



Progress in PPH

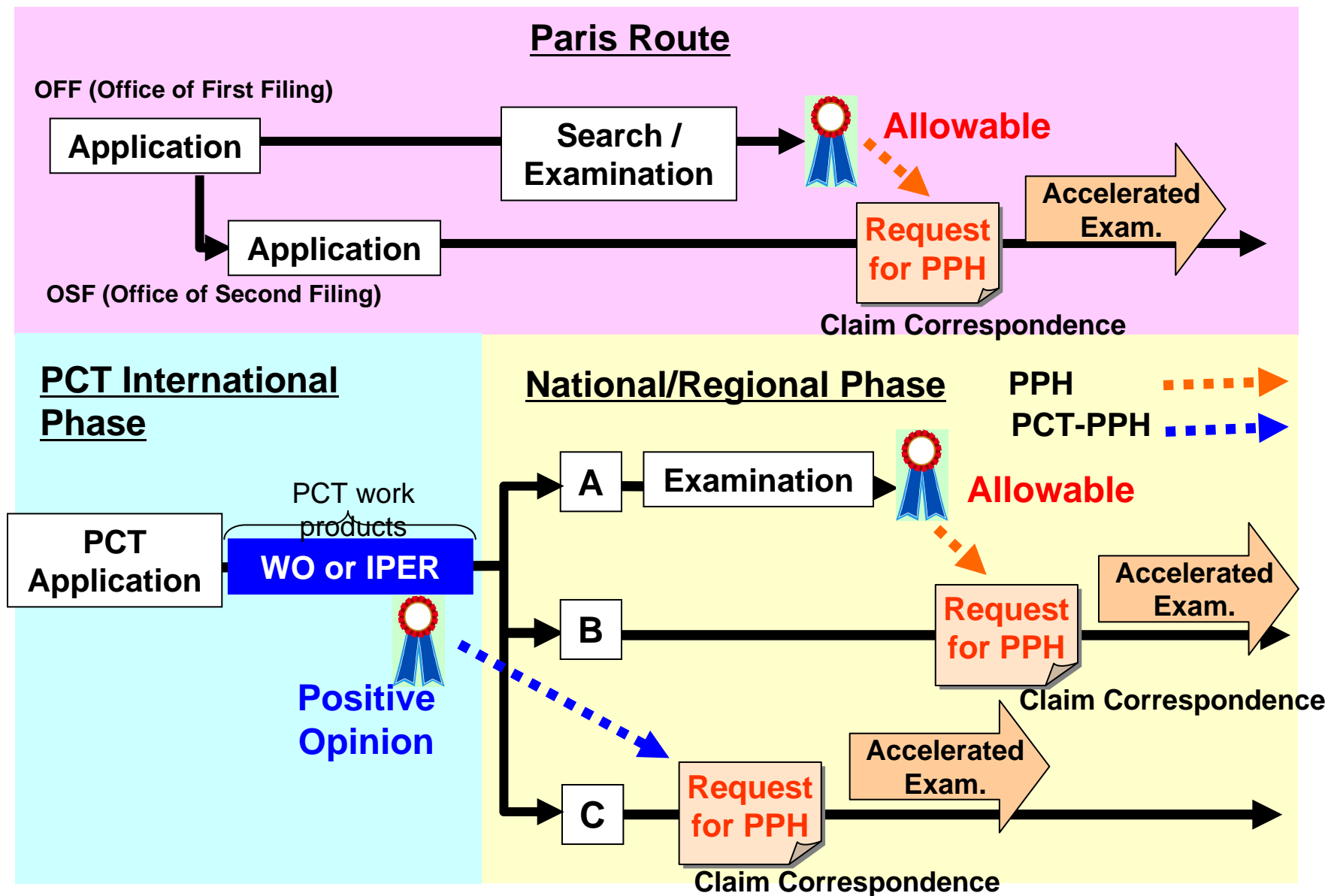
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