

Changes in the Sri Lankan IP System responding to the Trends of the Times



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Main Avenues of Changes



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• Copyright related

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• Patent related

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• Trademark related

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• Industrial Design

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• Policy Making

1. Copyright related



- Open a Copyright division
- Recognise CMOs (Collective Management Societies)
- Support and facilitate CMOs to manage copyrights on behalf of their members
- Build the legal infrastructure to help support the above



- Implement a copyright depository system which will serve as a *prima facie* evidence for any purpose.
- Changes to amend the law to introduce use of work/latest technologies considering WIPO international treaties.

2. Patent related



- ❖ Setting up of TISC Centers in order to,
 - Retrieve patent and non-patent information
 - Obtain prior Art search reports which will accompany the Patent Application
 - Expedite searching of PCT applications (to facilitate bilateral agreements with WIPO assistance).

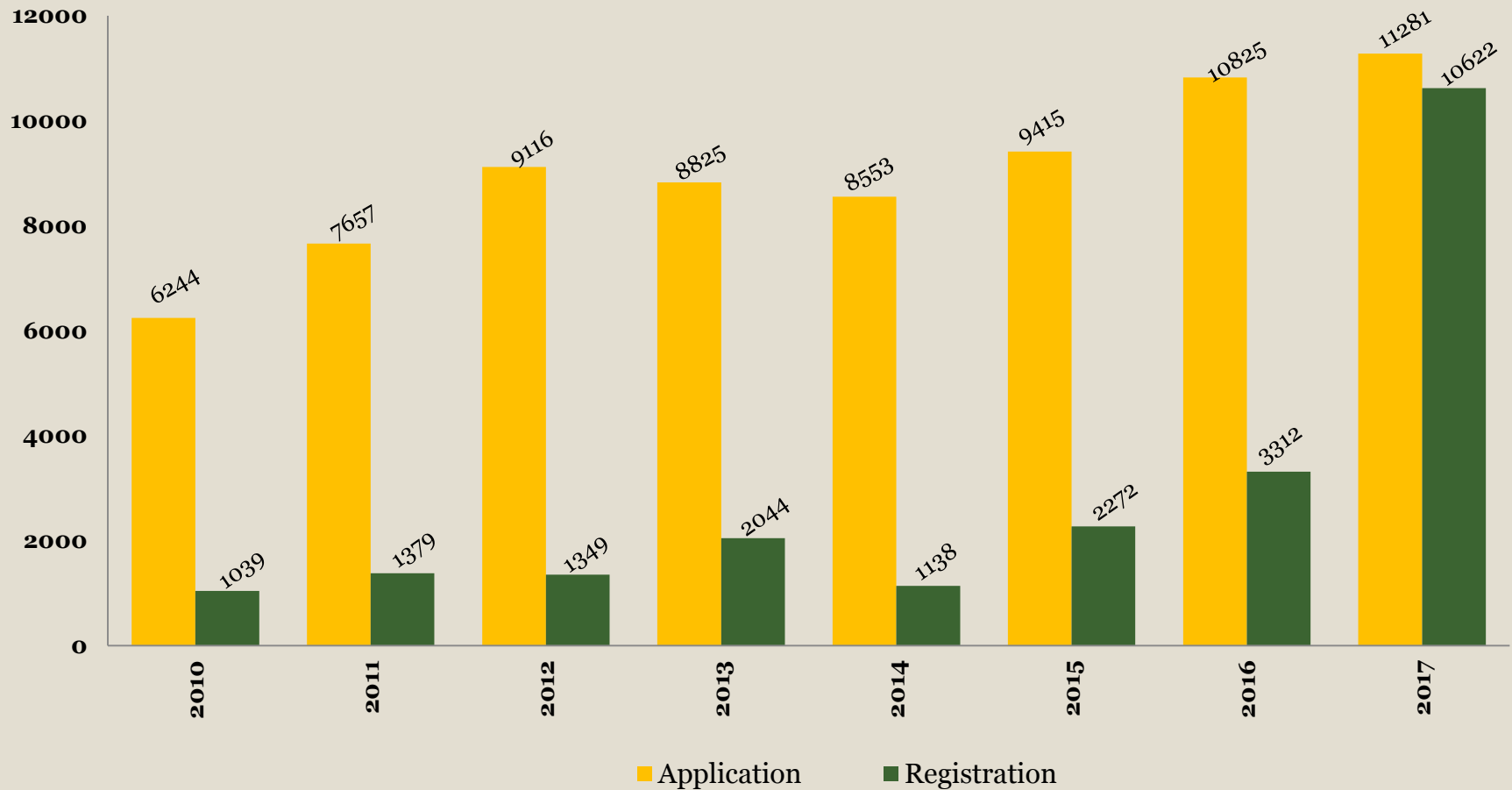


- ❖ Organizing patent application drafting workshops
- ❖ EIP(Enabling IP environment project)

