

# JPO's updates

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**Japan Patent Office**

**1. Dealing with the Fourth Industrial Revolution**

**2. Fostering SMEs, start-up and local innovation**

**3. Expanding support for developing countries**

## 1. Dealing with the Fourth Industrial Revolution

- **Establishing SEP Guideline in spring 2018**
- **Launch of Essentiality Check for SEPs in April 2018**
- **Holding International Symposium on SEPs in March 2018**
- **Study of AI Utilization for JPO's business**

## 2. Fostering SMEs, start-up and local innovation

- Qualifying start-up for “super-accelerated exam.”
- Change of fee reduction system for SMEs
- Foundation of INPIT-KANSAI in July 2017

### 3. Expanding support for developing countries

- **WIPO High-Level Forum in February 2018  
(30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Funds-In-Trust Japan)**
- **Expansion of Funds-In-Trust Japan for WIPO in April 2018**



**Thank you!**