

International Work sharing

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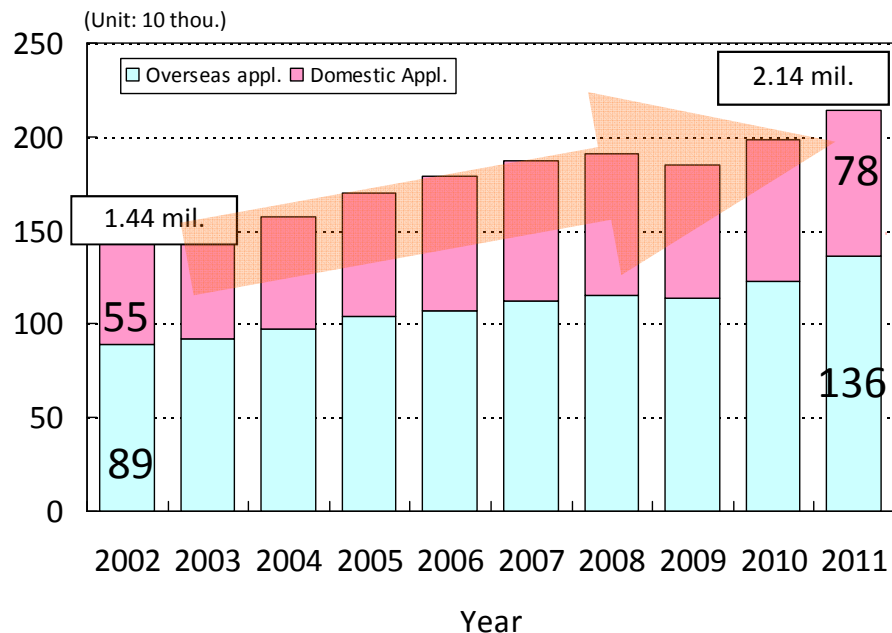
JAPAN PATENT OFFICE

Background

Growing Demand for Work Sharing

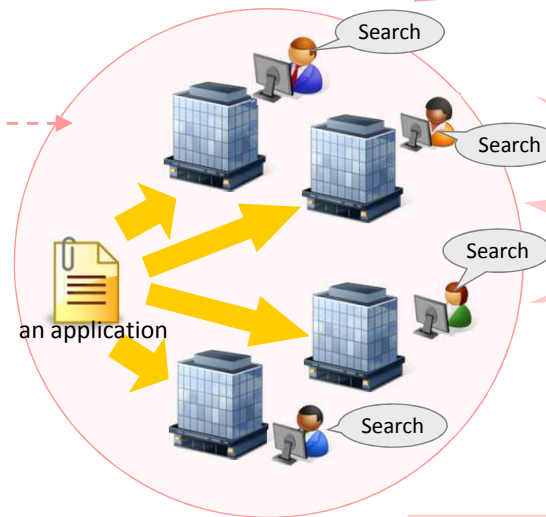
- ✓ The number of patent applications in the world is increasing along with the globalization of business.
- ✓ In particular, **the number of applications filed in many offices is significantly increasing.**
- ✓ **Duplicate work among individual patent offices is also on the rise.**

