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JICA SUPPORTS PATENT EXAMINATION PRACTICES IN VIETNAM

Hanoi, March 23rd, 2023 - The Closing Ceremony of the Technical Cooperation Project for “*Strengthening Capacity in Industrial Property Examination in IP Viet Nam*” which has been implemented under the collaboration between the Intellectual Property Vietnam (IPVN) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), was successfully held at IPVN on March 23rd.

At the ceremony, JICA Project Expert reported the implementation of the project and achieved outcomes. All attendees acknowledged the fruitful results of the Project. This was followed by lively discussion on the current condition and vision for possible future cooperation.

This Project, aiming at improving operations of IPVN, has completed after two years and developed revised examination guidelines for patent and the quality management documents for patent examination. These achievements will contribute to improving the quality of patent examinations of IPVN.

Besides, training for patent examiners was provided to Intellectual Property (IP) related individuals in Vietnam, contributing to capacity building of the Vietnam’s IP community.

These results are expected to be beneficial not only to Vietnam, but also to foreign companies, including Japanese ones who are considering their investment in Vietnam.

As the number of patent applications in Vietnam has been increasing and is expected to keep increasing in the future, in order to properly protect the rights of these inventions, the afore-mentioned Project was approved to improve the capacity of patent examination practices of IPVN.

The protection of IP rights is listed as a priority in the Japan-Vietnam Joint Initiative and the Japan-Vietnam Economic Partnership Agreement (JVEPA).

JICA has been cooperating with Vietnam in the field of intellectual property for more than 20 years and will continue to contribute to the promotion of economic growth as well as strengthening the international competitiveness of Vietnam.

In this connection, further improvement of the patent examination guidelines, patent examination quality management and trademark examination practice are suggested to be the topics for the future.

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