# Sharing national experiences on use of WIPO CASE system

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#### **Dossier Info**

#### Dossier info

(also known as patent file wrapper, a complete record of proceedings from filing the initial patent application to the issued patent in a patent office)

- OA ("office action") including SR ("search reports") and WO ("written opinion)
- Correspondence between applicant (or attorney) and examiner including applicant's argument and records of interviews
- Search strategy
- Priority documents
- Cited patent documents
- Oath and declaration, etc.



# Public availability of patent dossier information

Dossier Info	US	WO	AU	EP	CN*	JP	KR	GB	CA
OA (SR+WO)	0	0	0	0	0	Δ	Δ	0	×
Correspondence	•	0	0	0	0	Δ	Δ	0	×
Search strategy	•	0	0	×	×	×	×	×	×
<b>Priority documents</b>	×	0	×	0	×	×	×	×	×
Cited patent documents	•	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×

Certain Dossier information is available at some patent offices



Public access

 $\triangle$  Restricted access by IP address

➤ Not available

CN\*: only available for applications filed after October 2010

#### Importance of sharing dossier info among patent offices

#### 1. For patent examiner:

- Improve efficiency and quality of S&E work
  - Better starting point for S&E
  - Better understanding the similarity and difference in examination practices among patent offices
  - Learning Portal for new examiners

#### 2. For Applicant:

- Better usage of PPH/ASPEC
- Better communication with Applicants during responses

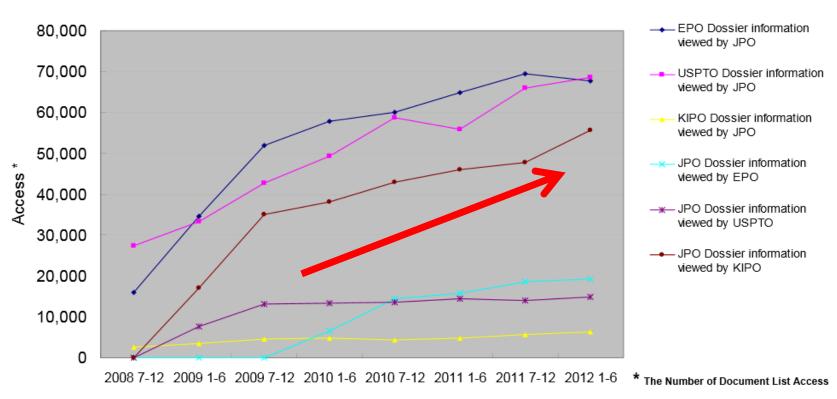
# □ Time/cost saving Need for a centralized work-sharing platform for dossier info

- separately look for dossier info at each individual patent office: very tedious
- A centralized work-sharing platform provides patent offices with a one-stop gateway to dossier info of family members filed at different offices in a single website: straightforward and efficient



#### Increasing use of foreign dossier info by examiners

#### **Dossier Information Mutual Access**



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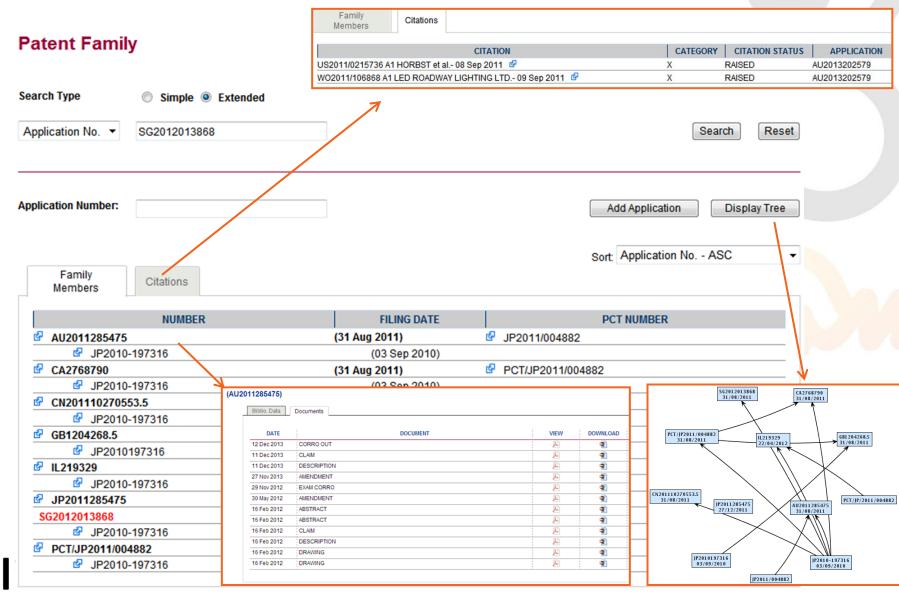
# Currently available online work-sharing platforms





\* EPO is also developing Global Dossier Service which is publicly accessible via EPO Register from Jun 2014, although only dossier information of selected offices is available.