Changes in Patent Appl. Filed in the Whole World



Source: WIPO Industrial Property Statistics

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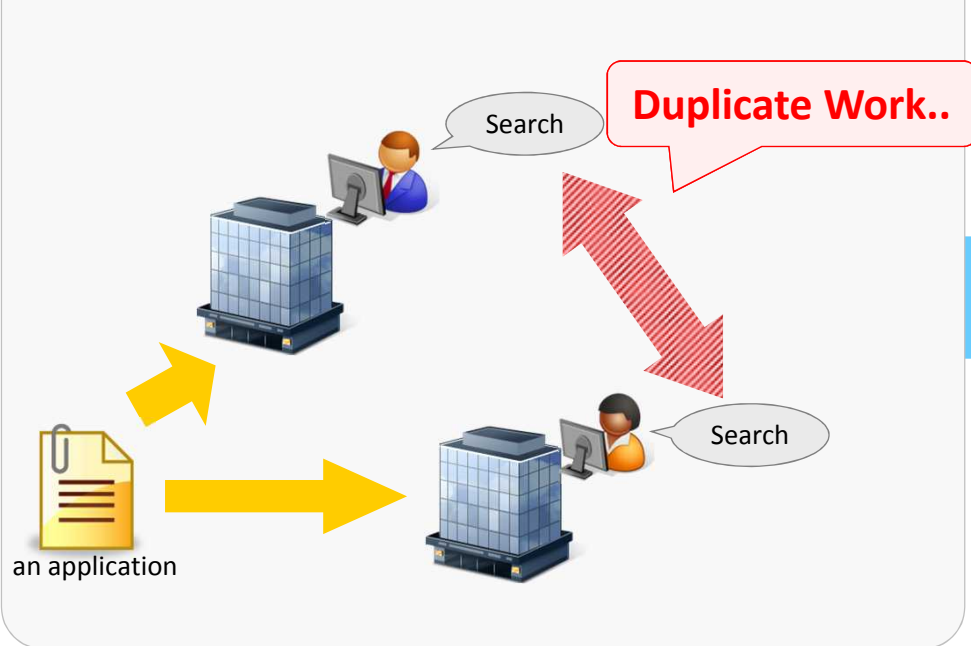


Increasing duplicate work!

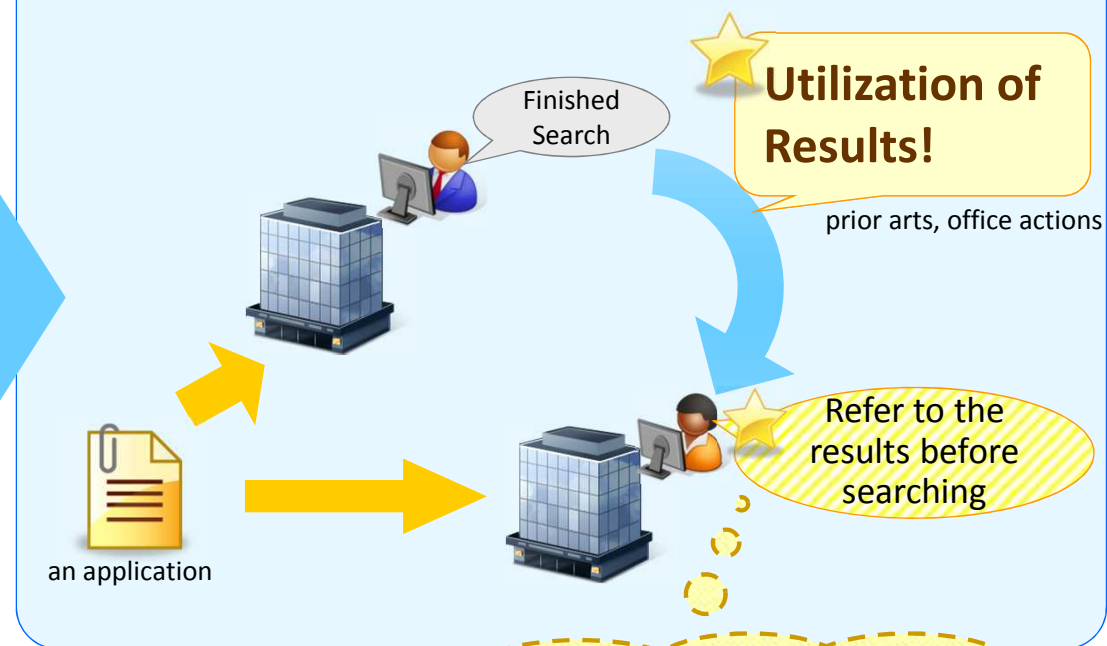
Growing Demand for Worksharing

✓ The general concept of worksharing is the utilization of search & examination results in office of earlier examination.

