CPC Implementation at KIPO

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Policy on Classification

◆ **Classification for newly filed applications(all fields) since Jan. 2015**

- First, **assigning CPC to newly filed applications**

- Second, **matching with IPC automatically** (CPC-IPC Concordance Table)

◆ **Translation of the CPC materials into Korean**

- **CPC schemes are translated** into **Korean** every CPC revisions, but definitions are provided in English

CPC Classification of Newly Filed Applications

◆ **CPC classification of newly filed applications**

- **KIPO Began to assign CPC symbols** to newly filed applications from **January 2015**

- CPC classification of newly filed applications (Whole fields)

YEAR	Number of Applications
2015	214,030
2016	208,687
2017	183,456
2018	185,167
2019	194,325
2020	194,499
2021	205,680
2022	223,802
2023	233,405

- **CPC is utilized** for **the division of tasks** among patent examiners and as a **main search classification**

Backfiles Reclassification

◆ **Backfiles Reclassification (Completed)**

- The reclassification of 2.9 millions backfile documents was **completed in 2019**

- Almost only **reclassification based on revisions** exists **from 2020**

YEAR	Number of Applications
2015	231,902
2016	821,441
2017	1,020,254
2018	674,421
2019	157,091
2020	62,367
2021	75,255
2022	82,787
2023	91,977

Thank you!