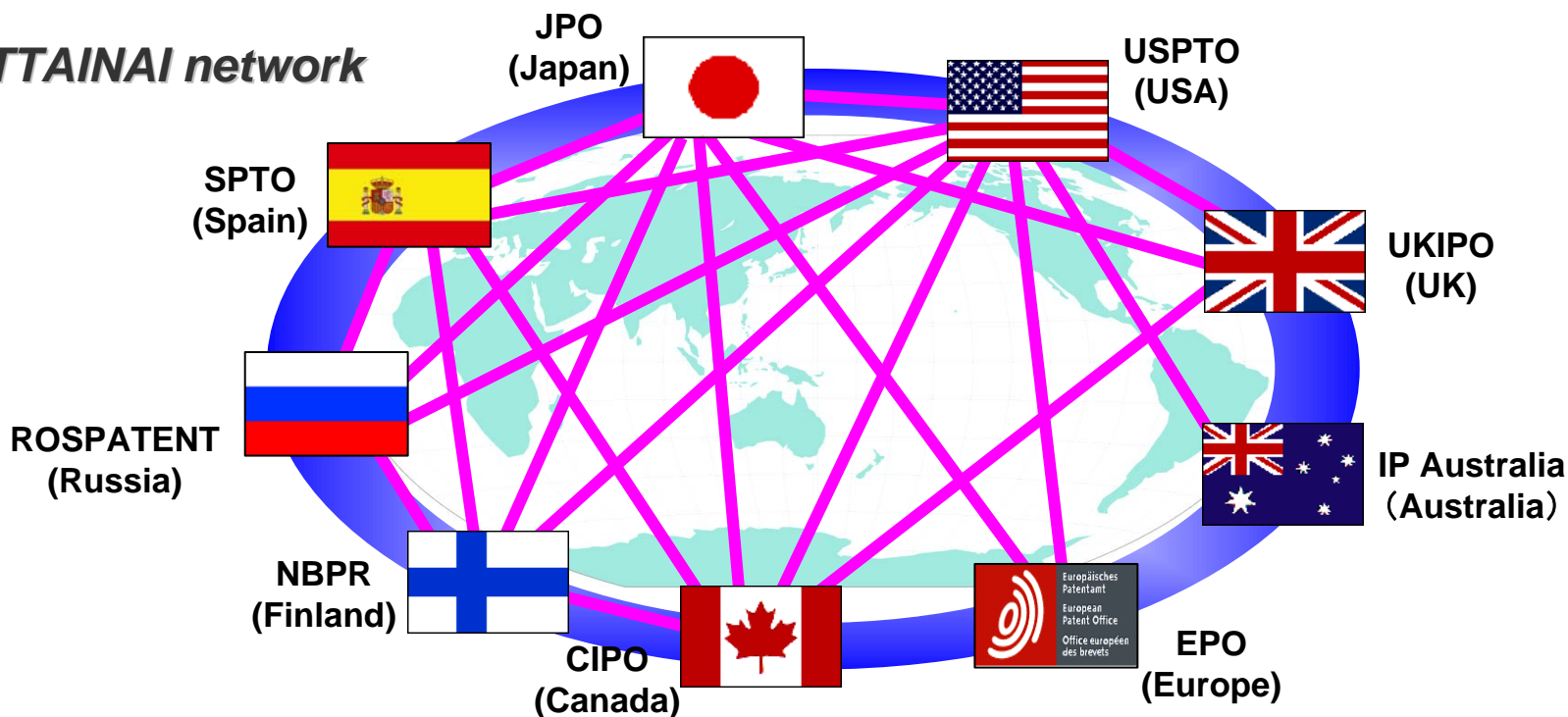
PPH MOTTAINAI pilot program

