

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT KIPO

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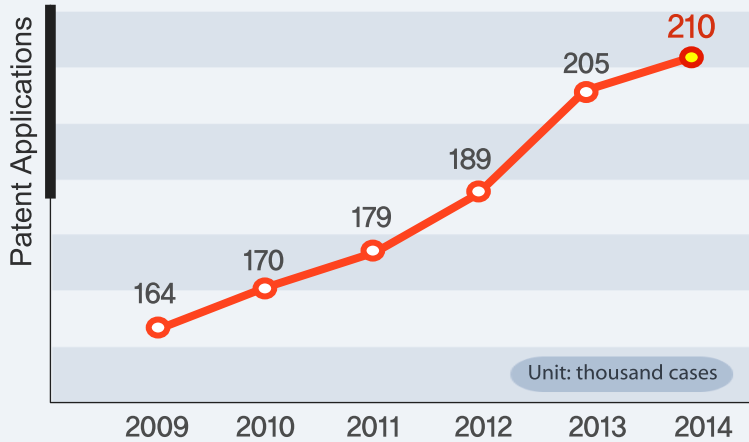
Patent Applications

210,292

Number of applications
in 2014

+ 2.8%

Growth in 2014



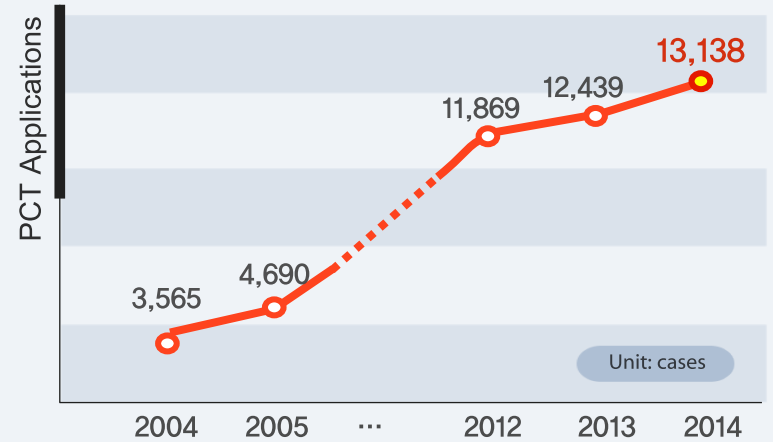
PCT Applications

13,138

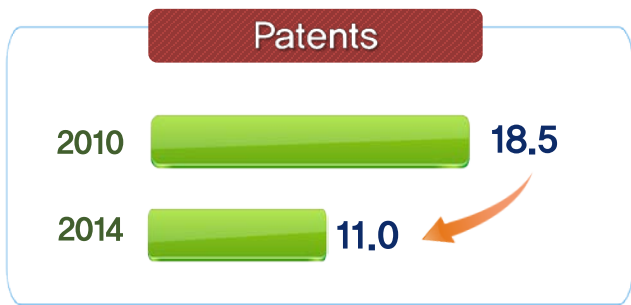
Number of applications
in 2014

+ 5.6%

Growth in 2014



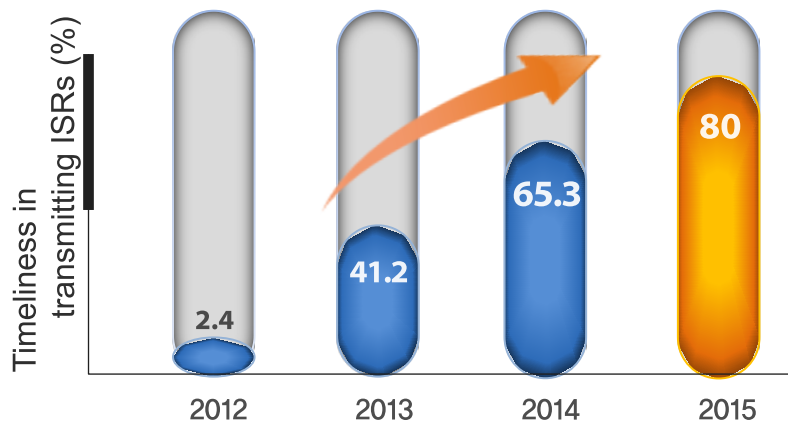
Examination Pendency Periods



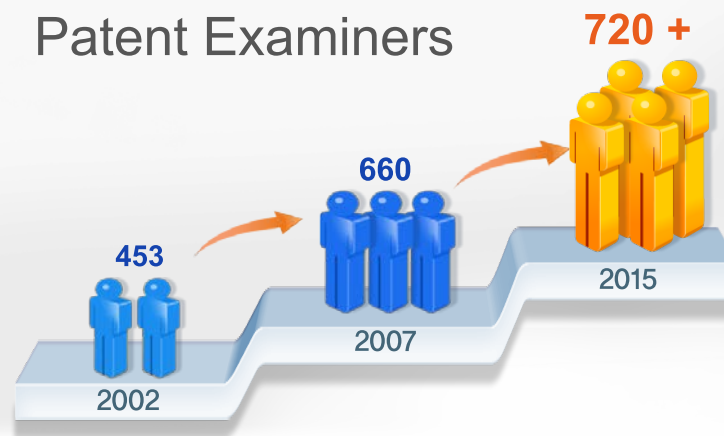
Unit: months



PCT ISR Timeliness



Number of Patent Examiners



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- ✓ Focus is on **training** and facilitating **consultations** between examiners

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- ✓ Fully adopted the **CPC** in January 2015 to improve efficiency

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- ✓ Improving the **patent search system**

- Launched Chinese-to-Korean machine translation
- Developing a next generation search system

- Eased the requirements for filing documents
- Now possible to file English-language applications

BEFORE



Researcher



Patent Attorney

Application

(Written in Korean)



KIPO

AFTER



Researcher



Application

(Written in English)



KIPO

- Allows amendments to translations based on the original specification



- Extended the period for submitting translations in PCT applications after request
- Eased requirements for the grace period
 - ➔ It is now possible to amend application before registration

- Reducing the period for **requesting examination**

(5 years → 3 years)



Encourages applicants to establish their rights quickly

- Allowing **patent examiners** to **re-examine** an application if legitimate ground for rejection is found

- Introducing a program allowing members of the **public** to **request the cancellation** of a patent right



Increases public confidence in patent quality

IP5 Collaboration

- **Work-sharing**
- **User-friendly**
patent system



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 Property Office of the People's Republic of China 
 United States Patent and Trademark Office 

Sustainable IP System

- Acting as a responsible member of the international IP community
- **IP assistance** in developing countries
 - Appropriate technology
 - Brand development
 - Increasing IP awareness



Thank you!