Normal Case



Worksharing Case

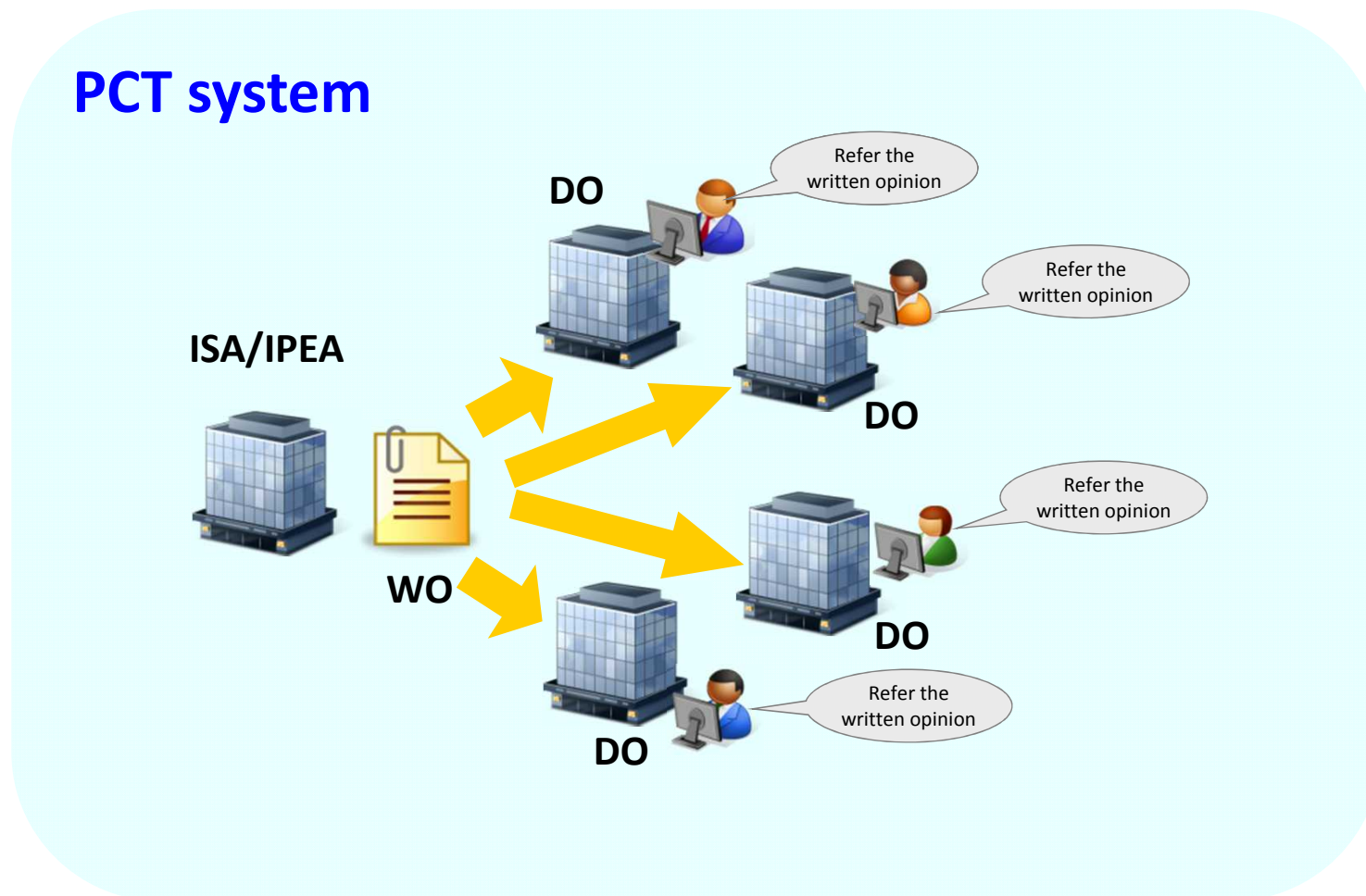


In this way,
it becomes possible to ease
the burdens of examination.

Work-Sharing Initiative

- PCT -

ISA/IPEA provides **international work products** (Written Opinion (WO), IPER etc.) that can be utilized at the subsequent national phase.



