

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ACTIVITIES IN 2007

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IP ACTIVITIES IN 2007 AND DIRECTIONS FOR 2008



1. IP activities in 2007

Following results achieved after the IP Law's promulgation, the year of 2007 played a crucial role in innovating and improving all sectors of the IP system in terms of quality, effectiveness and compliance with practical requirements of the country, which sets a base for socio-economic development and international integration. One year after Vietnam's adhering to the World Trade Organization (WTO) and implementing its commitments and obligations of a WTO's member, IP-related activities of Vietnam have made some positive movements which are indicated below:

(i) IP Policy, Legislation and Administration

IP legal system was further improved in 2007. The Circular No. 01/2007/TT-BKHCN guiding implementation of the Decree 103/2006/ND-CP of 22 September 2006 of the Government providing details and guidance for implementing some articles of the Intellectual Property Law regarding industrial property rights was signed by Minister of Science and Technology on 14 February 2007; Draft Circular of Ministry of Science and Technology providing guidelines on conditions for operating and assessing industrial property rights was completed; Draft Decree on Innovation was submitted to Leadership of the Ministry Science and Technology and circulated to authorities/organizations for further comments; NOIP also made comments to: (i) Draft Joint Circular of the Supreme People's Court on IPRs protection (which was presided by the Supreme People Court in cooperation with the Supreme People's Procuracy) guiding application of certain provisions of the IP Law on handling IPRs disputes at People's Courts; and (ii) Draft Joint Circular guiding the handling civil and criminal cases related to IP infringements; NOIP reviewed and proposed amendments to the Circular No. 132/2004/TT-BTC of 30 December 2004 of Ministry of Finance guiding collection, payment and management of industrial property fees and charges; NOIP also made comments to other documents relating to IPRs.

Enforcement of new legal provisions: Forming and applying some certain samples of NOIP official documents, notifications, decisions complying with the IP Law and the Circular No. 01/2007/TT-BKHCN; unifying legal basics for processing applications for industrial property rights in transitional period to the new legal system; providing advices to authorities, organizations and enterprises on application of the new laws on industrial property; publishing manual guidelines on industrial property rights registration procedures according to the new legal system.

Implementation of commitments on IP under WTO's framework: Report on transparency of IP legislations and policies of Vietnam; report on the implementation of its commitments on industrial property rights and evaluation of IP system in Vietnam under the framework of the Vietnam - US Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA), Vietnam - US Joint Committee's activities, and in relation to Special Article 301 of the US; organization of meetings and working sessions with special envoys of the US Trade Representative (USTR) to study about IP legislation and enforcement system of Vietnam; preparation of contents, negotiating plans on IP and participation in IP negotiations of some certain bilateral agreements; providing comments on the Explanatory of information relating to market economy of Vietnam upon EU's request.

Development of a ministerial Project on Study of theoretical and practical basics for improving the effectiveness of State management on industrial property; participation in activities of local working groups, and provision of comments on science and technology plans (IP part) of 21 provinces/cities under the central government; examination and acknowledgement of 78 industrial property representative organizations and issuance of 235 Certificates for operation of industrial property services.

Organization of a National Conference on IP Management in Da Lat with participation of 49 Science and Technology Departments (150 participants) to study practical needs and enhance State management on IPRs of local provinces throughout the country.

(ii) Receiving and Processing Applications on Industrial Property

Receiving applications: Up to 31 December 2007, NOIP received 54,438 applications, of which 36,987 applications for registration of industrial property rights (inventions and utility solutions: 3,080, industrial designs: 1.908, trademarks (national applications): 27,110, trademarks (international applications): 4,920, geographical indications: 4, layout



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designs of integrated circuit: 1) and 17,451 other applications (application amendments: 1,405, application assignments: 672, protection title reissuance: 403, protection title renewals: 2,496, protection title maintenance: 3,673, protection title amendments: 2,707, protection title assignments: 1.213, ; licenses: 1.189, protection title cancellation: 139, appeals: 468, searches: 1.393, others: 1.693).

