



ASEAN Patent Examination Cooperation (ASPEC) Programme

ASPEC is a regional patent work-sharing programme among **9** participating ASEAN Member States.

Features:

- Free service
- Operates in English
- Online Filing: aseanip.org/e-aspec

Benefits:

- Accelerate patent examination
- Reduce duplication through work-sharing
- Improve quality of S&E report











Malaysia







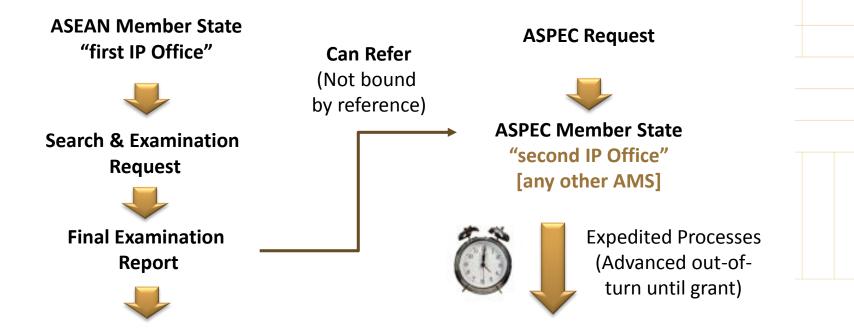








How Does ASPEC Work?





ASPEC vs PPH

	Origin of Report	Mode of Acceleration	Time of request
PPH	Report from the Office of first filing (OFF)/ Office of Earlier Examination (OEE)	Expedited examination of PPH applications (typical PPH) • Advanced out-of-turn	PPH request is required to be filed at a specific point in time
ASPEC	S&E report(s) from any participating AMS IP Office	Expedited S&E work as an IP Office can refer to the S&E work of another participating AMS IP Office • Advanced out-of-turn until grant	ASPEC request can be filed at any time before the final decision of grant or refusal



Requests in each AMS



(Source: www.aseanip.org)



ASPEC Pendency Statistics

Total number of **ASPEC** requests

Average pendency to 1st office action (months)

6.5 156

Number of ASPEC requests with a 1st & final office action

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Allowance rate at final decision (percent)

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Thank you for your attention!

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