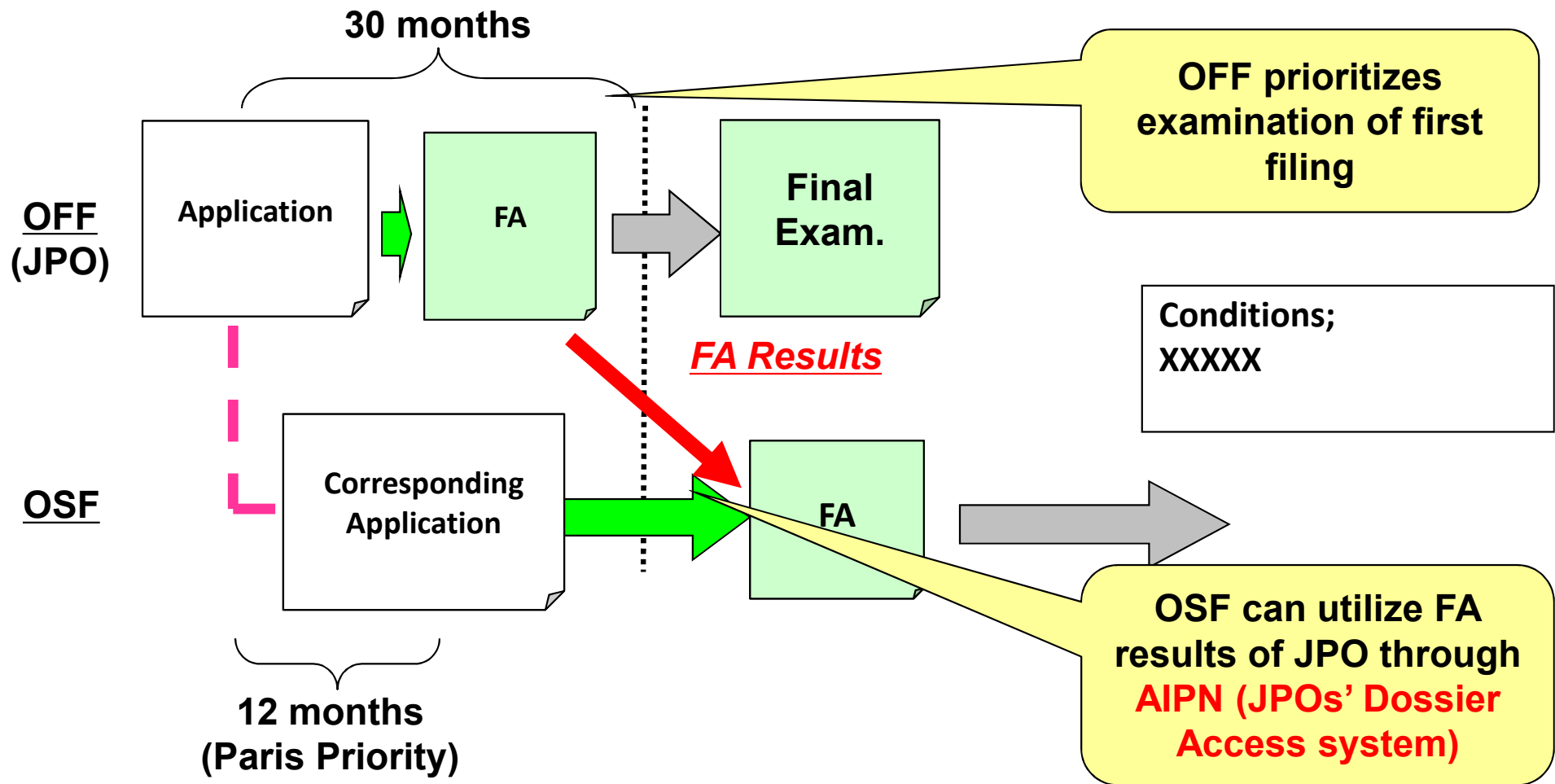
Work-Sharing Initiative

- JP- FIRST -

JP-FIRST (JP - Fast Information Release Strategy since 2008)

The JPO prioritizes examinations of applications satisfying both (i) & (ii) under the JP-FIRST.

- (i) First filed at the JPO and then filed via the Paris route with the OSF(s).
- (ii) Examination of application is requested within 2 years from the JPO filing date.