Processing applications: Up to 31 December 2007, NOIP handled 39,920 applications of which 22,203 protection titles were granted to subject-matters of industrial property rights (inventions and utility solutions: 810, industrial designs: 1,370, national trademarks: 15,860, international trademarks: 4,422, geographical indications: 7), refused 2,400 subject-matters of industrial property rights (including 446 international trademarks) and handled 15,317 other types of applications (protection title reissuance: 382, protection title renewals: 2,508, protection title maintenance: 3,802, protection title invalidation: 202, protection title cancellation: 380, protection title amendments: 2,658, application amendments: 253, application assignments: 78, protection title assignments: 1.057, licenses: 1.211, appeals: 380, evaluations of infringement of rights: 18, searches: 1,633, others: 755).

(iii) International Cooperation

International cooperation activities were promoted by many bilateral and multilateral cooperation activities on IP. Projects in cooperation with foreign donors were continuously undertaken.

Under the framework of APEC: In 2007, Vietnam actively participated and made contribution to the 24th and 25th Meetings of IP Expert Group of APEC and implemented activities in the Collective Action Plan of IPEG; coordinated with the APEC Secretariat and Australian IP Office in implementing the second phase of APEC Project on IPRs Public Education and Awareness; developed National Action Plan of 2007 for Vietnam in the field of IPRs.

Under the framework of ASEAN: NOIP prepared contents and participated in the Strategic Mapping Session of Leaders of ASEAN IP Offices and the 27th and 28th Meetings of the ASEAN Working Group of IP Cooperation (AWGIPC); prepared and participated in negotiations of Free Trade Agreements between ASEAN and other partners, such as Japan, Australia and New Zealand;

Under the framework of cooperation with the WTO and WIPO: NOIP outlined a Draft for Establishment of a WTO Working Group in charge of IPRs-related issues of the WTO; participated in the 43rd Meeting of WIPO General Assembly as well as in other training courses and workshops organized by WIPO;

Under the framework of bilateral cooperation: NOIP carried out cooperation activities in supporting education and raising public awareness through training courses, seminars and workshops;

The Office continued to implement foreign-funded Projects in Vietnam, namely Project on Utilization of Patent Information (UTIPINFO) funded by the Japanese Government, Special Program of Cooperation (SPC) funded by the Swiss Government, Swiss - Vietnamese Project on Intellectual Property (SVIP) funded by the Swiss Government; and further promoted to sign new Projects on IP by other foreign donors.

(iv) Research and Training

Regularly organizing professional training courses for IPRs enforcement and management officers, researchers and businessmen in provinces nationwide; further coordination with Ho Chi Minh City University of Law in organizing IP teaching and training courses in Hanoi



Signing ceremony of the Contract for assigning the authority to implement the Project within the framework of "Program for Supporting the Development of Enterprises' Intellectual Property Assets" (2007)

and Ho Chi Minh City;

Taking the lead in coordinating with national and international agencies and organizations in organizing seminars/conferences on IP;

Fulfilling the tasks of conducting IP researches to provide the ground for management and professional activities of the NOIP in accordance with the plan 2006-2007, which comprised of 3 ministerial level research projects and 6 local level research projects.

(v) Support and Consultancy Activities

Support and consultancy activities on IP related matters were regularly implemented in various forms with a view to satisfying requirements of enterprises and provinces:

Enhancing supports for provincial Departments of Science and Technology in the establishment, registration and administration of Geographical Indications (GI) for the special local products, namely: "Lang Son" for star anise (Lang Son province), "Thanh Ha" for Vai Thieu litchi (Hai Duong province), "Phan Thiet" for fish sauce (Binh Thuan province), "Vinh" for oranges (Nghe An provice), "Hai Hau" for rice (Nam Dinh province), "Tan Cuong" for tea (Thai Nguyen province) (these 6 GIs were registered); carrying out on-site study visits, supporting for

administration of GIs and trademarks for specialties in such provinces as Thai Nguyen, Phu Tho, Daklak, Kien Giang, Tien Giang, Binh Thuan, Thua Thien - Hue, Cao Bang, Yen Bai, Dien Bien, Gia Lai, Quang Nam, Quang Tri, Son La, Quang Ninh and Bac Ninh;

Regularly consulting and guiding IPR registration procedures, clearing up queries on IP related matters, which met demands of hundreds of people. Branch offices of the NOIP in Da Nang and Ho Chi Minh City were under stable operation with the provision of professional consultancy and support for thousands of enterprises and individuals in provinces; strengthening coordination with Departments of Science and Technology as well as competent enforcement agencies to provide consultancy in settling IPRs infringements and litigations in the Center and the South of Vietnam.