15 July 2011: 8 Offices (JPO, USPTO, UKIPO, CIPO, IP Australia, NBPR, ROSPATENT and SPTO) first commenced the pilot.

29 January 2012: EPO has commenced the pilot with JPO and USPTO.

As of 31th of March, 2012

PPH MOTTAINAI network

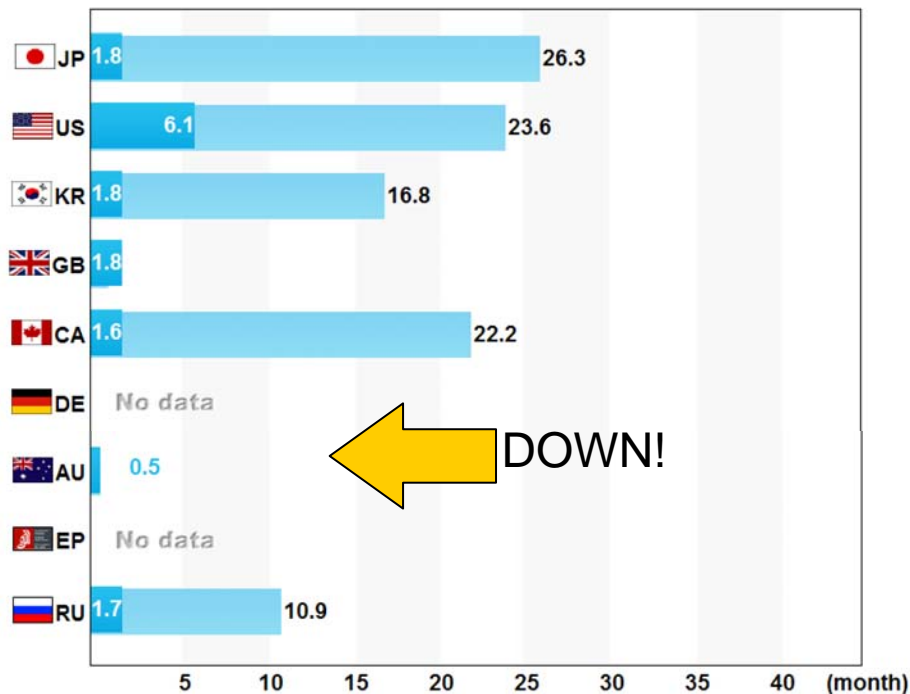


2. The Merits of PPH

Accelerated Examination

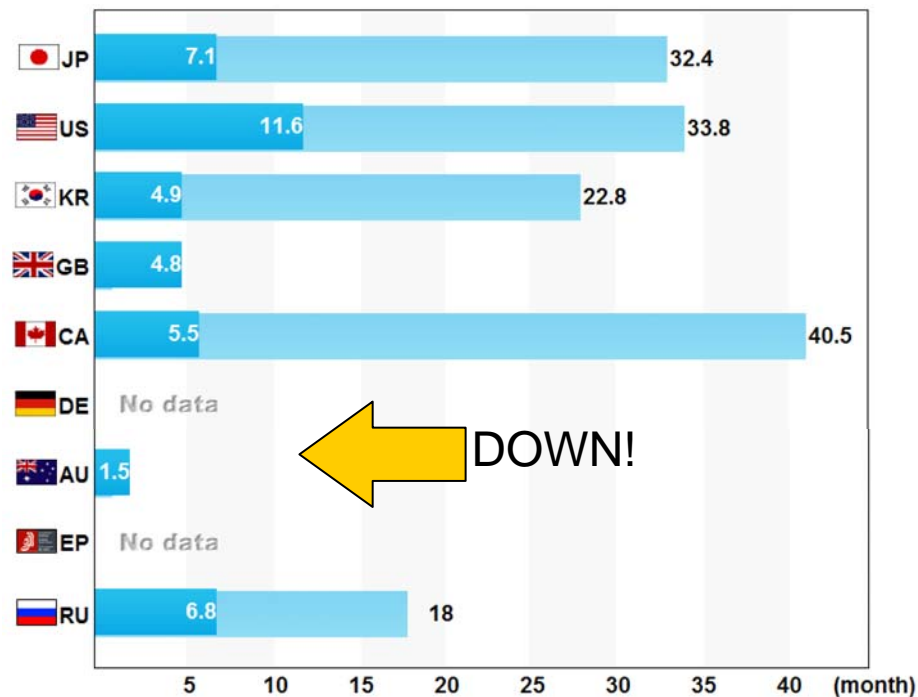
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Request to First Office Action

... PPH applications
... All applications including
PPH and non-PPH



PPH - Average Pendency from PPH
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•Period: Jul-Dec 2011

