

“PCT Kaizen” Achieving Higher Quality Prior Art Searches Worldwide

- A never ending endeavor -

Achieving higher quality prior art searches by having numerous IP Offices equally share the positive outcome resulting from “PCT Kaizen”, while obtaining feedback on the PDCA cycle

Sharing examination results and expertise with various IP offices and users

Fulfilling the PDCA cycle

Higher quality

win-win-win

*Improving the capabilities of ISAs
*Higher quality searches

PILLAR(1): Self improvement by the ISAs

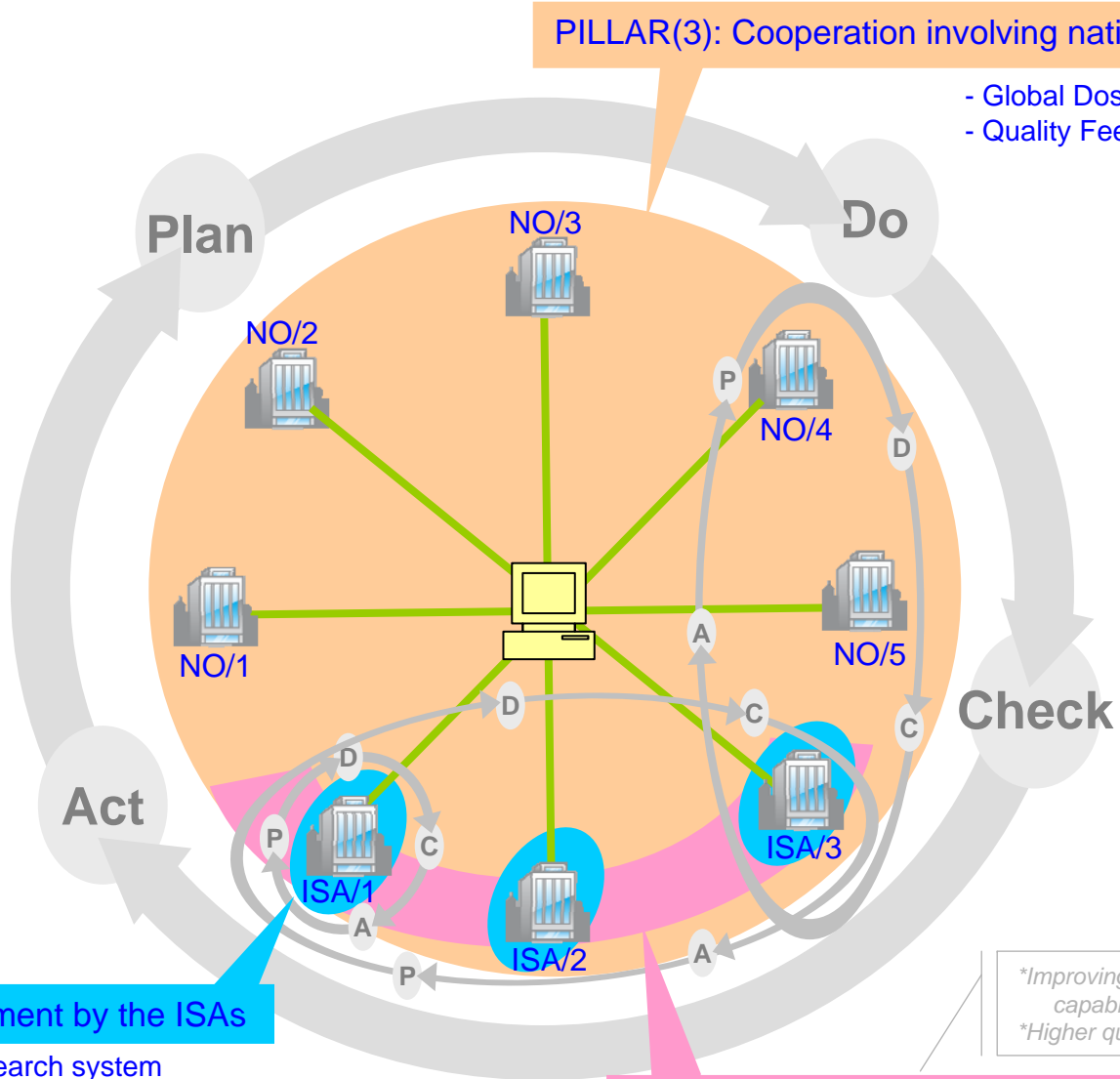
- Developing a multilingual search system
- Improving the capability of examiners
- Investigating the correlation between the search results of the International phase with those of national phase, and utilizing the outcome

PILLAR(3): Cooperation involving national offices

- Global Dossier
- Quality Feedback

PILLAR(2): Cooperation among the ISAs

- Refining SIS and collaborative Search and Examination



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