

Survey and Research Themes of FY2002 Expert Committees

Expert Committees	Theme for Survey and Research
The First Patent Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Study and suggestion for the globalization of the patent system <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Study and suggestions on priority rights (including internal priority system) (2) Study and suggestions for the globalization, namely, PLT (grace period etc.) 2. Suggestions for facilitation of prompt and accurate examination <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Study on the decisions relevant to novelty and enabling requirements and suggestions for the facilitation of prompt and accurate examination (2) Study and suggestions on the adequate operation of the limitations of amendments 3. Study on the trend of reasons for invalidation, i.e. in an infringement litigation after the Supreme Court decision for the Kilby case
The Second Patent Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Study and suggestion for the judicial system reform (including enforcement) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Suggestions for the judicial system reform (2) Suggestions and study on the use of third party institutes (i.e. ADR) 2. Study and suggestions on the patent system for globalization <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Study and suggestions for enforcement suitable in the IT era 3. Study and suggestions for cooperation among the industry, government and academia <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Research and suggestions for cooperation among the industry, government and academia
The First International Affairs Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Theme for research <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Study on precedent cases in the US (2) Research on the trend of revision of the code and rules of the US
The Second International Affairs Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Study on European Patent obtainment 2. Study on UK and Germany patent obtainment 3. International relationship and foreign affairs <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Research over the contents of the revised SPLT (2) Research over the contents of PCT reform (3) Coping with and suggestion on the mutual recognition of the examination among the Trilateral Offices of the US, Europe and Japan (4) Efforts for introduction of machine translation and abolishment of the translation requirement of priority documents for the European Patent Office (5) Others: Summarization of the visits to Europe and US, and correspondence with the International Affairs Division of JPO
The Third International Affairs Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Theme for study <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Right obtainment in Asian countries <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Things to be noted when obtaining a patent right in China (2) Enforcement in Asian countries <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Case study in Korea (ii) Enforcement in Southeast Asian countries

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Biotechnology Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Suggestions on the patent protection for information in the biotechnology related fields <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Protein's 3D structure (2) Bioinformatics 2. Study on the decisions of biotechnology cases (including the decisions relevant to interference) 3. Issues on arbitrary licenses in biotechnology-related fields
Software Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legal protection for computer software (patent, copyright, trade secret etc.) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Investigation and study on the grant of patent rights to software-related inventions (2) Investigation and study on the enforcement of the right of software-related patents, and suggestions to JPO etc. (3) Investigation and study on the protection by copyrights of computer programs and trade secret etc. and licensing (4) Investigation and study for accumulation of precedent cases pertinent to software and business method inventions, and suggestions to relevant ministries 2. Legal protection of business methods <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Investigation and study on the grant of patent rights to business methods and suggestions to JPO (application, examination) (2) Investigation and study on the enforcement of business method patents and suggestions to the JPO (enforcement)
Digital Contents Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investigation and study on various issues relevant to the Copyright Law under digitization/networking environment 2. Investigation and study on the protection of database having no creativity 3. Investigation and study on the legal issues pertinent to network systems and contents distribution <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Investigation and study on the legal issues mainly pertinent to intellectual property rights in electronic commerce (2) Investigation and study on the responsibility of digital contents intermediaries
The First Intellectual Property Management Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evaluation of indices on intellectual property in research and development 2. Future system for encourage inventions
The Second Intellectual Property Management Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evaluation of intellectual property assets 2. Cost-effectiveness analysis relevant to the formation of rights 3. Intellectual property management in the global competition era

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Intellectual Property Information System Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussion and suggestion on the intellectual property information system which supports strategic intellectual property activities in firms <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Discussion and suggestion on the coming paperless system of the JPO <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Discussions and suggestions on the specification of the JPO's coming "Personal Computer Patent Application Software" and the evaluation product (ii) Discussions on the coming expansion (support) software (iii) Discussions and suggestions on the coming efforts for making patent/utility model gazettes into XML files (2) Discussions and suggestions on the next generation management/information systems that correspond to the drastic development of information infrastructure <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Discussions and suggestions for utilization of the JPO organizing/standardizing SGML data (including retroactive data) (ii) Discussions on the system functions for utilizing the unified data obtained through the unification of the trilateral data formats (into XML standard) (3) Making the past laid-open gazettes prior to the products of the electronic patent application system into text data (cooperative efforts with the Intellectual Property Information Search Committee)
Intellectual Property Information Search Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Study and suggestions on the search method <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Discussion on the search of non-patent documents (2) Study and suggestions on the patent classification (3) Discussion on the overseas' patent search manuals (4) Discussion on the methods for obtaining data for the judgment on the rights 2. Study and suggestions on the next-generation database <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Discussion on the evaluation collection of the search system (2) Discussion on the search and utilization methods corresponding to the publication of XML gazettes 3. Study and suggestions on the information of patent offices in respective countries <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Study on the patent information services available from each country's patent office (2) Study on the examination methods of patent examiners in the trilateral countries (and WIPO countries)
License Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Study and suggestions on the licensing regulations in Asian countries 2. Study and suggestions on the contract research and joint research with public research institutes and universities, and license contracts etc. 3. Discussion on various contracts for realizing business schemes including licenses 4. Investigation and study on the licensing activities as an independent business recognizing the utilization of dormant patents or securing income by license fees 5. Calculation of royalty based on the evaluation method of economic values of intellectual property rights 6. Recent trend of the antitrust act and licensing agreements

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Design Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investigation and study for the expansion of industrial design protection <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Investigation and study on how the industrial design system should be, from the viewpoint of users in relation with the introduction of screen design protection and other various systems 2. Investigation and study on the overseas industrial design systems <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Investigation and study on the industrial design system in Asia, Europe and US, and correspondence to the anti-counterfeiting alliance as JIPA
Trademark Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Study on the future definition of “use of trademark” 2. Investigation and study on the domestic actions and business practices for the revised Nice International Classification 3. Investigation and study on the overseas law system relevant to the offer of product information and sales via the Internet
Fair Trade Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Study and analysis on the fact of enforcement in Asia <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Correspondence to the anti-counterfeiting alliance as JIPA (2) Investigation and study on the law systems in Southeast Asian countries 2. Proposition of an opinion for expansion of the civil remedy provisions in terms of the Anti-counterfeiting Law 3. Proposition of an opinion for the introduction of a provision for criminal punishment against the act of trade secret infringement 4. Investigation and study on the law systems in each of other nations relevant to trade secrets
Publication & Public Affairs Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Issues relevant to the publication of journals <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Monthly publication of “Chizai Kanri” (IP Management) (2) Discussion on the electronization of the back numbers of “Chizai Kanri” (3) Publication of “Hanrei Shu” (Case Report) in CD-ROM (4) Continuation of the publication of English journal 2. Issues relevant to public relations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Public relations activities through internet and JIPA News (2) Discussion on the publication of the JIPA activities through mass media
Training Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On-target operation and evaluation of training courses, and reflecting it to the training plans so as to assist intellectual creativity, and the implementation of the plan 2. Planning and carrying out new plans for the JIPA training for engineers which can enhance the effect of in-house trainings 3. Research and study on the development of human resources for trainers and the manner of trainings for the development of human resources
General Affairs & Planning Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussion on the matters consulted by the President of the JIPA