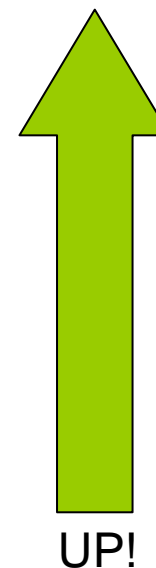
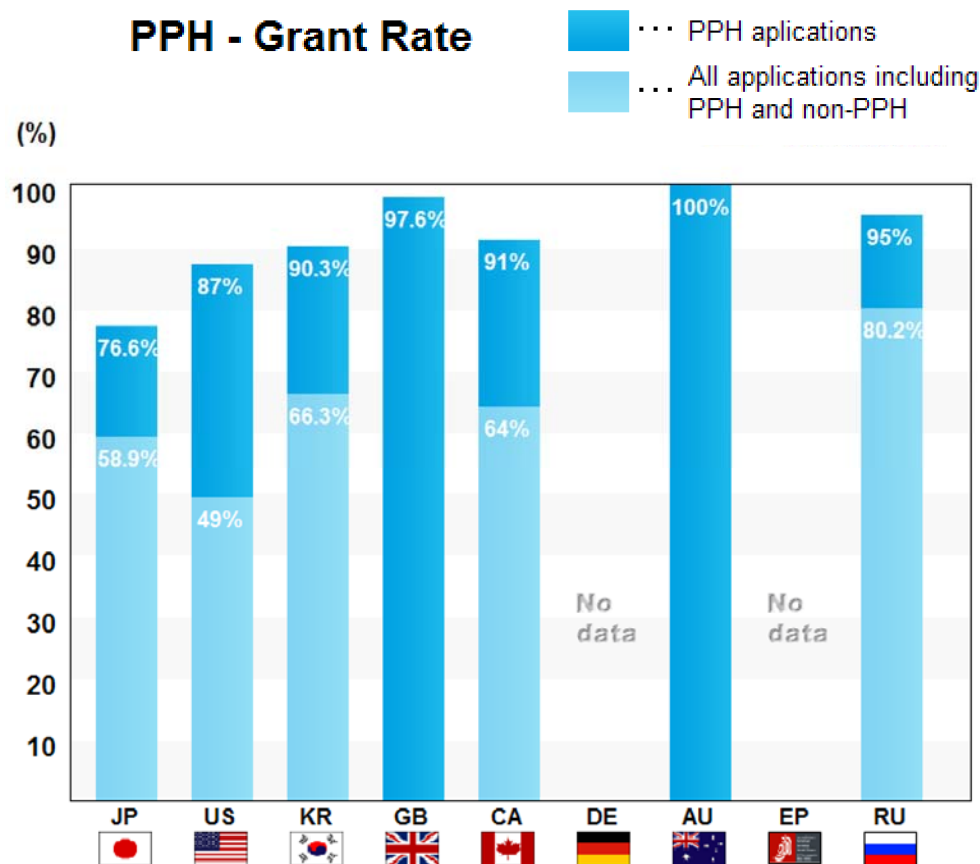
•The Offices which meet the following requirements are indicated.

1, The offices which have entered PPH network more than 1 year ago.

2, The offices which have received more than 50 PPH requests.

