

Annex 8

JPO/IPR Training Course for Practitioners Specializing in Patents [Hybrid]

1. Duration:

<Online> October 28 - November 29, 2021

<In-person> December 7 - 15, 2021

[Total lecture time: 90 hours]

[Application Deadline: August 13, 2021]

2. Objectives:

To enhance one's knowledge on intellectual property in general. To also deepen one's understanding and enhance one's professional capabilities in terms of patent practices such as acquiring knowledge on the outline of the patent system, preparing specifications and drawings, handling office actions, making amendments, judging patentability, considering patents for innovative technology, using patent information, and handling operations involving licensing.

3-1. Specific Requirement(s) for This Course:

Candidates have to be professionals working in one of the following positions:

- 1) Patent attorneys and IP lawyers in the private sector who have experience drafting patent specifications; OR
- 2) Patent practitioners in the private sector who have experience drafting patent specifications.

3-2. General Requirements (applicants must meet all of the following requirements):

Candidates have to:

- (1) be nominated by the IP Office in their countries.
- (2) be engaged in the field of IPR.
- (3) be university graduates and/or have equivalent professional experience.
- (4) be physically and mentally prepared to undergo an intensive training course.
- (5) be persons who are not full-time students or armed forces personnel.
- (6) continue working in the same field after completing the training course.
- (7) be persons who have not participated in any of the JPO/IPR training courses during FY2020 or FY2021, in principle.
- (8) have adequate English language ability to attend lectures and discussions, as well as make reports.
* If English ability is considered to be insufficient, an interview will be conducted by telephone to confirm English proficiency.
- (9) have considerable knowledge of the IPR system, with more than three years of experience in the field of IPR, in principle.
- (10) be under 50 years of age.

* If nominated candidates do not meet all of the requirements of 3-1 and 3-2 above, the Screening Committee may consider them under certain circumstances. **The special circumstances for their nomination must be listed in the “Comments of recommendation/Reason of the priority” column of the Priority List**, and necessary documentation provided if necessary.

4. Language:

Lectures, visits and discussions will be carried out in English or in Japanese with English interpretation. Course documents and training materials will be prepared in English.

5. Training Schedule: TBD

The course schedule below was completed in FY2020 which was held as an online course. It is provided for your reference only. Please note that the FY2021 schedule will be different, and the subject contents may be somewhat different from FY2020 as well.

(Ref.: FY2020) JPO/IPR Training Course for Practitioners Specializing in Patents

	Session No.	Subject	[Viewing time]
Day 1	1	APIC Orientation	[30 mins.]
	2	Welcome address from the JPO	[15 mins.]
	3	Keynote Report [Current Global Status of IPR]	[3 hours]
Day 2	4	Introduction to the Japanese Intellectual Property Law System	[3 hours]
	5	Patent Examination Practice in Japan	[3 hours]
Day 3	6	Japanese Patentability Requirements (I) Description Requirements of Patent Specification	[3 hours]
	7	Claim Drafting Practice (I)	[3 hours]
Day 4	8	Japanese Patentability Requirements (II) Novelty, Inventive Step	[3 hours]
	9	Claim Drafting Practice (II)	[3 hours]
Day 5	10	Amendment *Please be sure to take this session prior to No. 11.	[3 hours]
	11	Practical Office Action Response *Please be sure take this session after No. 10.	[3 hours]
Day 6	12	Patent Information Search (Base) *Please be sure to take this session prior to No. 13.	[3 hours]
	13	Patent Information Search (Exercise) *Please be sure to take this session after No. 12.	[3 hours]
Day 7	14	Patent Management in Companies	[3 hours]
	15	IP Strategy in Companies	[3 hours]
Day 8	16	Strategic Use of Industrial Design	[3 hours]

	17	Patent License Session	[3 hours]
Day 9	Patent in Specific Technical Field (Elective Session). Select one session at least from among A) - C) below.		
	18A	A) Writing Patent Specifications	[3 hours]
	18B	B) Introduction to Pharmaceutical Patents	[3 hours]
	18C	C) IP Protection of Advanced Technology	[3 hours]
Day 10	19	Evaluations and Transactions Within Intellectual Property	[3 hours]
	20	Use of IP at SMEs	[3 hours]
Day 11	21	Mock License Negotiation	[3 hours]
	22	Portfolio License and Infringement Risks	[3 hours]
Day 12	23	Contract Drafting Practice	[3 hours]
	24	Introduction to Patent Trials	[3 hours]
Day 13	25	Mock Trial of Patent Infringement	[3 hours]
	26	Summary Lecture	[2 hours]
	27	Hearing Session re. the Training Course (Opinions on the training from those who participated in the live sessions)	[1 hour]
		Recognition of Course Completion	
	28	Closing Ceremony (greetings/reading out the names of persons completing the course)	