OFF: Office of First Filing
OSF: Office of Second Filing

Work-Sharing Initiative

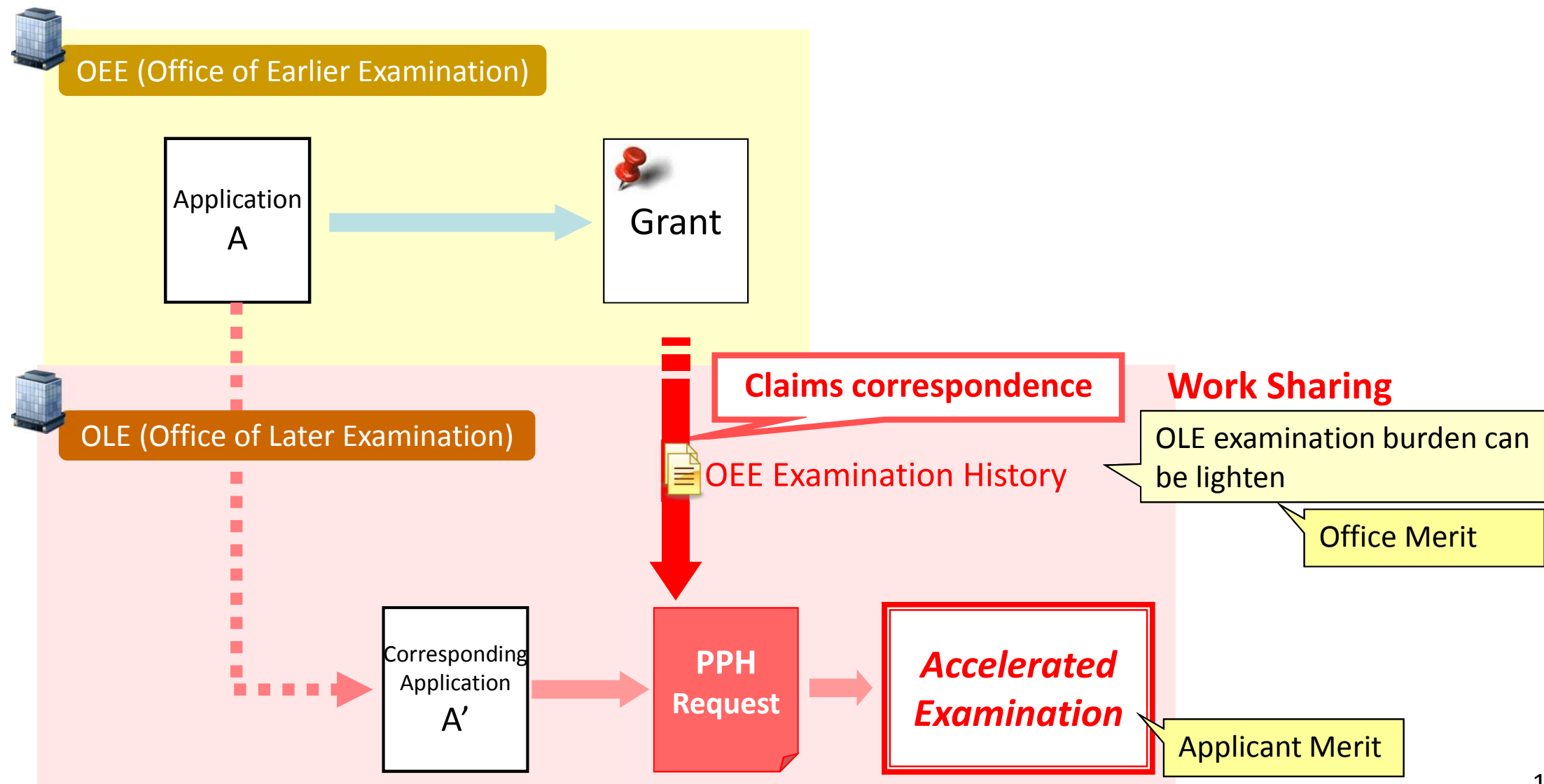
- Patent Prosecution Highway -

What is PPH?