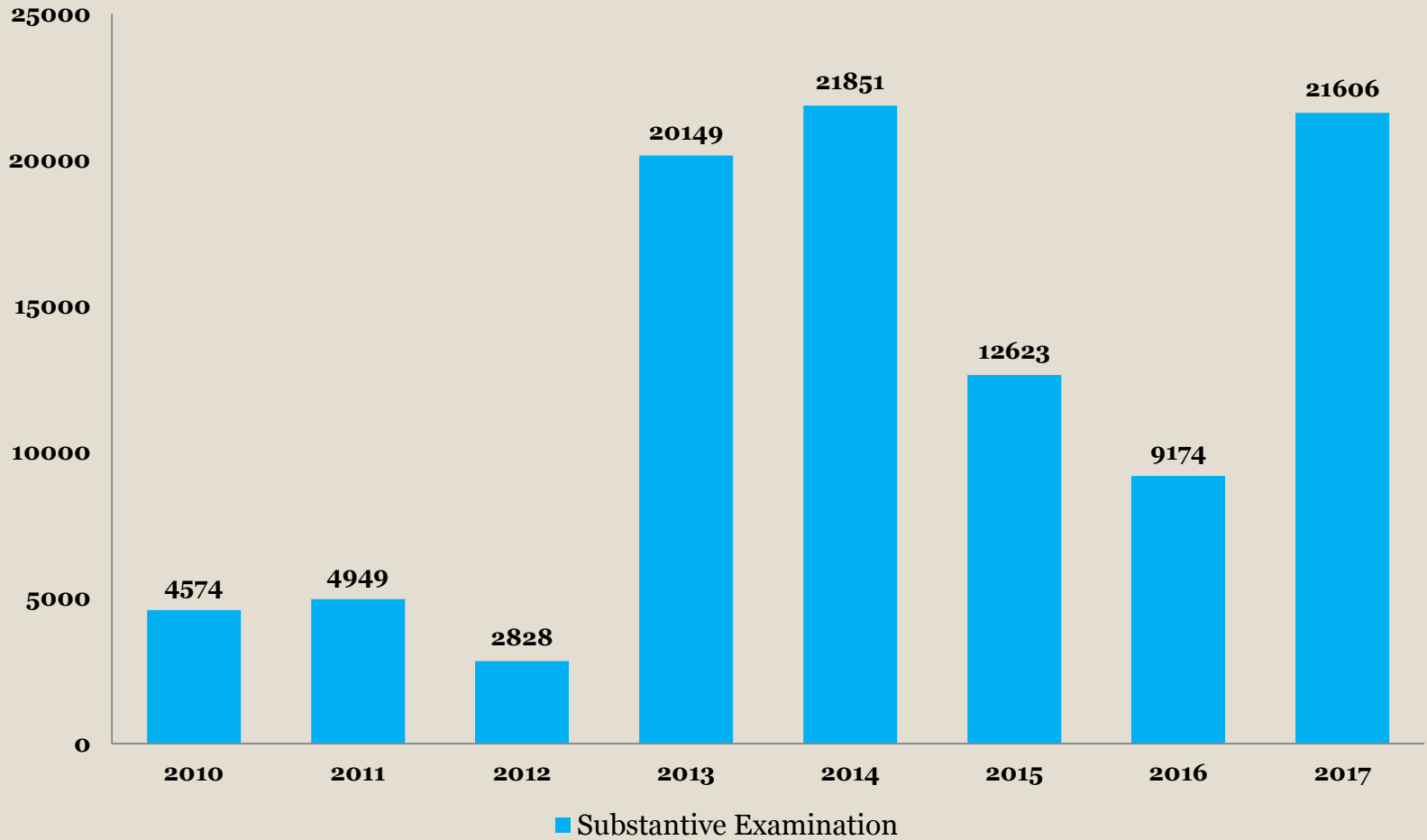
3. Trademark related



- Special project for the backlog clearance



- Searches





- TM filing automation (electronic payment system, online filing and online payment system)
- Automated document management system to help administer Trademarks
- Accession to the Madrid Protocol by end of 2018
- Geographical Indications (GI) registrations such as – Ceylon Cinnamon Tea, Coconut Cashew and Gems

4. Industrial Design related



- Introduce utility model to enhance protection for inventions to grant petty patents and designs.

5. Policy related



- ❖ Initiative to formulate a National IP policy
- ❖ Opening up IP system for single window filing along with department of commerce and customs
- ❖ Preparation of our traditional knowledge policy
 - Traditional medicine
 - Traditional methods of agriculture



- ❖ Carrying out discussions to restructure NIPO to provide a better service to stakeholders
- ❖ Training sessions/workshops to develop a competent and skilled staff

Thank You!



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