

**General Statement by Japan at the 63th Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in 2022**

At the outset, the delegation of Japan would like to express our deepest appreciation to the Member States for the heartfelt condolences to the passing of former Prime Minister Abe Shinzo as the result of a sudden, outrageous act on July 8th.

Here, we pray that he may rest in peace.

The delegation of Japan thanks the chair and Secretariat for their efforts in organizing this meeting.

We would also like to congratulate you, Director General Daren Tang, on the fact that under your leadership, the General Assembly was able to be held in person with many delegates from Member States.

Taking this opportunity, we would like to present our expectations for WIPO and the commitment of Japan

First, Japan supports WIPO's Medium-Term Strategic Plan (MTSP), and looks forward to the mission outlined in the MTSP being accomplished, and taking the lead in creating a global IP Ecosystem in order to encourage innovation.

The JPO's Mission, Vision and Values (MVV) shares the same views as the WIPO's mission to promote innovation based on jointly working with everyone involved in intellectual property to create an IP ecosystem, in which new value is created through the cultivation of "knowledge" that paves the way for the future.

Under the Medium-Term Strategic Plan (MTSP), Japan hopes that various operational improvements will be achieved at WIPO, and that the progress of innovation through intellectual property will be accelerated by having each Member State devote itself to discussions for the promotion of innovation at the General Assembly of Member States.

In addition, enhancing user convenience is essential when it comes to developing the IP Ecosystem. For example, it would be desirable to further expand communication between WIPO and its users in order to reflect their opinions into WIPO initiatives. Since Japan has the world's leading international applicants, this delegation believes that Japan can significantly contribute to improving WIPO's initiatives by receiving input from those users

through the WIPO Japan office, for instance.

To further develop the IP ecosystem, it is necessary to raise IP awareness among people including those of the young generation. In addition, it is imperative to broaden the user base by supporting Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs), startups and universities. Therefore, Japan hopes for WIPO to increase such support. The JPO has been engaged in raising IP awareness for those including young people, and has also been supporting measures to leverage IP for SMEs, startups, and universities. Japan would like to make use of its knowledge and experience to cooperate with WIPO and other member states in order to solve issues for the development of the IP ecosystem.

Second, Japan also attaches great importance to WIPO's activities on developing IP infrastructure. Proceeding steadily with developing this infrastructure worldwide is necessary for WIPO to achieve its MTSP vision of “a world where innovation and creativity from anywhere are supported by intellectual property, for the good of everyone”. Japan looks forward to WIPO's further conducting activities on developing IP infrastructure at all IP offices. Japan will continue to support WIPO's initiatives for developing IP infrastructure, by making the same voluntary contributions that it has made for more than 30 years.

We hope WIPO promotes innovation based on emerging technologies such as the Artificial Intelligence (AI). We hope these technologies will help build a prosperous future for the world in the years to come. To this end, it is essential for WIPO to lead international initiatives to ensure that IP systems are appropriately responsive to technological advancements, and for WIPO to more actively create a landscape that can ensure the appropriate protection and use of IP so that everyone in all Member States can equally enjoy the benefits from innovations. Japan would like to utilize its knowledge of measures related to advanced technology in the JPO and to cooperate with WIPO and other member states.

Third, Japan believes that it is crucial for IP to address many global challenges such as global warming, and to contribute toward solving these challenges. We look forward WIPO to address these issues as a specialized agency within the United Nations that is dedicated to intellectual property.

Japan also has high expectations for WIPO GREEN, a platform that promotes the use of green technologies. To further develop this platform, we must promote its utilization by creating best practices and sharing them with others. Japan has the largest number of WIPO GREEN partners in the world, and can make a significant contribution to the development of WIPO GREEN, as has been seen in recent years in successful cases utilizing WIPO GREEN

technology. As one of its partners, JPO is working with WIPO and other stakeholders around the world to expand the WIPO GREEN network in Japan, and to support its activities through voluntary contributions.

Furthermore, Japan is also actively implementing initiatives to achieve carbon neutrality. In March of this year, the JPO held a Trilateral Symposium on IP & Environmental Issues related to Carbon Neutral Technology with the cooperation of the European Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Additionally, the JPO published the Technologies Inventory "Green Transformation Technologies Inventory (GXTI)" in June. This enables analysis of trends in various technologies related to carbon neutrality, using the International Patent Classification.

Japan will continue to work in cooperation with WIPO and other Member States in addressing global challenges.

Japan plans to distribute information about IP at the World Expo 2025 in Osaka.

Japan will also continue to actively contribute to the development of the global IP ecosystem in cooperation with WIPO, including through these awareness-raising activities.