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KIPO-USPTO CSP (User Experience)

	Remarks
Speed of Examination	**Excellent** -Average 6 months from Petition to First Action
Co-work between two Offices	**Good** -Some cases use common prior art reference(s) for rejections -In some cases, additional searches are performed
Quality of Examination In terms of validity	**Excellent** -Slightly lower approval rate than normal applications -Substantial consistency of claim allowance in the two Offices
Quality of Prior Art	**Excellent** -Even when two offices use different prior art references, in many occasions both offices' prior art/rejections are fairly reasonable
General Observation	-It seems that due to the familiarity of respective native languages, when two similar prior art references are available, Examiners tend to use references with their native languages. -Overall, KIPO-USPTO CSP seems to be a cooperative but independent examination with quality.
Request	-Switching current pilot program to a regular program -Expanding the CSP (E.g., KIPO-SIPO)

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