2. The Merits of PPH

Increase in Grant Rate



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3. Recent new PPH of JPO

SIPO (China): PPH and PCT-PPH since 1 Nov 2011

NIPO (Norway): PPH and PCT-PPH since 1 Dec 2011

IPO (Iceland): PPH and PCT-PPH since 1 Dec 2011

ILPO (Israel): PPH since 1 Mar 2012

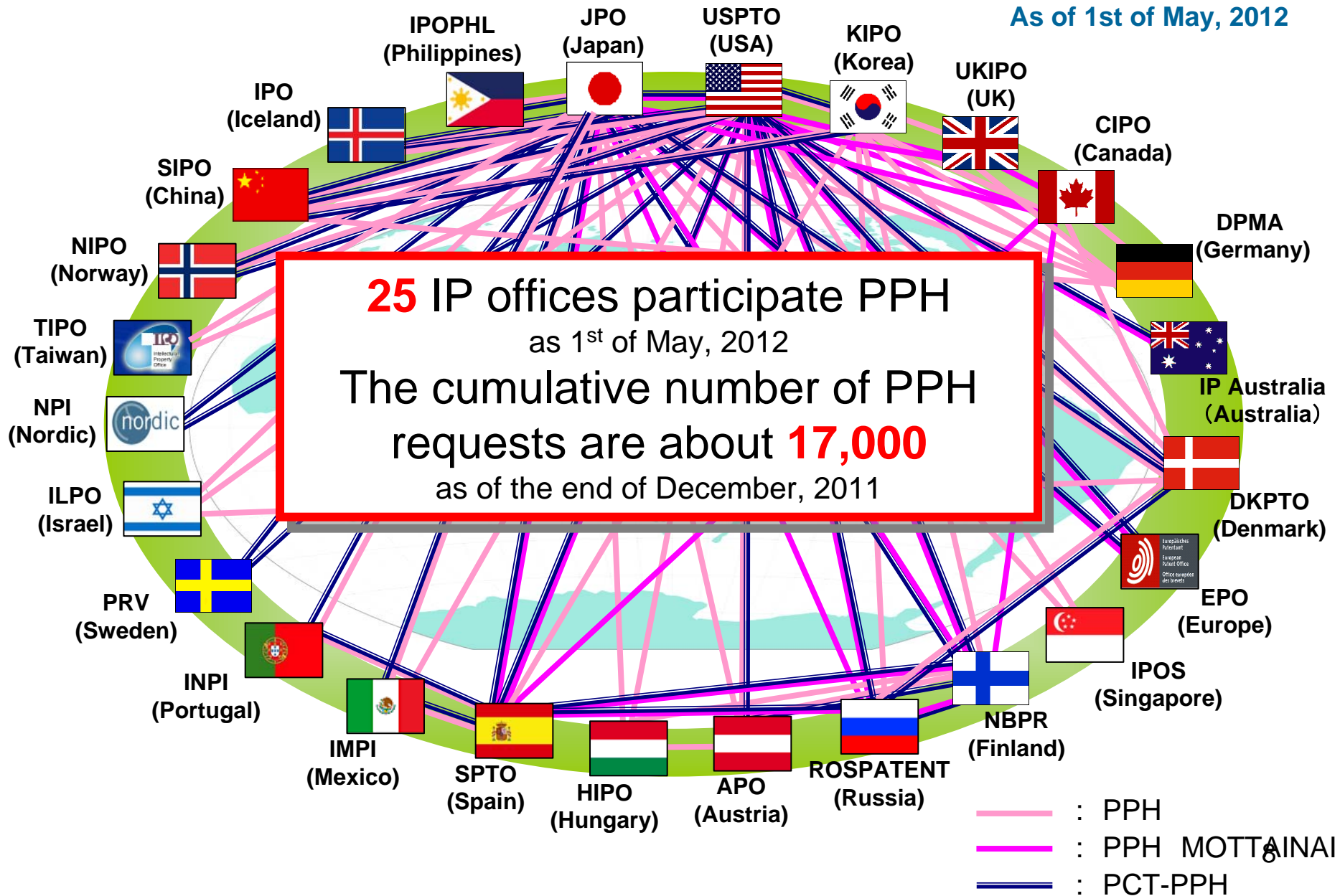
IPOPHIL (Philippines): PPH and PCT-PPH since 12 Mar 2012

INPI (Portugal): PPH and PCT-PPH since 18 April 2012

KIPO (South Korea) : PCT-PPH expected from 1 July 2012

3. Expanding PPH Network

As of 1st of May, 2012



4. Plurilateral PPH Meeting

4th working level meeting was held at Munich in Oct 2011.

What was discussed:

- The Offices agreed that the relaxation of the priority requirements via the MOTTAINAI concept seemed a promising step to the right direction.
- The Offices discussed future development of the framework also with a view to streamlining and harmonizing the existing PPH arrangements.
- The Offices agreed to establish a PPH Policy, which is a common recognition of PPH including the improvement of first action allowance rate, the transparency of data about PPH applications in each office, accelerated examination of PPH applications, search and examination policy of the office of later examination.

5th working level meeting will be held in Autumn.



In the light of the PPH scheme, the fundamental expectations for PPH are cited as follows;

