creativity and innovation can flourish.
- To establish partnership with the relevant stakeholders in support of the national innovation ecosystem.

The Governing Intellectual Property Legislation

	PATENTS	INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS	TRADEMARKS	PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION (PVP)	COPYRIGHT*
Legislation	 Patents Order, 2011 Patent Rules, 2012 	 Industrial Designs Order, 1999 Industrial Designs Rules, 2000 	 Trade Marks Act (Cap 98) Trade Marks Rules, 2000 	 Plant Variety Protection Act (at finalisation stage) 	 Copyright Order, 1999
Membership to International Conventions & Treaties and Work Sharing Initiatives	 Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for the International Filing of Patents Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure ASEAN Patent Search & Examination Cooperation (ASPEC) 	 The Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs by 2013 	 The Madrid Protocol for the International Filing of Trademarks (the Madrid System) by 2014 	 The International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) by 2014 	 Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works * Currently under the Attorney General's Chambers (AGC)
	 Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property 				



Examiners (Formalities)	Patent	4
	Design	2
(Substantive)	Trademark	2
General Administrative or Other Staffs		12
Total		18

Governing Legislation

- The Patents Order, 2011
- Patents Rules, 2011

Lead Agency

- The Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BruIPO) underthe Brunei Economic Development Board (BEDB)

Protection System

- First-to-File basis
- Self-assessing system where decisions are governed by applicants themselves
- Formality-based: all search and examination work outsourced to foreign patent offices

Statistics

PATENTS	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Number of applications (Local)	-	-	-	-	20
Number of applications (Foreign)	75	43	40	53	11
Number of applications (PCT)	-	-	-	-	2
Number of request for examination	-	-	-	-	2
Number of registered applications NB: Statistics for 2008-2011 are for re-registration of patents u	75	43	40	53	63

the repealed Inventions Act (Cap 72)

INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Number of applications (Local)	1	5	-	2	1
Number of applications (Foreign)	16	26	12	18	19
Number of registered applications	17	31	12	20	20

Way Forward





- Expansion of BruIPO PVP, Copyright and GIs
- To spin off into a full-fledged IP Office by April 2015
- To provide ease of registration through online filing system (e-filing)
- Utilizing the ASPEC tool for sharing of patent examination results further.
- To provide further IP support for SMEs and Institutions of Higher Learning (IHLs)
 - IP costs (e.g. Patent Subsidy)
 - Accessible IP information (e.g. PATSNAP)
 - Expertise on identifying technology trend and potential in commercialisation
 - National IP Policy



THANK YOU

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