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Where URLs are requested below, it is preferred that either URLs which are likely to remain stable over time (three years or more) are provided, or home (main) page URLs are provided with a short explanation of how to access the corresponding information.

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

23.89% decrease in filings (1,264 in 2005 and 962 in 2006)
20.98% decrease in registration (758 in 2005 and 599 in 2006)

Trends or areas experiencing rapid changes with respect to the previous year

Trends in our e-services:
Patent Search on-line (includes Industrial Design search on-line)

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

http://www.ipophil.gov.ph

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

IP Philippines Publication of recommended Industrial Design for first publication and listings of registered Industrial Design are published weekly through the e-Gazette Patent and is available in the IP Philippines website.

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

Office notices and changes to office procedures are published through the IP Philippines website (www.ipophil.gov.ph)
Some of these office notices and many other patent related notices, are posted directly on the IP Philippines WEB site.

Mass storage media and microforms used

Our Records on industrial design includes bibliographic data, specification and claims) of granted Industrial design documents (1949 to 1999) and registered Industrial design documents (1999 to present). All granted Industrial Designs and registered Industrial Design applications are all in paper form except those granted patents from 1949 to 1984 which are also stored in microfiche. All Industrial Design applications filed from 1998 to present (bibliographic data) are all stored in the database of PACSYS .The completion of Industrial Design database to include representative drawing is currently on-going and will be finished by the March 2008.

Databases and office automation

All correspondences and Office actions are done through the Patent Administration Computerized System (PACSYS) using Microsoft Word.

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 IP Philippines classifies industrial design applications using the 8th Edition of the Locarno Classification.

Bibliographic data and processing

Documents from 1949 to present will all be searchable after the completion of the digitization projects of all registered industrial design from 1949 to present. Some data are now available in the IP Philippines patent search on-line. After the completion of the digitization and encoding of all published applications filed from 1999 to May 2007, all the bibliographic data of all registered and published Industrial design applications will be available to the public using the e-patent search in the IP Philippines WEB.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep

File building

In process.

Updating

In process.

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

In-house systems (online/offline)

Also, the IP Philippines is considering integrating all its systems through a project known as Integrated IP Management System (IIPMS) in the future. The Plan for the enhancement of the current PACSYS will be undertaken to cater to the needs of the patent examiners.

External databases

The IP Philippines uses the EPO-espacenet, USPTO and other databases available on-line free of charge and also available literatures in the conduct of its searching activities.

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

The IP Philippines uses PACSYS, Patent Administration Computerized System.

IPCDL or the IP Case Digital Library is a web-based search tool that enables users to conduct a simple and user-friendly search on IP Case Database containing violation on intellectual property.

The IP Adjudication Case Monitoring and Management System is an automated system for the data entry and retrieval of relevant data related in IPPhil's inter Partes Cases and IP Volation Cases. It will also include the automation of the administrative process related to case inventory, monitoring, decisions, disposal and reports requirements for processing and management. The system will generate reports but not limited to pending and/or decided cases, turn-around time, and ageing.

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

The hardware used:
Terminals 15 units
Server 2 sets

Communication lines used:
Leased line 2mbps

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)

Planning, administration, automation, security

The IP Philippines Library is available to users daily.

The Library is open from 8:00 to 17:00.

The user – The library is open to both internal clients (IPO Philippines -officials, patent and Trademark examiners, patent researchers, Industrial Design examiners) and external clients (patent and trademark applicants, patent and trademark practitioners, lawyers, paralegal staff, inventors /scientists, researchers, students, Businessmen/ entrepreneurs, IP Philippines employees and general public).

Collection management, preservation

The IP Philippines library's collection consist of :

Patent documents
• Registered Philippine Inventions,Utility Model, Industrial Design,
• INPADOC(bibliographic pages),
• Published pending patent applications (filed 1997 and earlier)
• Index cards (registered, cancelled, Pending, Abandoned)

Books
• General references
• Law books
• Foreign and local gazettes
• WIPO Publications
• Foreign and local seminar-workshop/ Training materials on IP

Other Library Materials
• Decisions of Inter Partes Cases
• Annual Reports of Foreign and Local Newsletters
• IP Journals
• News papers clippings/articles
• Non print Materials
• CD_ROM of foreign gazettes, official journals
• VHS (IP information material)

Databases
• PDESys for issued inventions, utility Model and Industrial Designs
• Maelisa for books and other library materials

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

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)

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

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X. Other relevant matters