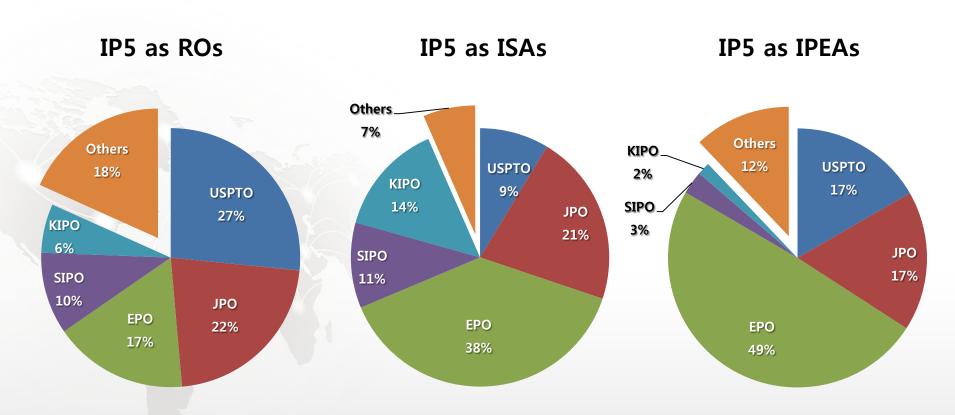


Further Development of the PCT system

Korean Intellectual Property Office



Occupation of IP5 Offices in PCT*



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Recent amendments to PCT Rules



- 1. Introduction of mandatory top-up searches at International Preliminary Examining Authorities
 - for applications with demand for examination filed on or after July 1, 2014
- 2. Opinions of International Searching Authorities made available through PATENTSCOPE
 - for applications filed on or after July 1, 2014

Outstanding Issues



- > Incorporation of the PPH into the PCT
- Requirements for Appointment of International Authorities
- > Sharing of earlier search results
- Consistency between results in international and national phases
- Sharing information related to Search Strategies among offices and with the public
- WIPO Standard 14
- Introduction of color drawings

And many more...

Future of IP5 collaboration on PCT



1. OBJECTIVES

- Reduction of search and examination workload
- Enhancement of search and examination quality both in international and national phases
- > Increased convenience for users and the public

2. PRIORITIZED AREAS

- Work sharing between International Authorities and National Offices
- Discussion on Standards to improve accessibility to PCT documents and facilitate their utilization
- Collaboration to enhance quality of PCT international searches and preliminary examinations
- Cooperation to promote utilization of the PCT system by SMEs and individuals



Thank you

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