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Regional Workshop on Patent Examination Quality Management

Session 1: Quality of Patents
- Introduction to the workshop
- Goal/Aim of the workshop

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From this workshop

■ **What would you like to gain?**

■ **What is/are the challenge(s) in YOUR Office in terms of Quality?**

■ **How can it be solved?**

Aim of the Workshop

■Strengthen the capacity of patent offices

■Improve the quality of patent

How?

Strengthen the capacity of patent offices and Improve the quality of patent

■ by providing the participants with an opportunity to
- ❑ learn about and become more aware of initiatives taken by other IP Offices
- ❑ present the current situation in their respective IP Offices, as well as any recent developments
- ❑ discuss with officials from other IP Offices and stakeholders such as industries

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Program

- ■ Experiences from other Offices (including ISA/IPEA)

- ■ Views from Industries (applicants)

- ■ Group Discussions + presentations + Discussions

What is the "Quality" in Patent Examination?

- What is the quality in patent examination for YOUR Office?

What is "Quality" in Patent Examination?

- No oppositions / invalidations after grant/publication
    → Strong patent (stable patent right)
- Meet the patentability request
    - Novelty, Inventive Step, Industrial Applicability
    - other requirements according to each jurisdiction (software related inventions)
- Balance between applicants and other parties
- Clear scope of the claims
- Validity / Reliability (transparency, consistency, efficiency)
- Citation
- Time factor (the earlier, the better?)
- Communication with stakeholders
- Satisfaction of customer

PCT/MIA Quality Subgroup (1/2)

■ **Quality Management Systems (QMS)**

❑ Reports on QMS under Chapter 21 of the PCT Search and Examination Guidelines

❑ Strengthening requirements of QMS

❑ Process Charts in QMS

❑ Risk Management

❑ Relationship between Chapter 21 and ISO 9001

❑ User Feedback

❑ Paired Review of QMS of International Authorities

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PCT/MIA Quality Subgroup (2/2)

■ **Better Understanding of Work of Other Offices**
- ❑ Sharing Search Strategies
- ❑ Standard Clauses
- ❑ Discussion Forum

