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PROGRAM

prepared by the Secretariat

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

8.30 – 9.00 REGISTRATION

9.00 – 9.30 Opening addresses by:

Mr. Candra N. Darusman, Deputy Director, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Office in Singapore, Singapore

BG (NS) Tan Yih San, Chief Executive, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS), Singapore

9.30 – 10.00 Tea Break

10.00 – 10.45 **Theme 1: Brief Introduction on the Analysis of Growth Trends in Patent Applications World-Wide and Overview on Work-Sharing Initiatives (Origin and Priorities)**

Speaker: Mr. Claus Matthes, Director, Patent, Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Business Development Division, WIPO

10.45 – 12.15 **Theme 2: Cooperation Under Existing Bilateral or Plurilateral Arrangements**

(a) IP5

Speaker: Ms. Kitisri Sukhapinda, Attorney Advisor, United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), Alexandria

(b) PROSUR

Speaker: Mr. Júlio César Moreira, Director, Patent Directorate, Instituto Nacional da Propriedade Industrial (INPI), Rio de Janeiro

(c) Vancouver Group (Australia)

Speaker: Mr. Philip Noonan, Director General, IP Australia, Woden ACT

(d) Australia-NZ Single Exam Model

Speaker: Mr. Philip Noonan

(e) ASEAN Patent Examination and Search Cooperation (ASPEC)

Speaker: Mr. Eric Toh, Senior Executive, Registry of Patents, IPOS, Singapore

12.15 – 13.30 Lunch

- 13.30 – 14.15 **Theme 3:** **Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) as a Work-Sharing Tool**
- Speaker: Mr. Claus Matthes
- 14.15 – 14.45 Tea Break
- 14.45 – 16.15 **Theme 4:** **Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH): Objectives and Analysis of Key Issues**
- (a) PPH and its Evolution (including Mottanai)
- Speaker: Mr. Taizo Hara, Deputy Director, Patent Examination Policy Planning Office, Japan Patent Office (JPO), Tokyo
- (b) Plurilateral PPH
- Speaker: Ms. Kitisri Sukhapinda
- (c) Perspective from the Republic of Korea
- Speaker: Mr. Tae-Soo Kim, Deputy Director, Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), Daejeon, Republic of Korea
- 16.15 – 17.00 **Panel Discussion - 1** **Feedback/Insights from Intellectual Property Offices (IPOs)**
[Experiences as Patent Applicants/Participants of PPH Arrangements]
- Moderator: Ms. Sandra Lynn Merinda, Senior Assistant Director, Registry of Patents, IPOS, Singapore
- Speakers: Representatives from China, India, Mongolia and Philippines IPOs

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

- 9.00 – 9.45 **Theme 5:** **Infrastructure Needed to Support Work Sharing**
- (a) Introduction to System for Transnational Exchange of Patent Search and Examination Services (STEPSES)
- Speaker: Mr. Daniel Cheng, Head, Product Development Section, Infrastructure Modernization Division, Global Infrastructure Sector, WIPO, Geneva

9.45 – 10.30		(b) Leveraging CASE for Work-Sharing Initiatives: - STEPSES Speaker: Mr. Daniel Cheng - Vancouver Group Speaker: Mr. Philip Noonan
10.30 – 11.00	Tea Break	
11.00 – 12.00	Theme 5: (cont'd)	(c) Other Platform for Work-Sharing Initiatives - PROSUR Speaker: Mr. Júlio César Moreira (d) Work-Sharing and Translation Issues Speaker: Ms. Ng Su Lin, Senior Executive, Registry of Patents, IPOS, Singapore Discussions
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch Break	
13.30 – 14.00	Theme 6:	Quality as the Basis for Work Sharing Speaker: Mr. Taizo Hara
14.00 – 14.30	Tea Break	
14.30 – 16.00	Panel Discussion - 2	Summary of Key Issues and Learning Points <i>[Recommendations/suggestions on the framework for the Plurilateral PPH; Advantages of such work-sharing initiatives for small and medium-sized IP offices; Need for unification of work-sharing initiatives?]</i> Moderator: WIPO official Speakers: All speakers and participants
16.00 – 16.30	Closing Ceremony	

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