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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.

I. Evolution of registration activities

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

13.85% increase in filings (12,726 in 2005 and 14,488 in 2006)
27.24% increase in registrations (10,481 in 2005 and 13,336 in 2006)

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

Trademark e-services. In 2006, the Trademarks Online Filing System was made available to both local and foreign clients. This year, The IP Philippines is automating its filing system in preparation for making electronic filing of trademark applications compulsory.

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

TM statistics are accessible only using the Office intranet. The Office publishes statistics on trademarks periodically. This information is also made available upon request.

II. Matters concerning the generation, reproduction, and distribution of secondary sources of trademark information, i.e., trademark gazettes

Publishing, printing, copying techniques

The Office publishes the allowed trademarks and registered marks in the Trademarks e-Gazette which is published by IP Philippines on its website every Friday. Paper copies of the e-Gazette are available upon request

Main types of announcements of the Office in the field of trademark information

In addition to publishing allowed and registered trademarks, the Office issues revisions in rules, regulations, and procedures are published on the IP Philippines website (<http://www.ipophil.gov.ph>).

Mass storage media and microforms used

Paper copies of trademark applications and all office actions and responses are still kept in filewrapper. Electronic storage...
Paper is Trademark Filewrapper.

Word processing and office automation

The processing of trademark applications is almost fully automated. Bibliographic data concerning trademark applications are encoded electronically and kept in a database. Search and examination are also done electronically, with examiners accessing the trademark database of IP Philippines and using the internet. Office actions and notices to trademark applications are generated using the Trademark Electronic Application Management System (TEAMS), which was developed by the IT Group of IP Philippines. The same system is used to monitor the progress of trademark applications.

All forms of statistical information and reports are generated from the electronic database of IP Philippines.

Techniques used for the generation of trademark information (printing, recording, photocomposing, etc.)

Printing.

URLs of web pages of the Office's website that provide access to online trademark gazettes and other sources of trademark information, including download of bulk trademark data

<http://www.ipophil.gov.ph/tmsearch>
<http://www.ipophil.gov.ph/tmgazette>

III. Matters concerning classifying, reclassifying and indexing of trademark information

Classification and reclassification activities; Classification systems used, e.g., International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks (Nice Classification), International Classification of the Figurative Elements of Marks (Vienna Classification), other classification (please indicate whether goods and services for the registration of marks and whether the figurative elements of marks are classified by your Office and, if so, which classification(s) is (are) used)

Nice Classification is used for goods and services.
The figurative elements are classified following the Vienna Classification.

Bibliographic data and processing

Bibliographic data are encoded and stored in the trademark database.
These pieces of information are made available in the electronic database accessible to the public. Trademark applications are processed electronically using the system developed in-house.

IV. Trademark manual search file establishment and upkeep

File Building

This is done regularly as applications are examined.

Updating

The trademark database is updated on a daily basis.

Storage, including mass storage media

Trademark data are stored in the TEAMS database.
Paper files of applications are still maintained. These are kept in individual filewrappers.

V. Activities in the field of computerized trademark search systems

In-house systems (online/offline)

Trademark Electronic Application Management System (TEAMS).

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

Trademark Electronic Application Management System (TEAMS)

IP Adjudication Case Monitoring and Management System (for information on cases involving trademarks—opposition, infringement, unfair competition)

Management Decision Support System (internal database containing statistical information)

TM Online Filing System

Financial Management System

TM Search System

TM e-Gazette

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

Hardware used : Terminals 30 units, 5 Hubs, Star Topology, Server 2 sets
Communication lines used : Leased line 2mbps.
Software : Visual Basic, Advance Server 2000, Sql Server 7.0

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

Planning, administration, automation, security

The IP Philippines library is provided on the 2nd floor of the IP Philippines building. It is open to both internal clients (IP Philippines officials, examiners, researchers, etc.) and external clients (Patent and Trademark practitioners, researchers, students, entrepreneurs, etc.) and is open from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

Collection management, preservation

Trademark data are stored electronically and on paper. The paper files will be disposed of once these are digitized.

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

Trademark information is accessible through the website.

URLs of web pages of the Office's website that provide information on business procedures such as: filing, publication, examination and registration procedures related to trademarks; opposition and appeal procedures related to trademarks; etc.

<http://www.ipophil.gov.ph>
<http://www.ipophil.gov.ph/tmonline>
<http://www.ipophil.gov.ph/tmsearch>
<http://www.ipophil.gov.ph/tmgazette>

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

See above

VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of trademark documentation and information

International or regional cooperation in the exchange of trademark information, e.g., in the form of official gazettes

Exchange of information is done upon request.

Exchange of machine-readable information

Upon request.

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.)

IP Philippines conducts information awareness campaigns and seminar-workshops across sectors all over the country.

Training courses for national and foreign participants

Various training courses are conducted by IP Philippines for different participants (judges, prosecutors, IP practitioners, SMEs, academics and researchers, creators, inventors, etc.). Trainings for local participants are conducted solely by IP Philippines or in partnership with other offices and organizations. Training courses for foreign participants are held jointly with WIPO and foreign IP offices.

The IP Philippines recently established the IP Research and Training Institute (IPRTI) that now manages/conducts trainings involving local and foreign participants

Assistance to developing countries (sending consultants and experts, receiving trainees from developing countries, etc.)

IP Philippines partners with organizations like WIPO and foreign IP offices for the conduct of trainings for local and foreign participants from other developing countries.

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 trademarks

<http://www.ipophil.gov.ph>

contain the Annual Report of the Office

<http://www.ipophil.gov.ph>

if necessary, provide further information related to the topics referred to in the current ATR

<http://www.ipophil.gov.ph>

contain trademark-related news regarding the Office

<http://www.ipophil.gov.ph>

X. Other relevant matters