KIPO's Training Policy for Newly Recruited Examiners

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Examiner Training Needs



Examiner Skill Gaps: Are you Drunk?

Rate of Patent Allowance

Junior/Senior Examiners

Various Groups

High Technology/Business Method





Incompetent Examiners

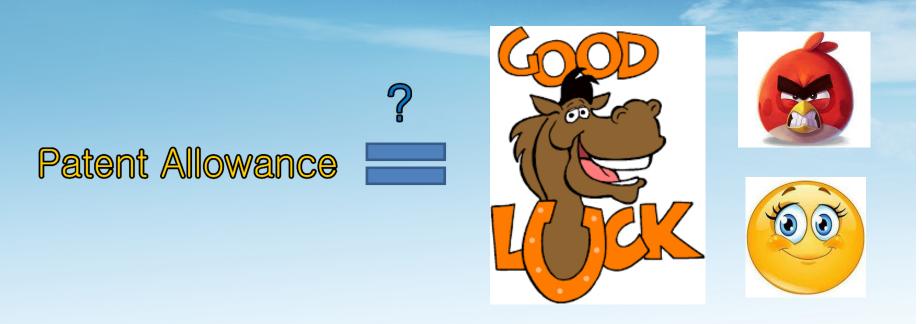
Under/Over Understanding of Invention

Lack of Description/Easy to invent w/o explanation of solid and sound reasons





Examiners = Patent system frontiers

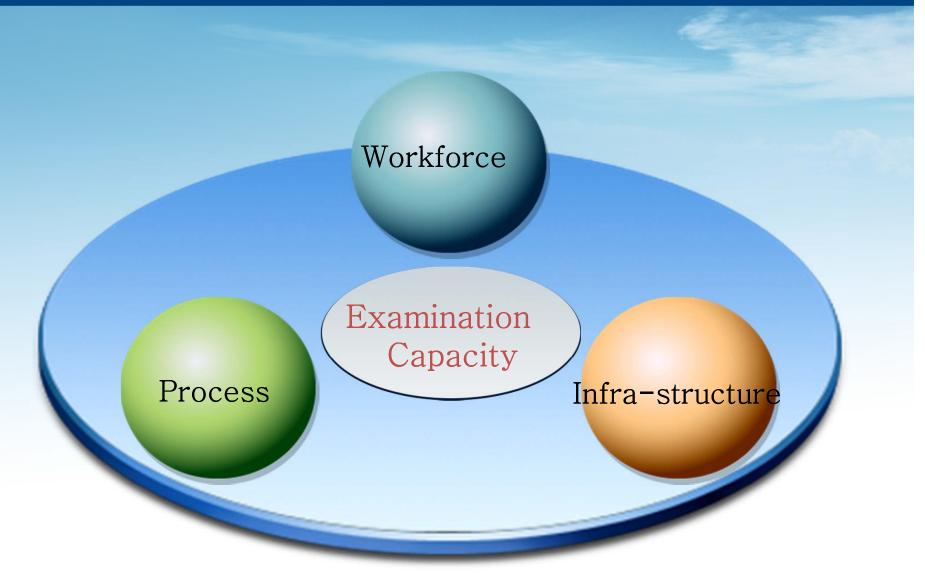


Disruption of Patent System





Examination Capacity





Examiner Responsibility

Issue Valid Patents

Act an Advocate for the Public

Serve Customers with respect



Examiner Qualities and Skills

Technology Background

Language

Legal Knowledge

Desire for Continued Learning and Ability

Communication Skills

Competence in IT



KIPO Training Policy & Activities



KIPO Examiner Competency Policy

To Enhance Examiner Competency

	PAST	AS IS		
Training Leadership	Individual	KIPO (IIPTI IP Education Div.)		
Training Scope	Legal Knowledge	A to Z		
HR Hiring	One route (Gov. Test)	Multi routes (Researchers, Attorney, Field Expert etc.)		
HR Management	No relationships	Connected with Awards/Promotion		



Demand of Consistency among Examiners

Evaluation items	Satisfaction [%]		
Evaluation Items	2016	2017	
Overall improvement of examination quality	68.6	74.2	
Easy to understand of notification	72.0	73.8	
Proper decision of novelty & inventive step	59.5	61.9	
Faithfully search of prior arts	69.1	69.7	
Different decision among examiners	49.2	46.7	
Proper notice of unclear specification	69.7	73.0	
Faithfully explanation of refusal notice	68.2	66.1	
Usefulness of meeting with examiners	80.2	81.6	
Reasonable for 1st action & 2nd action period	69.1	71.0	
Reasonable management of examination quality	63.6	69.7	
Satisfaction average	66.2	68.4	