(vi) Dissemination of IP Information

Disseminating, training and guiding other organizations, agencies and individuals (Vietnam Institute of Science and Technology, University of Natural Science, etc.) to exploit patent information to serve their teaching and training activities for hundreds of people; setting up an IP Library Corner Project in Da Nang Polytechnic University and Department of Science and Technology of Thua Thien Hue province; carrying out 145 information searching requests made by relevant organizations and individuals;

Organizing nationwide activities on the occasion of the IP Day (26 April) to raise public awareness on IP; providing professional advice on the scripts and answer keys for a TV Game Show on Brand name which is broadcasted weekly on Vietnam Television (channel VTV3) with a view to widely disseminating basic knowledge on trademarks and IPRs protection;

Publishing monthly IP Gazette with 16,200,000 printed pages (24 publications); maintaining and exchanging IP information with other countries, collecting, processing and exploiting industrial property documentation collection (including 560,000 patent descriptions) making up to 30,010,352 patent descriptions in total; working out the project on publishing IP Gazette in CD-ROM format and digitalizing patent documentation collection of Vietnam; presiding over the compilation and publication of 1,100 copies in Vietnamese and 700 copies in English of the yearbook "National Office of Intellectual Property of Vietnam - 25







Mr. Tran Viet Hung, Director General of NOIP granted Protection Title for Appellation of Origin for "Hai Hau" Tam xoan rice (2007)

years of establishment and development" on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the NOIP;

Publishing the international classification of goods and services according to the 9th edition of the Nice Agreement (in Vietnamese) to serve the examination of trademark applications and the improvement of trademark search system; Participating in 03 fairs: Thai Nguyen Techmart, Da Nang Techmart and Fair on well-known marks;

Coordinating with mass media agencies, especially those in the Centre of Vietnam and Tay Nguyen (Da Nang Radio and Television Station, Da Nang Journal, Da Nang Police Journal, Da Nang Science and Development Magazine, Da Nang Science and Technology Information Center) in implementing, outreaching and disseminating IP law and knowledge;

Better administering and more frequently updating the NOIP website (at the address: http://www.noip.gov.vn).

(vii) Application of Information Technology

Carrying on implementing the Project on Utilization of IP Information in Vietnam (Project UTIPINFO): establishing and putting into operation the IP



Digital Library and the offline e-filing system, building up extended search software for trademark, training examiners on using and installing synchronized receiving system and performing other items of the Project;

Regularly maintaining, upgrading and renovating information technology such as fixing and improving IPAS program so as to comply with new legal regulations, fixing searching software and trademark documentation collection, ensuring effective operation of the server and other equipment, maintaining the wide area network of Ha Noi - Ho Chi Minh City - Da Nang, operating and developing the Internet to serve the demands of management personnel and examiners.

(viii) IPR Enforcement and Appeal Settlement

As of 31 December 2007, the NOIP received and solved 380 appeals relating to establishment of IPRs, 529 demands on termination of validity and/or cancellation of protection titles, appraised IPRs infringements (18 cases), provided professional advice at the request of enforcement agencies and answered questions/queries of national and international agencies, organizations and individuals (total number of 502 official correspondences);

The NOIP actively participated in judiciary and procedural activities relating to IPRs appeal settlements and litigations before the Courts, coordinated with Steering Committee 127, the Inspectorate of Ministry of Science and Technology in the compilation of reports on IPR enforcement system, builded up an electronic page on IPR infringement, closely coordinated with enforcement agencies in dealing with cases relating to administrative violations and industrial property right infringements.

(ix) Organization, Management and General Affairs

Setting up and completing working regulations, regulations on emulation and rewarding; stipulating the working norms and salary price unit applied for trademark examination works;

Preparing and submitting to the Minister of Science and Technology for approval and promulgation of the Regulation on publicizing administrative procedures, working attitude and manners of officers and public servants in performing IPRs establishment procedures;

Making a Plan for simplifying administrative procedures in the period



Conference on Summarizing Activities in 2007 and Declaration of Rewarding Titles

of 2007-2010 of the NOIP:

Scheming Leadership for the period of 2010-2015;

Setting up and applying the internal payroll to adjust the added income of staff and officers;

Perfecting personnel management; establishing personnel file and database in accordance with the Ministry's instruction;

Launching the Project on Renovating organizational structure and operational mechanism of the NOIP (the project is being improved to be submitted to the Ministry for approval and scheduled to be implemented in 2008);

Setting up and submitting for approval of the Project on enhancing automation capacity for the administration of IPRs applications (the project has been approved by the Ministry and will be implemented in 2008);

Making plans for construction in the period of 2008-2010 to make investment for the Project on extending NOIP's administration system;

Further improving the quality of infrastructure, working means, upgrading equipment and studying the possibility to install an internal network to ensure the comprehensive management of activities relating to archives, records, reports, statistics and administration of IPRs applications of the NOIP.

