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Office of the Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Valued Stakeholder,

It is with great pleasure to inform you that the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will co-host the International Conference on Patent Examination Cooperation on 12 November 2018 in Seoul, Rep. of Korea.

The Conference aims to inform attending IP offices, industry, and stakeholders on the current status and latest developments of international cooperation programs and initiatives related to patent examination among IP offices, as well as the necessity and benefits of having multilateral cooperation platforms. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear insightful presentations by speakers from leading IP offices and share ideas to further enhance and expand current efforts towards the development of future programs and initiatives that would not only increase prosecution efficiency and quality among offices, but also provide stakeholders with additional patent filing strategies. In particular, we anticipate that the event will be a valuable occasion to discuss how to map the future direction of global cooperation between offices and stakeholders in the fourth Industrial Revolution era.

I would appreciate if you would nominate attendees who will represent your organization at the Conference. I kindly request that you send the name, official title and contact address of the attendees no later than 12 October 2018 by replying to Jessica.Patterson@uspto.gov and huiman.kang@korea.kr.

We look forward to hearing from you. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any additional information.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark R. Powell".

Mark R. Powell
Deputy Commissioner for International Patent Cooperation
United States Patent and Trademark Office



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Conference on the International Cooperation for Patent Examination

November 12, 2018 (Seoul)

10:00-10:30	Opening of session	
10:30-11:10	[Session 1] Keynote Speech : International Patent Examination Cooperation Speaker: Ms. Maria Holtmann Director of International Programs, OIPC	USPTO
11:10-11:30	[Session 2] Introduction of Conference Topic "New Beginning of Patent Examination Cooperation between IP Offices" Speaker: Mr. Se-chang CHEON Director General of Patent Examination Policy Bureau	KIPO
11:30-13:00	Lunch	
13:00-13:30	[Session 3] Examination Cooperation by Sharing Examination Results: a New Vision of the PPH Speaker: Mr. Kenji SHIMADA Director, Examination Policy Planning Office	JPO
13:30-14:00	[Session 4] Patent Examination in the 4IR Era: Patent Examination Supported by Artificial Intelligence Speaker: TBD	EPO
14:00-14:30	[Session 5] A Way Forward for Cooperation in Patent Examination: Preparation for Examination Cooperation in the New Era of the 4IR Speaker: TBD	CNIPA
14:30-15:00	[Session 6] USPTO's New Vision for Examination Cooperation Speaker: Mr. Daniel Hunter Director, International Work Sharing Planning & Implementation	USPTO
15:00-15:20	Coffee Break	

15:20-15:50	[Session 7] Improvement Direction for Patent Examination Cooperation (From the viewpoint of patent applicants) Speaker: TBD	
15:50-16:20	[Session 8] Present and Future of IP India (including patent examination procedure) Speaker: Mr. S.Thangapandian Deputy Controller, Head of Office, Patent Office, Chennai	IP India
16:20-16:50	[Session 8] Present and Future of INPI-BR (including patent examination procedure) Speaker: Mr. Alexandre Dantas Technical Assistante of the Directorate of Patents	INPI-BR
16:50-17:30	Panel Discussion for the Future of Examination Cooperation	