* Survey Results in the Examination area (2017)

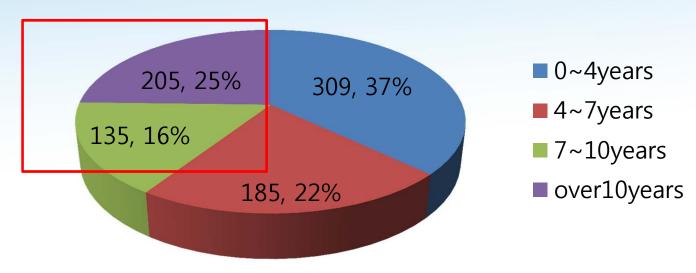


KIPO Examiners

About 40% of patent examiners have worked more than 10 years at KIPO

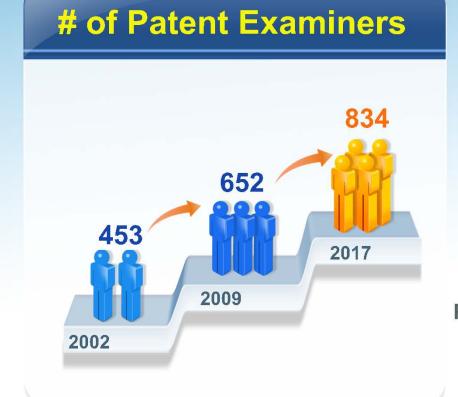
Less than 40% of patent examiners have worked less than 4 years at KIPO

Examiners Number





KIPO Examiners



Qualifications 2017 **Others** 32% **PhDs** 44% **Patent** attorneys 3% **Professional Higher Civil** engineers 2% Officer exam 19%



KIPO Examiner Grade System

Examiner Grade Based on Competency

	Career Requirement	Training Requirement	Number of Examiners
Principal Examiner	10 Years	Trial/Litigation	205 (24.6%)
Senior Examiner	7 Years	Trial Training	135 (16.2%)
Examiner	4 Years	Advanced Examiner Training	185 (22.2%)
Junior Examiner		Initial Training for New Examiners	296 (35.1%)
Assistant Examiner			13 (1.5%)

^{*} Grade Promotion Review Board



KIPO Examiner Grade System

Tailored Goal and Authority up to Examiner Grade

	Production Goal	Signatory Authority	Others
Principal Examiner	1.10	Full except Final Refusal	Eligible for the Art unit leader
Senior Examiner	1.06	Partial	
Examiner	1.03	Partial	
Junior Examiner	1	None	
Assistant Examiner		None	



KIPO Examiner Training

Training based on Career and Competency

Competent Examiners







Specialized Institutes



KIPO OJT

Mentoring for New Examiners by Seniors

Examination process and Search know how

- Preliminary examination process, Reexamination/Accelerated examination/PCT examination process, Examination guidelines
- Patent examination system, KOMPASS(search system), OPD system, Patent classifications(CPC, F-Term), Internet search, STN search, etc.

> Patentablity matters

- Claim interpretation, Examination knowhow on each technology, Standard for novelty & inventive step, Judgment for Revision
- Examination case study, Examination evaluation feedback study, Decisions of IP Trial & Appeal Board/Patent Court, Office action case study, etc.



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Consultations among Examiners

> Types

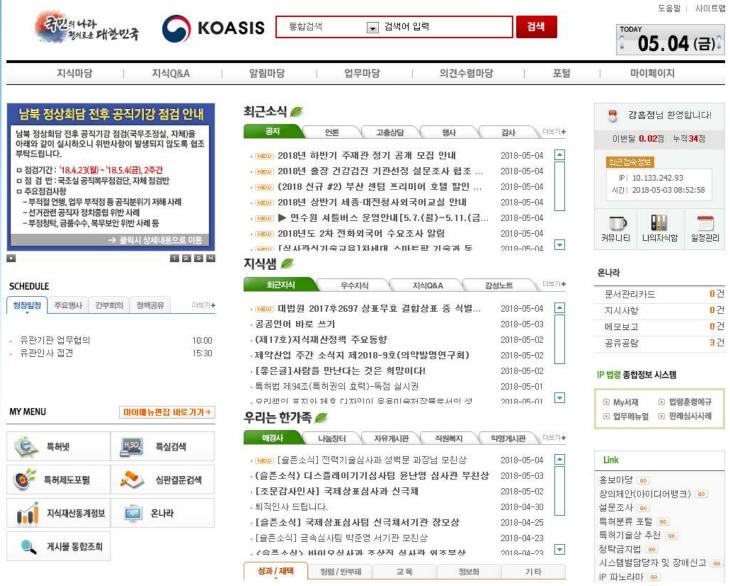
- Additional Search Program by another examiner, 3 examiners discussion program for reexamination cases
- Sharing Examination know-how or Mentoring for new examiners for 2 years

