

annual technical report on industrial design information activities in 1998

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I. Evolution of registration activities :

- Changes experienced in terms of application filings and grants with respect to the previous year : None
- Trends or areas experiencing rapid changes with respect to the previous year : None

II. Matters concerning the generation , reproduction , distribution of industrial design documents and of secondary sources of industrial design information, e.g., official gazettes :

- Publishing , including printing , copying techniques and electronic printing :
In 1998 , 1057 design applications and 822 patents were published in the Industrial Property Gazette .
- Techniques used for the generation of design information :
 - * Offset printer ,
 - * Personal computers ,
 - * scanners ,
 - * Laser printers .
- Main types of announcements of the Office in the field of industrial design information :
 - * The Industrial Property Gazette containing the following data :
 - + Bibliographic data of design registrations to be published ,
 - + Bibliographic data of design applications to be published ,
 - + All drawings of designs' variants to be published ,
 - + Renewal ; cancellation , termination of granted titles .
 - Mass storage media used : paper and electronic form
 - Word processing and office automation : Not yet .

III. Matters concerning classifying , reclassifying and indexing of industrial design information according to the classification systems applied :

- Classification and reclassification activities; Classification systems used :

- * 1057 design applications have been classified,
- * 822 patents for designs have been classified ,
- * Classification system used : International Classification for Industrial Design (Locarno Classification) .

- Bibliographic data and processing for search purposes :

- * Bibliographic data of design applications and patents for designs are inputted in personal computer.
- * Bibliographic cards of patents are arranged by Locarno Classification.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep :

- File building :

- * Searching file comprising bibliographic cards including drawings are arranged by Locarno Classification .

- * Bibliographic data of design applications and patents are in form of electronic searching file .

- Updating : monthly

- Storage : Hard disc and paper.

- Documentation from other Offices are maintained and considered as the separated search file.

V. Activities in the field of computerized search systems for industrial designs :

- In-house systems(online/offline) : Novel LAN has been built.

- External databases :

- * CD-ROMs consist of bibliographic data published by WIPO, USPTO.

- * Design databases are available on the Website of USPTO.

- Administrative management systems : All design data are computerized for legal status ,statistics and administrative support purposes .

- Equipments used :

- * Personal computers ,

- * Laserjet printers.

VI. Administration of the industrial design services available to the public:

* A public reading room and industrial property library are maintained within the same building as the National Office of Industrial Property of Vietnam where any user may obtain domestic and foreign patent informations .

* The following services are available to the public :

- + Similar searches ,
- + Identical searches ,
- + copying design documents.

All services are available by direct visit or telephone/fax/e-mail.

VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of industrial design documentation and information :

- International or regional cooperation in the exchange of industrial design information , e.g. , in the form of official gazettes: 27 international and national patent offices.
- Exchange of machine-readable information ,e.g., data contained in CD-ROMs or magnetic tape : Not yet .

VIII. matters concerning education and training including technical assistance to developing countries :

- Training courses for national and foreign participants , use of audiovisual means : During 1998 the National Office of Industrial Property by itself or in co-operation with WIPO,EPO and JPO , and local organizations /institutions organized 20 seminars and training courses on patent documentation and information.
- Promotional activities : In 1998 the National Office of Industrial Property conducted 6 awareness campaigns on industrial property for the public to get familiar with IPR.