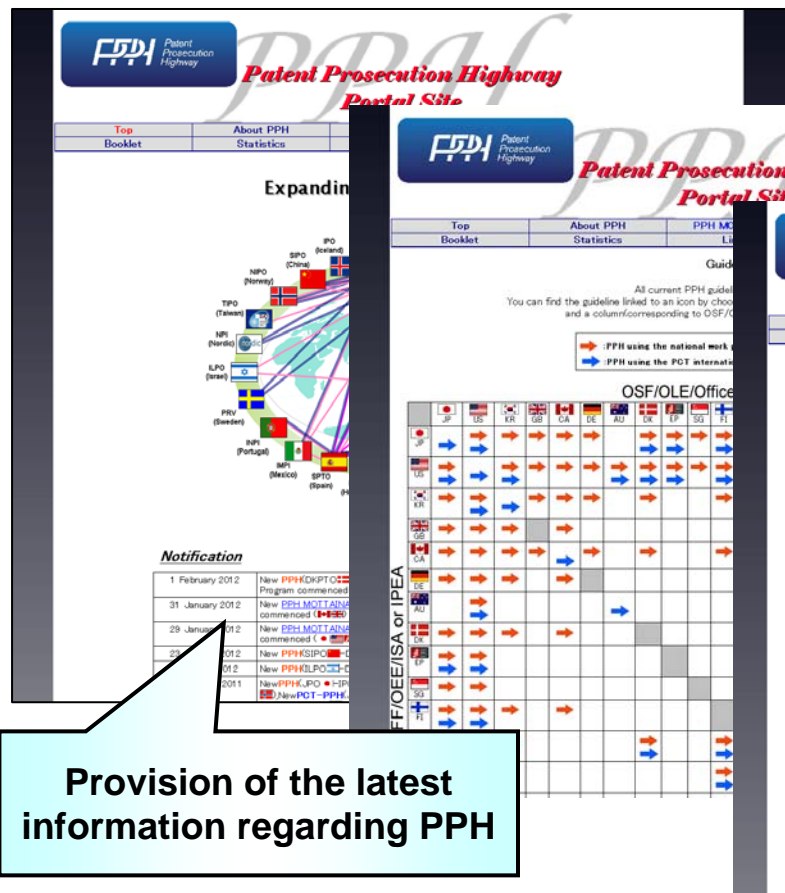
- Predictable fast acquisition of patent rights (in view of applicants).
- Mitigation of workloads via work-sharing among patent offices (in view of patent offices)

JPO suggest policies to be followed by PPH participating offices as PPH Policy

Each office participating in PPH should endorse and realize the following policies at their maximum extent to promote transparency and effectiveness of PPH.

5. PPH Portal Website (1/2)

- JPO administrates the [PPH Portal Website](#), which provides the **latest information regarding PPH**, the **guidelines** and the **request forms** of different countries.



PPH Patent Prosecution Highway Portal Site

Expanding

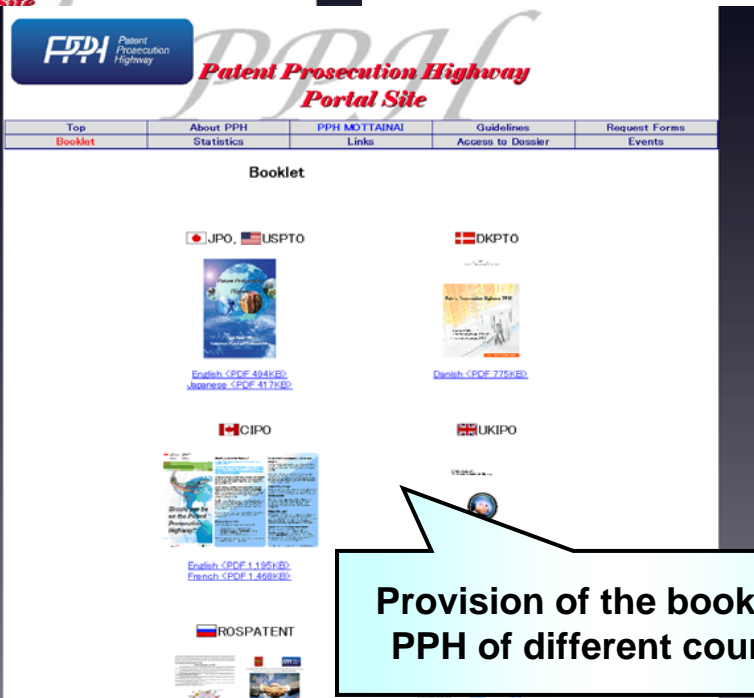
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Notification

Date	Event
1 February 2012	New PPH/DKPTO commenced
31 January 2012	New PPH/MOTTAINAI commenced
29 January 2012	New PPH/MOTTAINAI commenced
2012	New PPH/ESP/CA commenced
2012	New PPH/ESP/CA commenced
2011	New PPH/JPO commenced
2011	New PPH/JPO commenced