Practices

- Examiners can also use the Cooperative Examination Procedure for official technical consultations with examiners in other examination sections if an application requires expertise from multiple technological fields.
- If some examiners join in the Additional Search Program or 3 examiners discussion program for reexamination cases, the examiners earn additional examination scores.



KIPO Sharing Knowledge & Experience



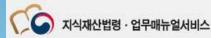


KIPO Sharing Knowledge & Experience





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제 4편 상표

제 5편 등록

제 6편 발명진흥

제 7편 부정경쟁방지 ...

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제 9편 변리사

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제 6편 국제지식재산연...





최근 시행 법령 훈령 예규

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최근 등록 심사지침 기준 매뉴얼



인기자료 최근 열람자료

- N = 특허번
- ▶ 특허법 시행규칙
- N 상표법
 - 특허법
 - 실용실안법



IIPTI Examiner Training Programs



About IIPTI

The International Intellectual Property Training Institute





Examiner Training Programs in IIPTI

Many Programs to meet Various Demands

	Basic Courses	Laws and Systems	Exam. Practice	Technol ogy	Capacity Building	E-learning (Online)
Courses	4	17	15	67	14	205
Participants	310	690	420	1,675	340	



Basic Training (4 Mandatory Courses)

New Examiner Training: Newly Appointed Examiners

Senior Examiner Training: Examiners with more than one year of work experience

Trial/Litigation Training: with more than three years

Trial Examiner Training: more than four years



Examination Practice Training (15 Courses)

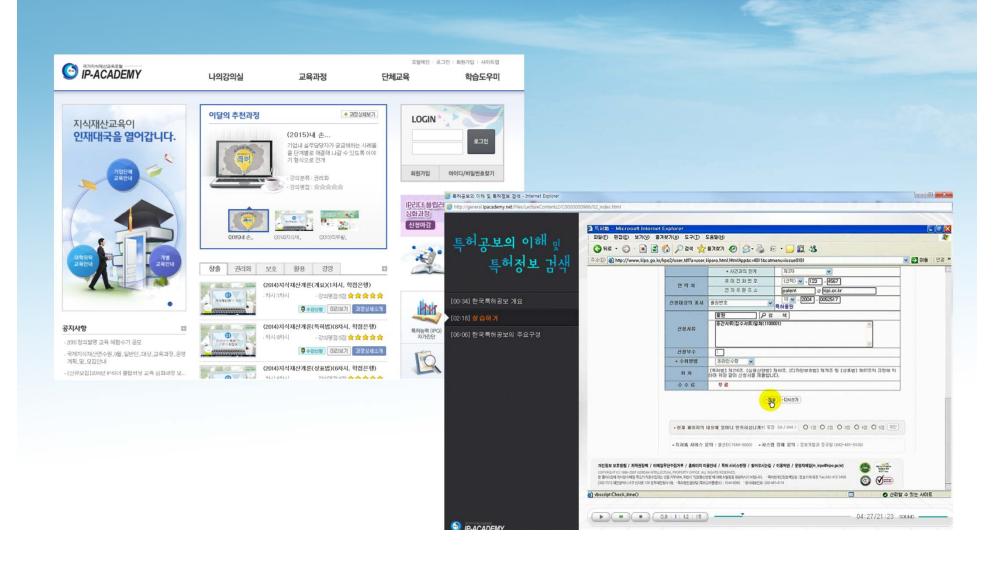
Examination Case Studies(Basic): Examiners who have completed the New Examiner Training Course

Examination Guidance Training: Examiners who have completed the Senior Examiner Training Course

Recent Trial Case Studies: Examiners who have completed the Trial / Litigation Process Course



E-Learning (205 Courses)





Specialized Institutes

New Technology Training (PEEC, 67 Courses)





Specialized Institutes

Oversees Training of Examiners

Foreign Study Programs: 2 years for Selected Examiners

1 year for assistant Examiners

Domestic University Training

Graduate Programs in KAIST, Chungnam Univ.



Q & A



THANK YOU!

