

The European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office (JPO), and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) met at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Trilateral Conference in Yokohama, Japan, on March 4, 2015, and

- Reiterating their commitment to cooperation based on a common recognition of the role that industrial property plays as a fundamental system supporting the progress of industry, technology, and international economic growth,
- Recognising the opportunities and challenges presented by heightened public awareness on the importance of intellectual property, increased use of the patent system, and resulting higher workload on the Offices,
- Reaffirming the significance of the IP5 Cooperation and noting that the projects previously carried out within the framework of the Trilateral Cooperation are now under the aegis of the IP5 Offices,
- Confirming the benefit of the Trilateral Cooperation framework as a platform for high-level strategic discussions and consultations with Trilateral Industry representatives,
- Noting the importance of harmonising the patent systems of the largest economic regions in view of the growing interdependence of technology markets and applicants' increasingly global IP strategies,
- Acknowledging the need to cooperate on strategies for advancing international harmonisation and aligning patent procedures in order to create a quality-based patent system at a global level for the benefit of the Offices and their users,
- Reconfirming their intentions of keeping their Offices' future policies closely focussed on the needs of their users,

Highlight as major achievements of the common efforts of the three Offices this year their joint understandings to:

- Cooperate on achieving enhancement of public access to dossier information based on data provided by all Trilateral and IP5 Offices.
- Work actively on the Five Short Term Priorities for Global Dossier and strive to make progress in this regard, taking into account user needs.
- Cooperate on and discuss IP5/PPH initiatives with the aim of improving user convenience.
- Continue making contributions to IP5/PHEP initiatives.
- Dedicate efforts to patent harmonisation and discuss harmonisation topics based on the proposal by Trilateral/IP5 Industry.