■ **Quality Metrix**

■ **Unity of Invention**

Quality Management System Cycle

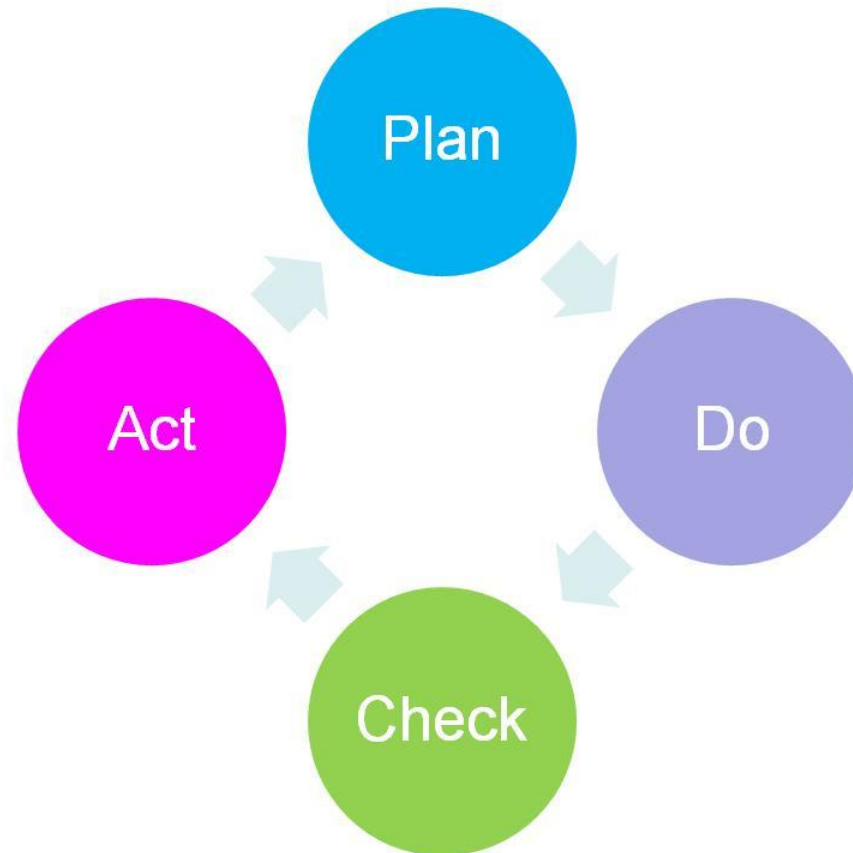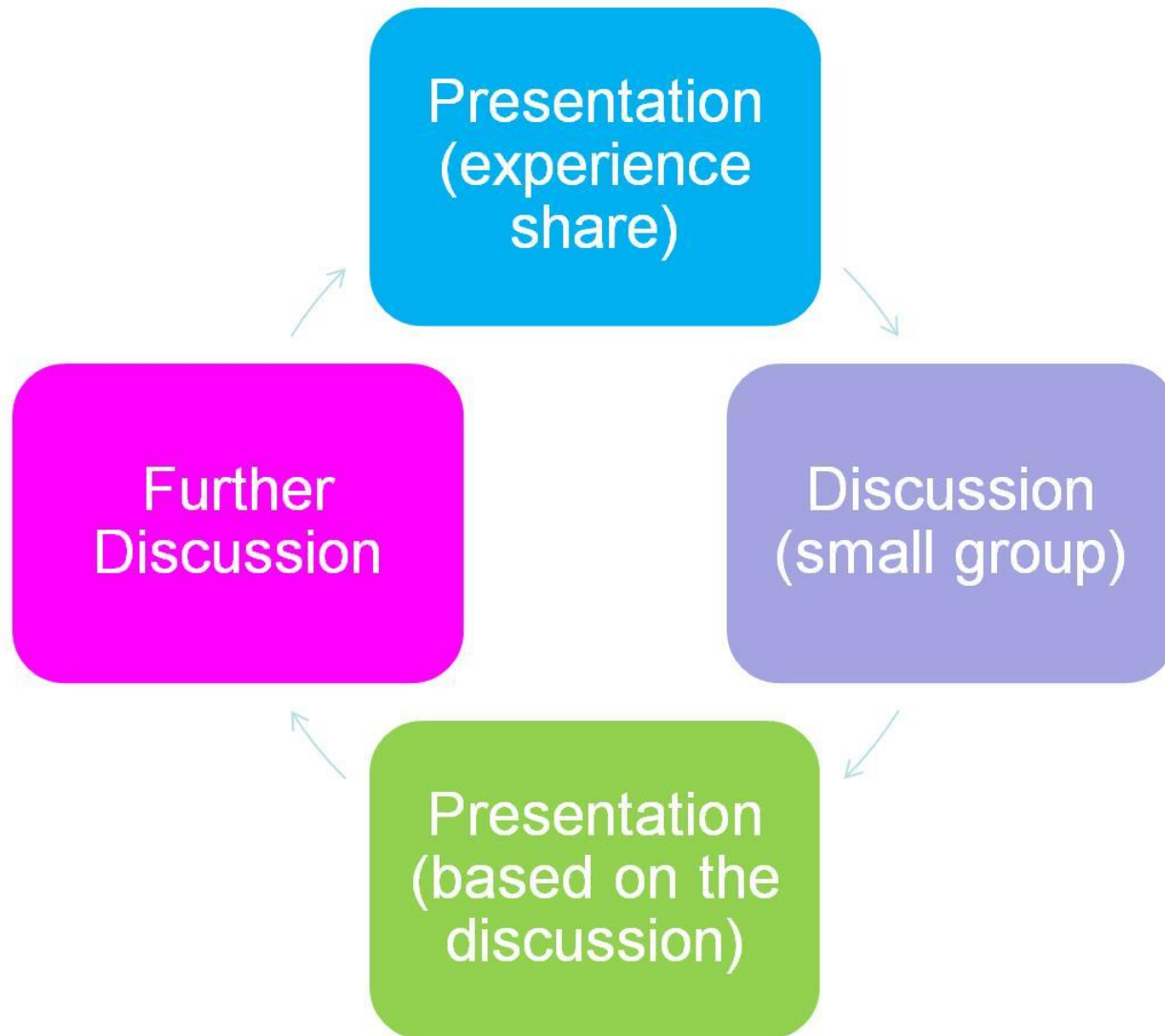- **Quality Control**

- **Management**
  - ❑ Planning
  - ❑ Assurance
  - ❑ Control
  - ❑ Improvement

This workshop's Cycle

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■ Let's Get Started.