Current Status on Accession to the Madrid System

Malaysia

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Challenges

- How to make the office compliant to the protocol
- Need to review operations and processes
- Management of risk within the limited time frames
- Consistency in examination and decision

Background

- Not yet a member
- Plan to join in year 2013
- Organize Madrid seminars / workshops since 2007
- Member to Paris convention, nice and vienna classification
- Currently reviewing the Trade Marks legislation to comply with Madrid requirements
- To be tabled in Parliament this year

Automation

- Using our own system for search
- On line search and filing is available to users
- Developing an on line publication services
- To build an effective IT infrastucture and connection with the Madrid system
- Try to reuse as much as existing infrastructure
- To modify as necessary to ensure its compatability with Madrid requirement

Office structure and resources

- Setting up separate unit handling madrid applications
- Experienced staffs
- Adequate training in order to have a strong understanding of the protocol and its requirements

Challenges

- How to make the office compliant to the protocol
- Need to review operations and processes
- Management of risk within the limited time frames
- Consistency in examination and decision
- Backlog and processing time
- Awareness and outreach programmes

Conclusion

- Seek kind assistance and Professional advice
 - To strengthen IT infrastructure
 - Assesment of the compatibility of the existing system Vs Madrid requirements
- Human resource training
 - To provide technical skills and specific knowledge in administration of Mdrid application and process
 - Training for trade mark examiners
- Study Visits and familiarization programs

TRADEMARKS	STATISTIC						
YEAR 2011	APPLICATION			REGISTRATION			
	Malaysia	Foreign	Total	Malaysia	Foreign	Total	
Jan	1,114	1,060	2,174	1,032	1,200	2,232	
Feb	645	970	1,615	1,066	1,340	2,406	
Mar	1,078	1,711	2,789	1,094	1,425	2,519	
Apr	1,200	1,040	2,240	739	1,071	1,810	
May	1,049	1,349	2,398	501	771	1,272	
June	1,235	1,338	2,573	421	720	1,141	
July	1,219	1,279	2,498	947	1,406	2,353	
Aug	1,137	1,410	2,547	554	828	1,382	
Sept	1,011	1,384	2,395	864	1,206	2,070	
Oct	1,040	1,283	2,323	809	988	1,797	
Nov	1,085	1,435	2,520	838	1,260	2,098	
Dec	1188	1573	2761				
TOTAL	11,813	14,259	26,072	8,865	12,215	21,080	

Thank You