# **Experience on use of WIPO-CASE: User interface**



### **Experience on use of WIPO-CASE: sampling test on data coverage**

Patent Families having SG, GB, AU, CA members are selected for testing

Sampling family	Family members	Dossier information published at national office	Information available at WIPO Case					
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Family 1	SG201302601				X			
	GB201306054	V			٧	٧		
	AU2013202579	V	V	V	V	V		
	CA2811503				٧			
Family 2	SG201201386				٧			
	GB201204268	V			٧	٧		
	AU2011285475	V	V	V	V	√		
	CA2768790		V		٧			
Family 3	SG201304308				٧			
	GB0810203	V	V	V	٧	V		
	AU2009254935	V	V	V	V	V		
	CA2726257				X			
Family 4	SG201101608				٧			
	GB0526416	"Terminated before grant"	V	"No Records"	V	"No Records"		
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# **Experience on use of WIPO-CASE: comparison after updating**

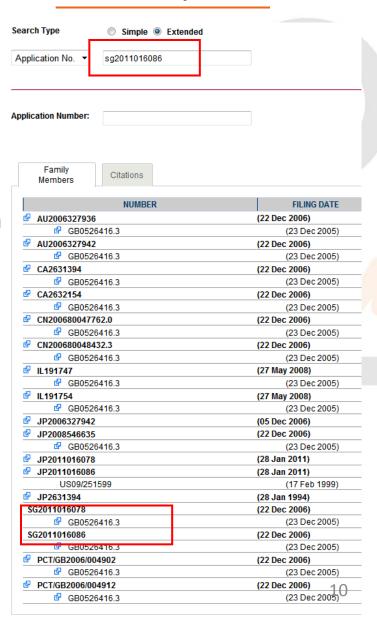
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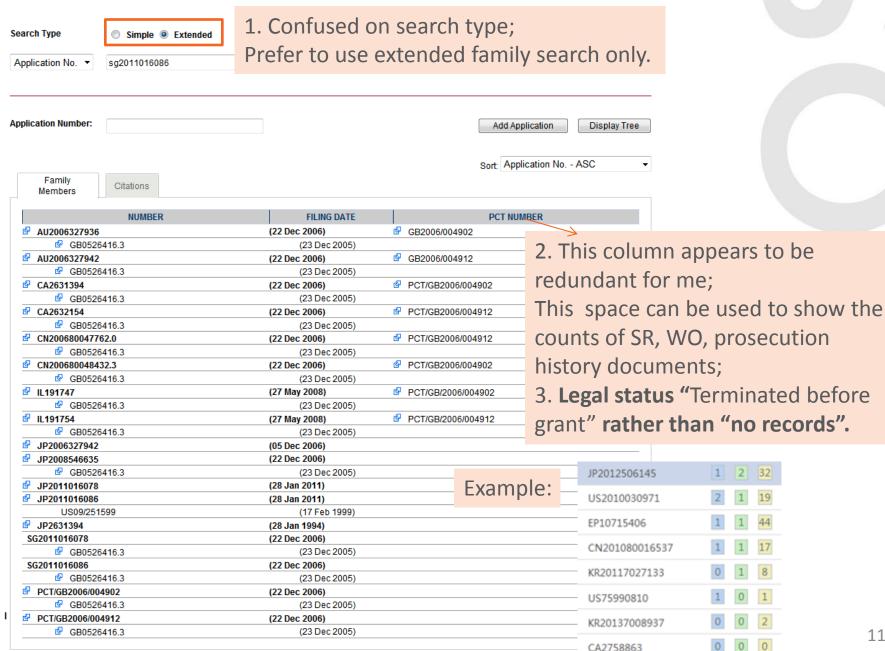
Very Comprehensive data coverage

examiners: SG
application numbers are searchable in family search





## Recommendations on improvements of WIPO-CASE



# **Thank You!**