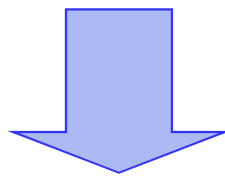


The Scheme of Patent Prosecution Highway

PPH is a framework in which an application determined to be patentable in the Office of Earlier Examination is eligible to have ***an accelerated examination*** in the Office of Later Examination with a simple procedure upon an applicant's request



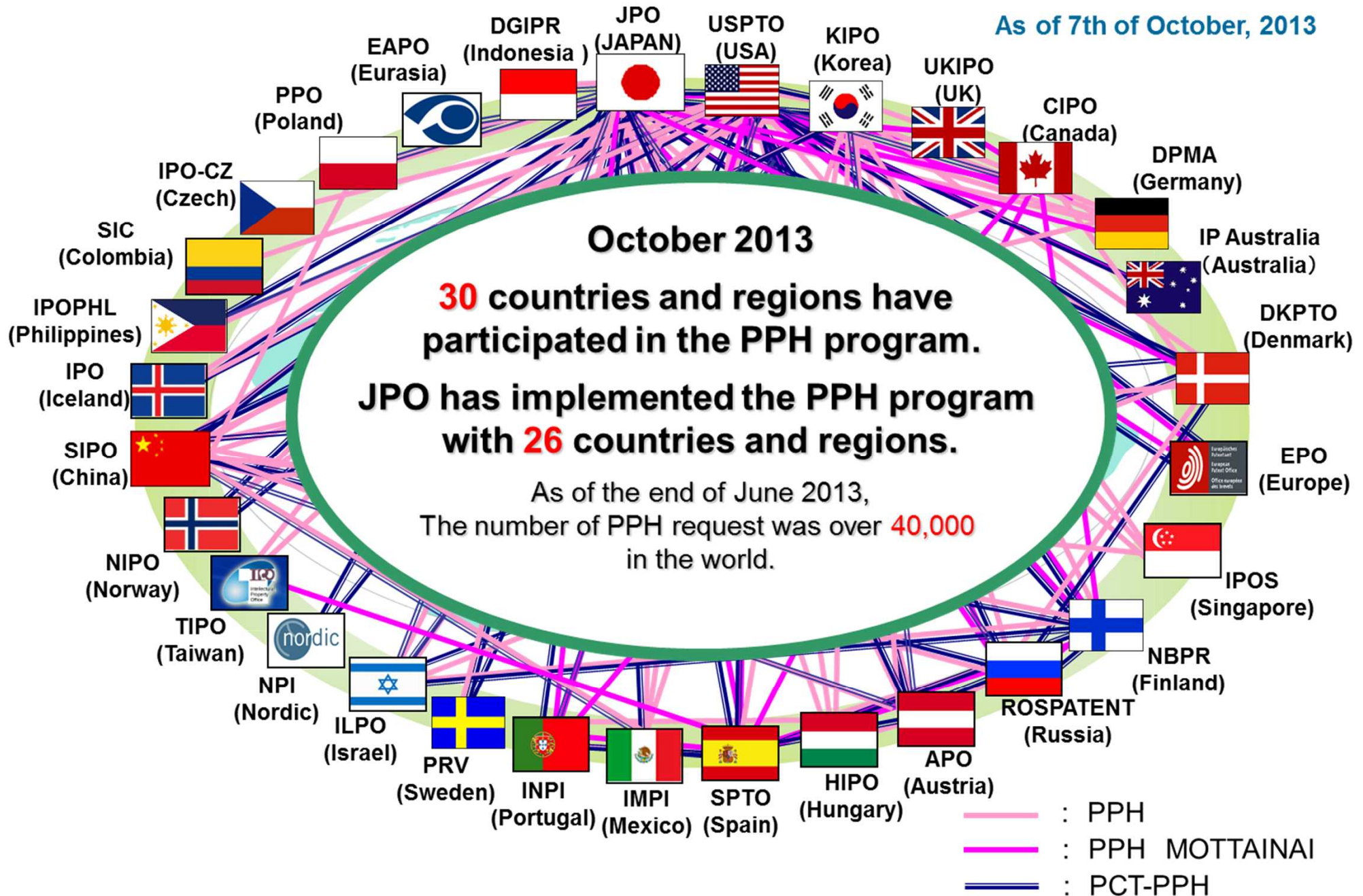
*At the request of PPH,
Office Actions of OEE and Patented
claims are attached*



