

# **IP5 PHEP activities: Written Description/ Sufficiency of Disclosure**

February 1, 2018

ICG Meeting

Japan Patent Office

- Case1-3 : Chemistry, Support Requirement

- Studies by IP5 Offices ✓
- Opinions from IP5 Users ✓
- Compile a final report taking into account Users' opinion

} **Completed!**

- Case4-6 : Electric/Machine, Clarity (and Support) Requirement

- Studies by IP5 Offices ✓
- Opinions from IP5 Users
- Compile a final report taking into account Users' opinion

} **Completed!**

- Further Case Studies:
  - At PHEP Meeting (Nov. 2017), IP5 Offices agreed to conduct case studies dealing with **enablement requirements in the same way** as the current case studies.
- Hypothetical Cases for Case Studies:
  - JPO received **some actual cases** from IP5 User.
  - JPO **will prepare a draft of hypothetical cases** based on the provided cases **and seek comments** from IP5 Offices.

- PHEP Meeting (Nov. 2017):
  - The IP5 offices agreed to the following 2 items:
    - To continue work toward comparing each office's practice and identifying differences.
    - To consider as future possibilities, **suggesting desirable directions of harmonization** or **elaborating common case examples** which could be incorporated into each office's guideline.

**Thank you very much.**

