

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE INTERCHANGE ASSOCIATION
AND
THE ASSOCIATION OF EAST ASIAN RELATIONS
FOR THE MUTUAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF
PRIORITY DOCUMENT EXCHANGE**

THE INTERCHANGE ASSOCIATION and THE ASSOCIATION OF EAST ASIAN RELATIONS (hereinafter individually referred to as "Side"), 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 26 December 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 for each other, recognizing the electronic exchange of certified copies of patent applications that serve as the basis for a claim for priority under article 2(1) of Annex 1C of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (hereinafter referred to as "priority documents") will benefit applicants by reducing the cost of ordering certified copies of priority documents and providing priority documents to the relevant authority of the second filing in a more timely manner, 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 with regard to the matters as follows:

1. "Priority Document eXchange" (hereinafter referred to as "PDX") will be commenced. The basic concept of the PDX is the electronic transfer between the relevant authorities of both sides of priority documents in patents and utility models applications.
2. PDX will begin in 2013 promptly after all necessary arrangements for it are finalized.

3. The documents for the implementation of PDX will be finalized before the start of the PDX.

4. This Memorandum of Understanding and the documents for the implementation of PDX will be reviewed regularly and can be modified by mutual consent upon request by either Side.

5. This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of signature.

6. This Memorandum of Understanding has been made in the English language. The representative of the Interchange Association and the representative of the Association of East Asian Relations signed this Memorandum of Understanding in Taipei, on November 5 2013.

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