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Re: GLOBALPat

Dear Mr. Takagi,

The State Patent Committee of the Republic of Belarus (RB) received your letter of August 20, 1998, where you informed us about the WIPO readiness to assist small intellectual property offices in acquiring GLOBALPat containing backfile patent documents of the EPO, WIPO (PCT) and five industrially developed countries.

Having no opportunity to make its own searches of documents for the purposes of patent examination our Office addressed for the EPO assistance and received a set of these documents on CD-ROMs. However, there are no Japanese documents in this set. We would be very grateful to you if you could help us to receive Japanese documents on CD-ROMs.

Nowadays there is created the state centralized patent collection in a CD-ROM form with the republican network of remote access for all regional centers. The Republican Scientific and Technical Library, the main holder of the RB patent collection, has large problems with filling up of its patent collection. In this connection, we would like to ask you to find an opportunity and to assist us in receiving GLOBALPat for the State Scientific and Technical Library because this would be a good basis for supporting our inventors.

Sincerely yours,

Valery Kudashov Chairman State Patent Committee of the Republic of Belarus