



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
ON  
THE PATENT COOPERATION  
BETWEEN  
THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY & HANDICRAFT OF  
THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA  
AND  
THE KOREAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

The Ministry of Industry & Handicraft of the Kingdom of Cambodia (hereinafter referred to as the “MIH”) and the Korean Intellectual Property Office (hereinafter referred to as “KIPO”) of the Republic of Korea (hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Sides”);

**Recognizing** the importance of patent protection in promoting a sound national and global economy, encouraging economic investment, and fostering technological innovation;

**Taking** into consideration the necessity of more efficient management of an ever-growing number of internationally filed patent applications which have arisen from the increase in demand for gaining patent protection for inventions facing economic globalization;

**Striving** to ensure that examination of patent applications is expeditious, inexpensive, and of high-quality, as well as to avoid duplicative work and reduce the examination workload; and

**Desiring** to promote inter-office cooperation and exercise greater leadership in worldwide cooperative efforts in the area of patent;

**Have reached the following understanding:**

1. This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “MOU”) is to establish a cooperation framework between the Sides to implement the Patent Recognition Program (hereinafter referred to as the “PRP”) in Cambodia.

2. The fundamental concept of the PRP is that when KIPO has found one or more claims in a patent application filed with KIPO to be patentable, the MIH will recognize the examination result made by KIPO and grant a patent in an expeditious fashion to the corresponding patent application(s) filed with the MIH at the request of the applicant.
3. The patent application filed with the MIH has the same earliest date (either a priority date or a filing date) with the patent application filed with KIPO through the Paris Convention and/or the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).
4. A request for the accelerated patent decision under the PRP is required to be accompanied by the following documents:
  - I. A request form;
  - II. A certified copy of the patent gazette enclosed in the corresponding KIPO patent application;
  - III. Translation of claims and specification published in the patent gazette in English and Khmer;
  - IV. Claims correspondence table.

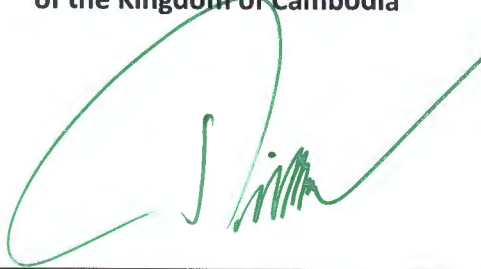
All the details of the PRP are described in the Procedural Guidelines attached to this MOU.

5. The MIH agrees to deliver an accelerated patent decision within three (3) months from the filing date of request by applicants for the PRP on their application that fulfills all the requirements under the preliminary examination set forth by the MIH.
6. This MOU may be amended by the mutual written agreement of the Sides.
7. Fund for the implementation of this MOU will be borne by KIPO and the MIH respectively, subject to availability.
8. This MOU does not, and is not intended to, create any legally binding rights or obligations under international law.
9. The Sides will establish a process of periodic review by means of which they evaluate progress in the cooperation under this MOU. The first review may take place before the end of the first year of the PRP.
10. The Sides will consult with each other, where appropriate, on any issues that may arise in the course of implementing this MOU and will appoint a coordinator for the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the cooperation activities. The Sides will arrange their officers to meet and discuss with each other any topics of interest under this MOU.

11. The Sides will jointly formulate an annual work plan that will set out cooperative activities under this MOU.
12. This MOU will come into effect from the date of signing and will be valid for a period of five (5) years.
13. The Sides will start PRP on November 01, 2019.
14. The MOU will be automatically renewed for the successive five (5) years period, unless either Side, at least thirty (30) days prior to the current expiration date, gives the other Side through diplomatic channels a written notice of its desire not to renew this MOU.

Done in duplicate at Phnom Penh, the Kingdom of Cambodia on August 16, 2019 in Khmer, Korean and English languages; all texts being equally authentic.

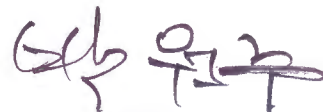
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of the Kingdom of Cambodia**



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