

MEMORANDUM
BETWEEN
THE JAPAN-TAIWAN EXCHANGE ASSOCIATION
AND
THE TAIWAN-JAPAN RELATIONS ASSOCIATION
FOR THE MUTUAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF
INDUSTRIAL DESIGN PRIORITY DOCUMENT EXCHANGE

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 the protection of industrial designs as a key element for fostering and accelerating economic development,

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

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

Recognizing the electronic exchange of certified copies of industrial designs applications that serve as the basis for the right of priority stipulated in Article 4 of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property under paragraph 1 of Article 2 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Industrial Property Rights in 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 priority documents and providing priority documents to the relevant authority of the second filing in a more timely manner, and

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

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. "Priority Document Exchange" in the field of industrial designs applications (hereinafter referred to as "PDX") will be commenced. The basic concept of the PDX is an electronic transfer of priority documents between the relevant authorities of both Sides.
2. Necessary documents for the implementation of the PDX will be finalized before the start of the PDX.
3. The PDX will begin promptly after all necessary arrangements have been finalized.
4. This Memorandum will enter into effect upon the signature by both Sides.
5. This Memorandum and the documents for the implementation of the PDX will be reviewed regularly and may be modified by mutual consent upon request by either Side.
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:



OHASHI Mitsuo
Chairperson

For the TAIWAN-JAPAN
RELATIONS ASSOCIATION:



CHIOU I-Jen
Chairperson