(x) Development and Implementation of Projects by the Government and Prime Minister

Activities under the Program for Supporting the Development of Enterprises' Intellectual Property Assets (approved by the Decision No 68/2005/QD-TTg 04 April 2005 of the Prime Minister) continued to be carried out promptly, orderly and in compliance with the required procedures:

Activities concerning communication, propaganda and guidance for the participation in the Program were undertaken in various forms with a view to providing adequate information for people participating in the Program: 03 training courses were organized in Ha Noi, Ho Chi Minh City and Da Nang attended by 174 representatives from provincial Science and Technology Departments, enterprises, presses; 02 others were organized in Ha Noi with the participation of 105 representatives of organizations, Ministries, Associations, Unions and universities; 01 training course providing guidance on establishment and management of GIs for agricultural products was organized in Hue with the participation of 72 people;

Selection of projects under the Program was implemented in compliance with regulations: In 2007, the selection of projects was carried out three times with total of 78 tender documents applied for presiding projects, of which 50 were valid; 26 were under substantive examination to meet minimal standards for financial examination, 10 were selected for submission for approval of the project and 15 others were taken into consideration for approval. Three lists of projects (2006-2007 list consists of 14 groups of projects, 2007-2008 list consists of 11 groups and 2008-2009 list consists of 7 groups) were developed and submitted to the Secretariat, Steering Committee and Minister for approval;

Projects on establishment of GIs such as "Van Yen" for cinnamon (Yen Bai province), "Luc Ngan" for litchi (Bac Giang province) were developed and selected; localities that have protected GIs, such as "Doan Hung" for pomelo (Phu Tho province) and "Buon Ma Thuot" for coffee bean (Dak Lak provice), were supported in managing these GIs. Establishment of a GI management system was scheduled to be implemented in 2007 and finished in 2009 within the framework of the Program.



2. General Directions in 2008

The set forth objectives of the period 2007-2010 are to make necessary arrangements for a breakthrough in terms of quality for the overall IP system. IP activities need to aim at continuing the consolidation, improvement of the system's infrastructure such as amendment and completion of IP legislation; training human resources, raising public awareness of IP; creating financial and technical conditions to ensure the IP Law to be implemented adequately and effectively, combining establishment of IPRs with exploitation, usage and protection of IPRs to meet the practical demands domestically and internationally, positively contributing to the prevention and repulse of IP infringements, improving Viet Nam's image and prestige in the world. To achieve these targets, the main tasks are identified as follows:

Continuing to complete documents providing guidance on implementation of IP Law and Technical regulations by the Office; further enforcing international commitments; fostering IP activities of localities, ministries and industries nationwide to improve effectiveness, efficiency of the State administration on IP; improving and developing capacity of IP service system in Viet Nam;

Continuing to apply comprehensive measures to ensure the quality and the time frame of handling IP applications, reducing the backlog to meet the requirements of the society and to comply with legal regulations; intensifying IT application (paying attention to development of e-filing system) to ensure the efficiency, accuracy, and reliability of industrial property data;

Maintaining and broadening international relations including bilateral and multilateral cooperation, taking advantage of support from other nations, regional and international organizations in the field of IP; actively participating in international cooperation in the field of IP within the WTO framework;

Intensifying research, training and dissemination activities on IP; consolidating and boosting the support, consultation and guidance on establishment procedures, protecting and developing value of IPRs in various forms and on larger scales; continuing to implement and manage the Program for supporting the development of enterprises' intellectual assets effectively in compliance with regulations and upgrading this

Program to a new level for economic and technological development;

Pushing up the industrial property information activities, improving the efficiency and quality of provided information, creating social needs and routine of using that information;

Closely coordinating with other related agencies (IPRs enforcement agencies, in particular) to carry out activities to increase the efficiency of IPRs protection and enforcement; continuing to submit the Action Plan on Enhancing the efficiency of IPRs enforcement to the Minister and Government:

Completing the framework of organizational, operational and financial mechanism of the Office to make it adaptable to requirements and tasks of the new period;

Strengthening and developing human resources in field of IP; attaching special importance to training and cultivating staff for improvement of their professional capability and ability to deal with the work in the new situation; paying attention to establishment of infrastructure for IP system of Viet Nam in the following period;

Widening, upgrading and improving facilities and infrastructures of the Office in order to meet the demands of professional activities and development of human resources in the coming time.



