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– The term “patent” covers utility models and SPCs.  
– Information related to design patent activities reported by industrial property offices issuing design patents is included in the series of documents SCIT/ATR/ID.

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## annual technical report on patent information activities in 1999

### I. Evolution of patent activities

The number of patent applications filed with the National Office of Industrial Property (NOIP) is a bit increase as compared to the previous year, i.e. 1183 patent (invention and utility solution) applications were filed in 1999 and 1133 in 1998.

The number of granted patents is a bit decrease as compared to the previous year, i.e. 353 patents were granted in 1999 and 365 in 1998.

The technical area of most rapid during 1999 is the one dealing with the International Patent Classification (IPC) index of C07D, i.e. 162 patent applications of the said technical area were filed with the NOIP in 1999 and 98 in 1998.

### II. Matters concerning the generation, reproduction, distribution and use of primary and secondary sources of patent information

The NOIP publishes documents on patent applications (A and U documents) and patents granted ( B and Y documents). These patent documents are published in the form of printed paper pamphlets.

The numbers of patent documents published in 1999 were as follows:

kind of patent documents	the number of patent documents
A	2303
B	335
U	55
Y	18

The NOIP does also publish the Industrial Property Gazettes ( the Official Gazette of Industrial Property of the NOIP) that contains bibliographic data , abstracts and drawings, if any, of invention and utility solution applications and patents to be published; corrections, amendments; cancellations, terminations of granted titles; and others.

The Industrial Property Gazettes are generated and published monthly by using the Local Network of the NOIP.

### **III. Matters concerning abstracting, classifying, reclassifying and indexing of technical information contained in patent documents**

For the purposes of examination, searches and publishing of patent documents, the International Patent Classification, the last edition, is used. The reclassification of the patent collection is not carried out.

The translation of IPC, the sixth edition, from English into Vietnamese had been done.

### **IV. Search file establishment and upkeep**

In 1999, some 2711 patent bibliographic data including patent abstracts were added to the patent searching file.

Documentation of other patent offices maintained and considered as part of the existing search file. That documentation consists of patent information and fulltexts on CD-ROM files received from other patent offices namely United States Patent Office, United Kingdom Patent Office, National Institute of Industrial Property of France, Germany Patent Office, Switzerland Patent Office, Belgium Patent Office, Netherland Patent Office, Luxembourg Patent Office, Japanese Patent Office , European Patent Office and the World Intellectual Property Organization.

### **V. Activities in the field of computerized and other mechanized search system**

The NOIP use online the patent-family database provided by the International Patent Documentation Center (INPADOC) , as well as patent databases accessible via Internet, mainly EP, WO, JP and US patent databases.

#### **Equipment and media used :**

The infrastructure available to the Office for the carrying out of patent searches is as follows:

- \*/ 1 workstation for searching the international patent databases available on the Internet,

- \*/ 1 workstation for searching patent-family data,

- \*/ 3 workstations for searching patent information and documents available on CD-ROM discs collection,

- \*/ 2 workstations for generating the Industrial Property Gazettes,

- \*/ 1 workstation for establishing national industrial property databases, and

- \*/ 6 laser printers.

### **VI. Administration of the NOIP library and industrial property information services available to the public**

The documentation available in the Library and made available to users from the outside the Office consists of patent documents, the industrial property gazettes published by 29 international and national patent offices. The amount of patent

documents received during 1999 was 1,472,230 copies, so the total number of the Library is 20,842,741 patent documents at the end of 1999.

The NOIP offers a wide range of services to the public in relation to patents and utility solutions. The services are as follows :

- \*/ States-of-the-art searches,
- \*/ Specific patent document requests,
- \*/ Patent-family searches,
- \*/ Selective dissemination of patent information by users' requests, and
- \*/ Patent information services via WIPO Patent Information Program for Developing Countries.

Any services may be requested by mail, fax, e-mail or in person at the NOIP.

In 1999, the NOIP served more than 600 clients who came to the Industrial Property Information & Documentation Center of the NOIP and also provided thousands patent documents at requests of users. In addition, the NOIP carried out 200 patent searches for patent examination and technological developments, and 270 search requests under WIPO Patent Information Program for Developing Countries.

#### **VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of patent documentation and information**

In 1999, the NOIP carried out international exchange with patent offices of 27 countries and two international organizations. The volumes of incoming foreign descriptions primarily depend on the scale of activities of national patent offices and international organizations. The leading positions in this respect belong to Japan, United States, EPO and WIPO. In 1999, within the framework of international exchange , the NOIP received 1,472,230 patent documents and sent to the foreign patent offices 16590 domestic invention and utility solution descriptions and 720 volumes of the Industrial Property Gazette.

In 1999, the NOIP continued to exchange with the International Patent Documentation Center (INPADOC) machine-readable bibliographic information on currently registered invention- and utility solution-related documents and to supply, following the established procedure , data for EPIDOS.

Various types of data carriers (paper, microfiche, optical disc ) continued to be used in 1999 for the exchange of patent documents.

The NOIP received from foreign patent offices:

- +/ 6350 invention descriptions on paper,
- +/ 5750 invention descriptions on microform, and
- +/ 1,460,330 invention descriptions on optical discs.

From its side, the NOIP sent to foreign patent offices 16590 invention and utility solution descriptions on paper.

In 1999, as before, only paper carriers were allowed for filing patent applications to the NOIP.

#### **VIII. Other relevant matters concerning education and training in, and promotion of , the use of patent information , including technical assistance to developing countries**

The NOIP has or has in cooperation with other agencies organized 33 either seminars, workshops or training courses on industrial property matters including patent information and documentation.