Questionnaire on the Implementation of Paragraph 12(a) of WIPO Standard ST.10/C

Name of the Reporting Office/ Organization	JP (ST.3 two-letter country/organization code)
	Japan Patent Office

Paragraph 12(a) of WIPO Standard ST.10/C sets out the following recommendation:

"12. (a) In order to improve the quality of patent family data and to avoid confusion in the presentation of priority application numbers, the following recommendations are made:

Industrial property offices (IPOs) should always provide priority application number complying with "Recommended Presentation in Abbreviated Form as a Priority Application Number" given in the Appendix to the Standard ST.10/C when presenting the application number of a patent document in the notification of the first filing and in the certificate of priority. The "Recommended Presentation in Abbreviated Form as a Priority Application Number" should be presented with the Standard ST.3 code (preferably in a specified line or column along with the title "The country code (in case of the international organization, 'The organization code') and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is") to be easily recognized as priority number by other IPOs and applicants.

Example of presentation of "Recommended Presentation in Abbreviated Form as a Priority Application Number":

- (i) in case of the country:

 The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is JP2000-001234
- (ii) in case of the international organization:

 The organization code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is EP79100953"

WIPO Standard ST.10/C is available at the following URL of WIPO's website:

http://www.wipo.int/scit/en/standards/standards.htm

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. (a) Does your Office/Organization comply with the provisions of paragraph 12(a) in WIPO Standard ST.10/C when presenting the application number of a patent document in the notification of the first filing?
YES NO
Comments, if necessary:
(b) If the answer was "NO", is your Office/Organization planning to implement the said paragraph 12(a) in the notifications of the first filing? If so, when?
YES NO
When ?
Comments, if necessary: JPO does not have a concrete plan to change the format for the notification of the filing at this time.
JPO electronically processes the notification of the filing and system developments required for modification of the format for notification could cost time and money.
JPO fully understands the importance of proper indication of application number in the notification of filing, however the change of the notification of the first filing seems relatively less urgent since applicants usually refer to the priority certificate but not the notification of first filing when they prepare their filing documents of foreign applications.
2. (a) Does your Office/Organization comply with the provisions of paragraph 12(a) in
WIPO Standard ST.10/C when presenting the application number of a patent document in the certificate of priority?
YES NO
Comments, if necessary: JPO has changed the format of the priority certificate to the ST.10/C compliant one as of April 1, 2005.
(b) If the answer was "NO", is your Office/Organization planning to implement the said paragraph 12(a) in the certificates of priority? If so, when?
YES NO
When ?
Comments, if necessary:

<u>Note</u>: Your Office/Organization is kindly invited to provide copies of filing notifications and priority certificates of patent applications along with the responses to this questionnaire.

[End of Annex and of Questionnaire]

日本国特許庁 JAPAN PATENT OFFICE

別紙添付の書類に記載されている事項は下記の出願書類に記載されている事項と同一であることを証明する。

This is to certify that the annexed is a true copy of the following application as filed with this Office.

出願年月日 Date of Application:

2005年 4月 1日

出 願 番 号

特願 2005-00000

Application Number:

13 // 2 0 0 1 0 0 0 0

パリ条約による外国への出願 に用いる優先権の主張の基礎 となる出願の番号 The number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is

JP2005-000000

出 願 人

特許 太郎

Applicant(s):

特許 次郎

特許 三郎

特許 四郎

特許 五郎

実用 花子

2005年 4月 1日

特許庁長官 Commissioner, Japan Patent Office 1) 11