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Provision of the PPH guidelines and the request forms



PPH Patent Prosecution Highway Portal Site

Booklet

JPO, USPTO

DKPTO

CIPO

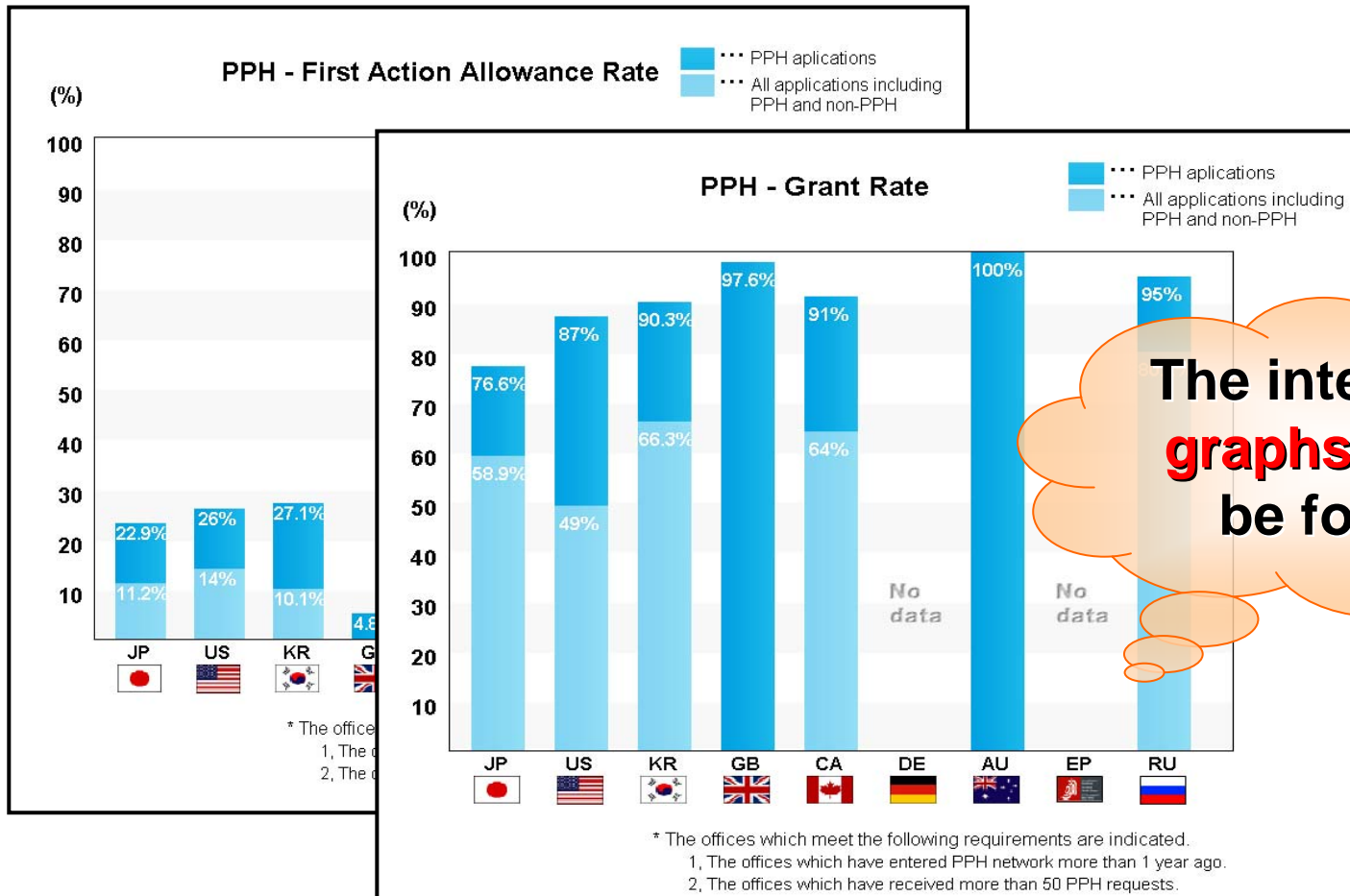
UKIPO

ROSPATENT

Provision of the latest information regarding PPH

Provision of the booklets of PPH of different countries

5. PPH Portal Website (2/2)



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Thank you !