*OLE can effectively utilize
examination results of OEE*

*(***more details will be presented later***)*

Expanding PPH Network



PPH Development in ASEAN

Singapore



US	2009.2~
JP	2009.7~
KR	2013.1~
CN	2013.9~

Philippines



JP	2012.3~
US	2013.1~

Indonesia



JP	2013.6~
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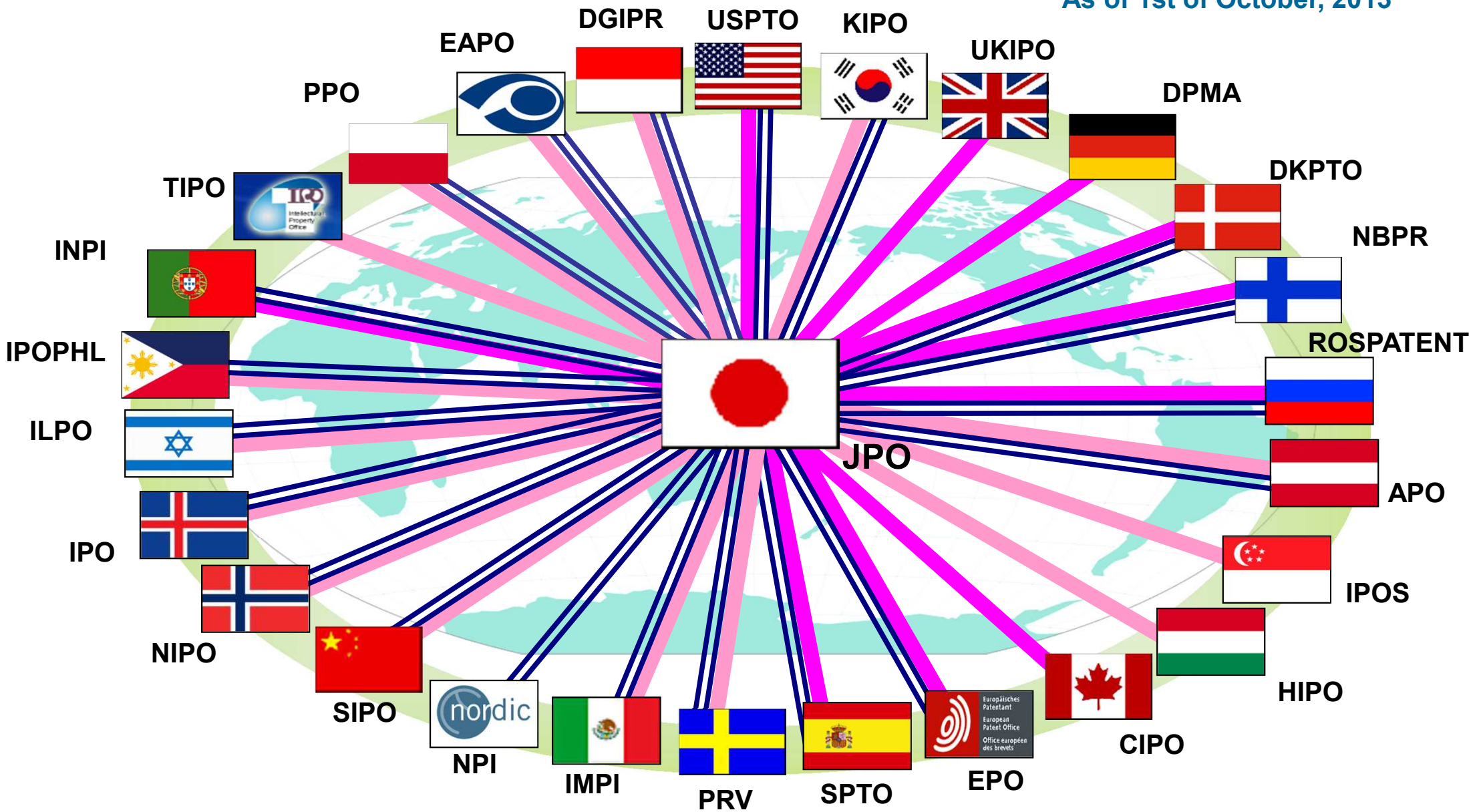
Thailand



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Other Work-Sharing Initiatives

Any other work-sharing Initiatives in your country or region?

Thank you !