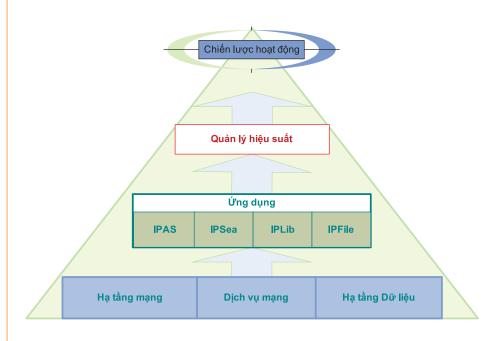
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I. SOME PROMINENT ACHIEVEMENTS IN DEVELOPING AN IT SYSTEM SERVING IP SPECIALIZED ACTIVIES

The IT system of NOIP is being developed and formed to become a well-based and professional system. The system aims at:

Closely sticking to the general strategies as a tool for analyzing productivity basing on the management criteria.

Enhancing the possibility of operation and exploitation of information resources in the professional activities.



1. The Industrial Property Administration System (IPAS)

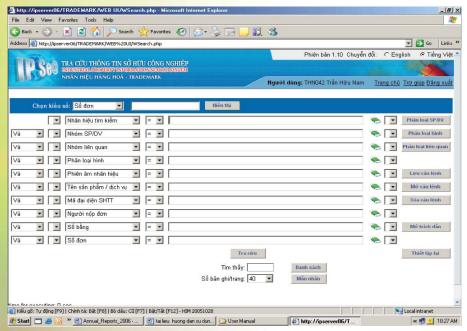
The IPAS has been operated and fully exploited its functions since July 2004. Up to now, all industrial property applications are managed and examined under the standard procedures of the system. All information related to status of applications are closely controlled, incoming and outgoing letters are also stored in computers to ensure



information of applications status and examination results to be easily and quickly accessed by examiners and managers. Thanks to the well-equipped IT infrastructure, services provided by the NOIP are unceasingly improved; time required for examination of applications is significantly shortened and complies with provisions of the existing laws.

2. The IP Sea System

Basing on the full databases of the IPAS system, a searching system is developed to serve examination process, which is called "IP Sea". The IP Sea system uses database extracted from the IPAS system and uses searching tools developed by the Project of "Utilization of Intellectual Property Information in Vietnam" (UTIPINFO). Up to now, all basic functions of the IP Sea system have been completely developed as well as effectively exploited and used.



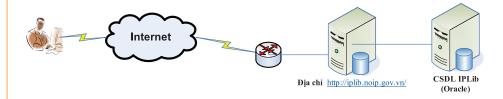
The main desktop of the IP Sea System



3. IP Library

The Industrial Property Digital Library of Vietnam (abbreviated as IP Lib) contains information about all industrial property applications filed at the NOIP since 1982 and has been publicized in the Official Gazette in Industrial Property that includes information of granted protection tittles.

The IP Lib is the most sufficient source of legal information as well as the latest and most accurate sources of scientific and technological information. Applicants and representative agents could access the IP Lib to preliminary check protection eligibility of the filed subject matters, filed applications status (whether it is accepted or needs to be amended, and so on...). IPRs enforcement officials could also check legal status of the related subject matters. Professors, students, researchers could find out the latest information on technologies and identify trends of technological development. Businessmen could search for information relating to registered trademarks or designs. Investors could define whether their goods violate the IPRs or not, etc...



