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IP Education and Training in Viet Nam

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1. Overview

The Development of Vietnamese IP system

- ***History:*** 30 years of development, began in 1981 with the Decree 31/CP on invention and innovation; the IP Office established in 1982;
- ***Legal framework:*** the first comprehensive IP Law in 2005, revised in 2009; guided by a number of Government Decrees and Ministerial Circulars;
- ***IP Administration system:*** 3 State management agencies at central level (NOIP, COV, PVPO) and Provincial Departments;
- ***IP enforcement system:*** Courts, Customs, Market Control Management; Polices; Specialized Inspectorates;
- ***Education and Training System:*** NOIP training centre, Universities and Institutions;
- ***IP Supporting system:*** Patent Attorney Agents; IP Associations.

1. Overview

The National Office of Intellectual Property of Vietnam (NOIP)

➤ **Organization:** 14 divisions (including 3 patent divisions, 2 trademarks division and 11 design division) 3 centers; 2 Branch Offices;

➤ **Services:**

- State management of industrial properly;
- IP Legislation and Policies development;
- IPR Registration (patents, trademarks; designs, GIs);
- IP Research and Training;
- IP Supporting and Consultation;
- IP Information Services;
- IP International Cooperation;
- IP Enforcement and Appeal;

➤ **Statistics:**

2. Current IP Education and Training Activities

IP Education and Training Activities conducted by:

➤ ***Universities & Institutions:*** HCMC Law University; Hanoi Law University, National University, Hanoi and other institutions:

➤ ***IP courses and Programs:*** optional subject at Universities' program, 6-month professional courses (in cooperation with NOIP), ..

➤ ***Audiences:*** students, trainers, businessmen, patent attorneys, etc;

➤ ***NOIP's involvement:*** curricula development, training of trainers, etc.

➔ **make use of the combination between expertise of NOIP and academic knowledge & skills of universities;**

2. Current IP Education and Training Activities

IP Education and Training Activities by NOIP:

➤ **Research and Training Center:**

- Established in 2004, with 7 staff;

- Main functions: conducting researches & trainings of IP, focusing on training government staffs, businessmen, trainers;

- Achievements in 2010: 01 professional course (35 trainees); 5 training courses for 178 NOIP's staff; 33 training courses for administration and enforcement staffs; two courses on WIPO - DL101 in Vietnamese language (502 subscribers); 9 seminars/workshops in various IP issues (635 participants), etc.

+ *Target Audiences:*

→ professional trainings: patent attorneys, IP managers of companies etc.

→ short-term training courses: administration and enforcement staffs (including NOIP' staff); businessmen, scientists, inventors, ...)

→ WIPO DL courses: for everyone

+ Training methods: Face to face (almost); distance learning (in cooperation with WIPO).

2. Current IP Education and Training Activities

IP Education and Training Activities by NOIP (con't):

- **Project on IP Education and Training (under the IP National Program on IP Assets Development – the Program 68):**
 - **Developing IP curricula for target groups (businessmen; scientists; associations; managers; CEO; etc.)**
 - **Drafting training materials for each type of course;**
 - **Conducting pilot training courses for target groups.**

3. Challenges and Measures for IP Education and Training in Viet Nam

➤ Challenges

- Lack of IP curricula for every target group of audience;
- Lack of resources (trainers, financial resources, facilities, ...).

➤ Requirements

- Developing human resource for international integration (IP knowledge, IP negotiation skills, IP managements, etc.,)
- Training newly recruited staff of NOIP and other IP management agencies at central and local levels:
 - Training staffs of enforcement agencies for the effective enforcement of IPRs;
 - Training scientists – inventors;
 - Training staffs of supporting organizations, such as: patent attorneys, IP assessment organization and other IP-related organizations;
 - Training trainers of universities and institutions.

4. IP Education and Training Plan of NOIP

➤ **Activities**

- **Conducting traditional education and training activities;**
- **Developing and conducting other training courses (for enforcement staff; students, scientists etc.).**

➤ **Method**

- **Developing more IP curricula for various stakeholders, focusing on short-term courses;**
- **Inviting visiting trainers from IP Offices (WIPO, EPO, USPTO, JPO, ...) and other agencies (patent attorneys, universities, etc.);**
- **Providing more training of trainers (in cooperation with WIPO, EPO, JPO, etc.);**
- **Providing different trainings in cooperation with relevant agencies (Science and Technology Academy of MOST, ministries, universities, training institutions, etc.);**
- **Establishing a IP Assets Support Center to provide more specialized trainings, etc.,**

5. Conclusion

- **Lack of resources (trainers, financial resources, facilities,..);**
- **Lack of trainers and expertise in IP;**
- **Lack of IP awareness of the society;**
- **There are many challenges which should be overcome (curricula, human resource, training materials etc.,**
- **Cooperation between IPOs in IP education and training, including assistance of WIPO, JPO etc., are necessary.**

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