



RECORD of DISCUSSION

**The 22nd TRIPO HEADS MEETING
AMONG
THE JAPAN PATENT OFFICE,
THE KOREAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE,
AND
THE CHINA NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
ADMINISTRATION**

**Video Conference
November 29, 2022**

The 22nd TRIPO Heads Meeting among the Japan Patent Office (JPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), and the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) (hereinafter collectively referred to as “TRIPO Offices”) was hosted by the JPO via video conferencing on November 29, 2022.

Each delegation was headed respectively by Mr. HAMANO Koichi, Commissioner of the JPO; Dr. LEE Insil, Commissioner of the KIPO; and by Dr. SHEN Changyu, Commissioner of the CNIPA.

At the meeting, the TRIPO Offices reported respectively on the current status of their national IP systems, and reviewed the latest TRIPO cooperation activities. The details of the discussion are as follows:

I. Report on Recent Developments of Each Office

The TRIPO Offices respectively presented the recent developments in their IP systems including the details of statistical data, laws, operation and policy measures.

II. Review of Cooperation Activities among the TRIPO Offices

1. Cooperation in the Field of Design

(1) 2022 TRIPO Design Forum

The TRIPO Offices acknowledged that the 2022 TRIPO Design Forum held by the JPO under the theme of the “Design Protection in the Global Economy and Web 3.0” via video conferencing in August 2022 was a meaningful opportunity to promote international harmonization of the design systems and deepen mutual and IP users’ understanding from an integrated perspective in each Office’s efforts to improve their design systems.

The TRIPO Offices agreed that the next TRIPO Design Forum would be held by the CNIPA in 2023.

2. Cooperation in the Field of Trademark

(1) 2022 TRIPO Trademark User Symposium

The TRIPO Offices acknowledged that the 2022 TRIPO Trademark User Symposium held by the CNIPA via video conferencing in September 2022 was a meaningful opportunity to help IP users better understand from an integrated perspective each Office’s efforts to improve their trademark systems.

The TRIPO Offices agreed that the next Trademark User Symposium would be held by the JPO in 2023.

(2) TRIPO Trademark Experts Meeting

The TRIPO Offices acknowledged that the 2022 TRIPO Trademark Experts Meeting held by the CNIPA via video conferencing in September 2022 was a meaningful opportunity for the TRIPO Offices to deepen mutual understanding of respective trademark systems. The TRIPO Offices confirmed that the trademark experts in TRIPO Offices would exchange the Japan-Korea-China Concordance List of Similar Group Codes via email.

The TRIPO Offices agreed that the 5th TRIPO Trademark Experts Meeting would be held by the JPO in 2023.

3. Cooperation in the Field of Trial and Appeal

The TRIPO Offices shared the view that the 9th Joint Expert Group for Trial and Appeal (JEGTA) hosted by the KIPO via video conferencing in November 2022 contributed to deepening mutual understanding in the field of trials and appeals. It was also agreed during the meeting that the TRIPO Offices would conduct a comparative study on fast-track trial and appeal systems. The TRIPO Offices confirmed the results of the *Comparative Study on the legal effect of decisions in invalidation trials* and agreed to continue the cooperation and communications in this field among the TRIPO Offices.

4. Cooperation in the Field of Human Resources

The TRIPO offices recognized that the 13th Cooperation Meeting on Human Resources Development among the National Center for Industrial Property Information and Training (INPIT), the International Intellectual Property Training Institute (IIPTI), and the China Intellectual Property Training Center (CIPTC) held by the IIPTI via video conferencing in

November 2022 greatly helped the TRIPO Offices to have better understanding of the developments of human resources at each Office.

The TRIPO Offices agreed that the 14th Cooperation Meeting of the INPIT, the IIPTI, and the CIPTC would be hosted by the INPIT in 2023.

5. Cooperation in the Field of IP Societies in Three Countries

The TRIPO Offices noted that the Intellectual Property Association of Japan, the Korea Intellectual Property Society, and the China Intellectual Property Society (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Three Societies”) would hold the Japan-Korea-China IP International Symposium on Academics via video conferencing in December 2022, and expressed their expectation on continuing such cooperation among the Three Societies.

III. TRIPO User Symposium and TRIPO Heads Meeting

1. TRIPO User Symposium

The TRIPO Offices recognized that the 10th TRIPO User Symposium held by the JPO via video conferencing under the theme of “Contribution of IP System to Achieving Carbon Neutrality” provided a meaningful opportunity for not only the TRIPO Offices but also IP users to recognize the contribution of IP system to achieving carbon neutrality.

The TRIPO offices agreed that the next TRIPO User Symposium would be held in tandem with the TRIPO Heads Meeting of next year.

2. Next TRIPO Heads Meeting

The TRIPO offices agreed that the next TRIPO Heads Meeting would be held by the KIPO and the details on the preparations of the meeting would be arranged and coordinated at the working level in due

course.

The TRIPO Offices also recognized with appreciation the continuous contribution of the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS) to the TRIPO Heads Meeting, and expressed their expectation on the continued role of the TCS in promoting the trilateral IP cooperation.

Considering this year's TRIPO Heads Meeting was held by video conferencing, the TRIPO Offices agreed to sign a single copy of this Record of Discussion individually and share a scanned PDF document via email.

Signed on 29 November 2022 in Tokyo, Japan.

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