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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

There is a positive dynamics in number of industrial design applications filed by the national applicants. In 2008, 117 applications were filed. There is observed a decrease in number of industrial design applications filed by the foreign applicants – 84 applications in 2008, it is less to 17.9 percent of the 2007 total (see Table 1).

With demolition of the preliminary patent the number of preliminary patents for industrial designs issued in the year 2008 grew less and made up 31 for national applicants and 25 for foreign applicants. On the contrary, in 2008 the number of patents for industrial designs issued to the foreign applicants went up significantly with 21 patents, in 2007 – only 2 patents. In 2008 national applicants were granted 7 patents for industrial designs (see Table 2).

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

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

Industrial design information is available on paper and optical carriers.

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.

In 2008, NIIP prepared and published 2007 Annual Report, four numbers of Journal Intellectual Property of Kazakhstan, and some guidelines.

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

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

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep

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.

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

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

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

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)

In the year under review the NIIP's Training Center rendered 998 consultations on drawing up application materials for the intellectual property subject matters and on registration of industrial designs.

In 2008 the Consultation sector was opened in the Registration and Control Service for supporting the applicants and advising on industrial property issues.

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>

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

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 2008, about 2000 copies of NIIP's publications were distributed including journal Intellectual Property of Kazakhstan and 18 sets of various databases.

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)

In the very beginning of the year 2008 the National Contest Shapagat-2008 on innovations was successfully held for the fifth time. The Contest aims at promotion of innovation activities, improving inventor's image through recognition of their achievements and contribution to innovation development of the country.

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

A national event INTELLECT was organized by the Committee for Intellectual Property Rights in cooperation with territorial Justice Agencies with the participation of interested state bodies and public organizations. Within the Intellect campaign NIIP's specialists and examiners gave lectures at the Universities, and also held a round table on Legal Issues of Industrial Property. There were held open days where any interested person could obtain full information on issues of interest for free.

A national competition of essays on Problems and Ways of the Intellectual Property Rights Protection was organized among college and university students as part of the national event Intellect.

During the year, NIIP's Training Center organized 14 events including 6 charged workshops, 3 workshops for free, 2 conferences, 3 round-tables. Over 230 specialists were trained in the Center including 38 examiners and specialists of NIIP, 108 specialists - under the State Program (pursuant to Plan of CIPRs) with 90 representatives of law enforcement bodies among them.

The information about the upcoming courses is always available on the site of NIIP.

In 2008 fifteen 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:

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