

**MEMORANDUM
BETWEEN
THE JAPAN-TAIWAN EXCHANGE ASSOCIATION
AND
THE TAIWAN-JAPAN RELATIONS ASSOCIATION
FOR THE MUTUAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF
PATENT PROSECUTION**

THE JAPAN-TAIWAN EXCHANGE ASSOCIATION and THE TAIWAN-JAPAN RELATIONS ASSOCIATION (hereinafter individually referred to as “Side” and collectively as “both Sides”)

Having regard to paragraphs 3(1) and 3(7) of the Arrangement between the Interchange Association and the Association of East Asian Relations for the Establishment of the Respective Overseas Offices of December 26, 1972;

Reaffirming the need for patent protection as a key element for fostering technological innovation and accelerating economic development;

Noting the increasing necessity to adequately cope with the ever-growing number of internationally filed patent applications resulting from a significant demand for patent protection in the context of globalization of the world economy;

Acknowledging the importance of ensuring high quality, expeditious and inexpensive patent protection for applicants filing their applications with relevant authorities of both Sides;

Recognizing the benefits for patent applicants and industry of avoiding unnecessary duplication of work, reducing workloads, and streamlining the patent procedures in relevant authorities of both Sides; and

Desiring to further enhance their significant role in cooperative efforts to be made worldwide in the field of patents,

will cooperate with each other in order to obtain necessary consent from the

relevant authorities of both Sides with regard to the matters as follows:

1. "Patent Prosecution Highway" (PPH) program will be commenced. The basic concept of the PPH program in this Memorandum is that where the relevant authority of the earlier examination (RAEE) has determined that one or more claims of a patent application is/are allowable, the applicant will be entitled to the benefit of an accelerated examination before the relevant authority of the later examination (RALE) for the corresponding, subsequent application, provided that certain conditions are met, including the sufficient correspondence of claims between the two applications and that work results of the RAEE are made available to the RALE.
2. The program will be begun on May 1, 2020.
3. The documents on the implementation of the program will be prescribed separately.
4. This Memorandum and the documents for the implementation of the program may be modified by mutual consent upon request by either Side.
5. This Memorandum will enter into effect upon signature by both Sides.
6. This Memorandum may be terminated by either Side by giving the other Side six (6) months' prior written notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed this Memorandum in Tokyo, on October 30, 2019 in duplicate in the English language.

For the JAPAN-TAIWAN
EXCHANGE ASSOCIATION:

For the TAIWAN-JAPAN
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