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Annual Technical Report 2009 on Industrial Design Information Activities submitted by Kazakhstan (CWS/ATR/ID/2009/KZ)

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The expression "industrial designs" covers industrial designs and models. Offices which issue design patents should report their design patent information activities in this series of Annual Technical Reports.

I. Evolution of registration activities

Changes experienced in terms of application filings and grants (registrations) with respect to the previous year

In 2009, 91 applications were filed by the national applicants, 76 applications filed by the foreign applicants, it is less to 16.9 percent of the 2008 total (201).

With demolition of the preliminary patent the number of preliminary patents for industrial designs issued in the year 2009 grew less and made up 28 for national applicants and 1 for foreign applicants. On the contrary, in 2009 the number of patents for industrial designs issued to the foreign and national applicants went up significantly with 207 patents, in 2008 - only 28 patents.

URLs of web pages of the Office's website that provide statistics related to industrial designs

Statistics related to industrial designs can be found in Annual Report at www.kazpatent.kz

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

Publishing, including printing, copying techniques and electronic printing

Industrial design information is available on paper and optical carriers.

Main types of announcements of the Office in the field of industrial design information

The main source of information on industrial designs registered in the Republic of Kazakhstan is Industrial Property Official Gazette, which is published monthly in Kazakh and Russian. Announcements are published in the Official Gazette. NIIP also issues an Annual Index to the Official Gazette.

Mass storage media and microforms used

In 2009, NIIP prepared and published 2008 Annual Report, four numbers of Journal Intellectual Property of Kazakhstan, and some guidelines.

Databases and office automation

Bibliographic data for Gazette is generated automatically from the database. Abstracts, full descriptions and claims are scanned, recognized and edited. Texts can be typed in case the recognition is not possible. The Office uses program ABBYY FineReader 7.0 for Optical Character Recognition.

It is expected to develop an open industrial design database register for efficient work with the national and foreign applicants. This database will make it possible to computerize the office management as well as develop an electronic gazette on industrial designs.

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

Classification and reclassification activities; Classification system used, e.g., International Classification for Industrial Designs (Locarno Classification), other classification (please indicate whether industrial designs are classified by your Office and, if so, which classification is used)

The Office uses International Classification for Industrial Designs (Locarno Classification) for classifying industrial designs.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep

Updating

When a design application is received all information on it is entered into the national Industrial designs database. The information is updated in the course of office procedures.

Storage, including mass storage media

Information on registered industrial designs, including bibliographic data, descriptions is stored on CD-ROMs as well as on paper carriers.

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

In-house systems (online/offline)

NIIP uses on-line automated systems for search procedures, which include information on industrial designs being processed by the Office.

External databases

Industrial design examiners use open registers maintained by the Russian Patent Office for searching for international novelty which are accessible via the Internet.

Administrative management systems (e.g., register, legal status, statistics and administrative support)

Since September 2009, Automated Information System AIS NIIP was put into operation. AIS NIIP is designed for complete coverage of all the functional requirements of Services of the Institute to automate and to simplify the work with the titles of protection for industrial property, the prosecution of these documents and the organization of electronic documents between Services of the Institute.

Equipment used (hardware, including the types of terminal and network used, and software), data carriers used

Equipment used at the Office: Hardware: system block P4 Core2Duo 1,8GHz, 160 HDD, 526 Mb, DVD-RW, video 128, m/k, LAN. Software: WINDOWS, Microsoft Office 2003, FOX PRO.

VI. Administration of industrial design information products and services available to the public (relating to facilities, e.g., for lodging applications, registering designs, assisting clients with search procedures, obtaining official publications and registry extracts)

Collection management, preservation

Republican patent fund is generated at the Republican Scientific Technical Library (RSTL). Currently it comprises more than 21 million patent documents from 50 countries and three organizations - WIPO, EPO and EAPO.

Information services available to the public (including computerized services and search files contained in libraries remote from your Office and industrial design information posted by your Office on the World Wide Web)

At the NIIP's Branch Office Databases Patents of Kazakhstan: Bibliography, Patents of Kazakhstan: Full descriptions and Database Patents of Kazakhstan: Abstracts are generated, which are then recorded on optical disks and distributed around Kazakhstan and abroad.

URLs of web pages of the Office's website for electronic filing of industrial design applications

Currently the System for electronic filing of industrial design applications is being developed. Instructions on filing application for industrial property subject matters is at: <http://www.kazpatent.kz/index.php?lang=rus&uin=1208951998&id=1209467172>

URLs of web pages of the Office's website that provide a description of information products and services offered by the Office (e.g., industrial design search service(s) and industrial design databases), as well as information on how to access and utilize them

The list of services offered by NIIP in the field of industrial property is at: <http://www.kazpatent.kz/index.php?lang=rus&uin=1216034056>

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

NIIP's publications are distributed on the basis of mutual exchange, free of charge as defined in the Law on Print (compulsory distribution), and on a commercial basis.

NIIP carries out an exchange of Official Gazette Industrial Property, Annual Report and databases with near and far abroad countries and the international organizations.

In the year 2009, about 2493 copies of NIIP's publications were distributed including Journal Intellectual Property of Kazakhstan and various databases.

Exchange of machine-readable information, e.g., data contained on CD-ROM or magnetic tape

The exchange of patent information is carried out on paper as well as optical carriers.

VIII. Matters concerning education and training, including technical assistance to developing countries (please indicate URLs of web pages of the Office's website wherever appropriate)

Promotional activities (seminars, exhibitions, visits, advertising, etc.)

An important event for the promotion of invention and the Patent System is an Annual National Contest on Invention Achievements "Shapagat", which is held on April 24. The Contest promotes the role of Innovation and Invention in the country, investment promotion and implementation of development in the manufacturing sector. "Shapagat-2009" was marked by the fact that WIPO has established the first three awards for Kazakh inventors.

During the year some videos were developed and further rotated on the national channels.

Training courses for national and foreign participants

In 2009, the Training Center held 25 events including 7 charged workshops, 17 seminars on distance education for members of the territorial subdivisions of the Departments of Justice (for free), 1 round-table. The information about the upcoming courses is always available on the site of NIIP.

In 2009 six examiners and specialists of NIIP successfully completed distance learning program DL-101 General course on Intellectual Property and received WIPO certificates of completion.

Several examiners took professional development courses at the Russian State Institute of Intellectual Property in Moscow.

IX. Other general information related to the Office that is available on the Internet -- URLs of web pages of the Office's website that:

provide information on legislation related to industrial designs

Information on legislation in the field of industrial designs, Annual Report and other general information can be found on the official web-site of the Institute at www.kazpatent.kz

X. Other relevant matters