The IP Lib, which was launched in February 2007 for trial use, will be permanently used. Users could access the IP Lib from the Official Website of NOIP at

http://www.noip.gov.vn/

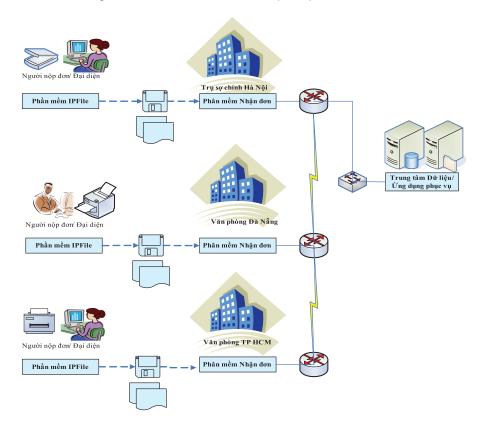
then go to "IP Library" on the home page, or click "IP Lib" on the Vietnamese page. Users can also access the IP Lib directly via http://iplib.noip.gov.vn/





4. The IPFile System

The Offline E-filing system (called IPFile) is one of the UTIPINFO Project's products. The System is the initial step to reach a completed e-filing system. The IPFile will contribute to strengthen automation capacity for two sides: both for IP representative organizations, applicants and for the NOIP itself. Thanks to this, the NOIP can save time and human resources in input data which is more accurate, and as a result, will reduce time required for examination and improve the examination quality. IP representative organizations and applicants will also benefit from receiving examination results more quickly.



Being administered by the NOIP, the UTIPINFO Project is developing an Online E-filing System for industrial property applications (via the Internet). If other external conditions allow (if Authentication for digital signature operates well), the Online E-filing System is expected to be launched and put in to operation in early 2009.

II. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RESEARCH, TRAINING AND PROPAGATION

One of the most important and top priority tasks of the intellectual property system in 2007 and the following years is to enhance the IP propagation and professional training with a view to raising public awareness and improving capacity of administration staff, enforcement authorities and enterprises. At the same time, research activities in completing intellectual property system should be reinforced.

1. Improvement of IP Professional Training

1.1. Training staff for intellectual property offices

Following the policy on improvement of capacity for intellectual property system both in quality and quantity, the National Office of Intellectual Property of Vietnam recruited and trained 27 new staff in 2007. In the mean time, 124 officials working at the Office were trained to improve their technical knowledge, knowledge in law and foreign languages. These trainings were taken place in coordination and assistance of international IP organizations, namely Japan Patent Office (JPO), European Patent Office (EPO), ECAP II Programme and other local training projects.

1.2. Training, Disseminating Information for officials working in the field of Intellectual Property

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In order to launch the IP Law and its guidelines into practice, apart from raising IP awareness for public and enterprises for the need of integration, training for officials working on IP was paid much attention and enhanced, in which training for professional staff in IP administration and enforcement agencies, IP consultancy and IP service companies was highlighted. As a result, in 2007, 123 officers of all economic components were trained on advanced IP in 6 months; 45 in-charge officials from Departments of Science and Technology were specially professionalized in 2 weeks; 27 university lecturers were equipped with advanced IP knowledge for teaching IP in universities



and colleges; 3147 officials from IP administration and enforcement bodies, research institutes and enterprises had a chance to study IP for their management, enforcement, registration and development of IP assets.

In parallel with training activities, seminars, workshops and colloquia on opportunities and challenges of Vietnam in the field of IP after its adherence to the WTO continued to be promoted both in width and in depth. The result showed that 2327 participants joined in 21 seminars/workshops on various new subjects, namely trademarks and domain names, IPR enforcement in the digital era, traditional knowledge, protection of patent relating to diversified biology and gene resources, study on establishment of specialized IP court in Vietnam, etc.



National Conference on Intellectual Property Management in Da Lat - Lam Dong in 2007

1.3. Propagation of Public Awareness on IP

2007 was the 25th years of establishment and development of the National Office of Intellectual Property of Vietnam. On this occasion, achievements and shortcomings of IP activities during the past 25 years were summarized and reviewed to find a proper way satisfying demands of the new situation. Therefore, a number of fora on IP dissemination via multimedia means were greatly concerned. Related special issues, reports and news were often published on various types of newspapers, books and other means of telecommunication. Particularly, Trademark game show, which was broadcasted weekly on VTV3, continued to be interested by majority of domestic and international viewers both in content and broadcasting time.

2. Scientific research

In 2007, the NOIP presided and accomplished 3 projects at ministerial level, which were "Theoretical and practical study in teaching intellectual property in universities", "Theoretical and practical study in establishing a specialized IP court in Vietnam" and "Theoretical and practical study on state management of industrial property to propose mechanism and policy solutions for enhancing effectiveness of these activities". In order to speed up and enhance training of intellectual property as well as strengthen capacity of intellectual property agencies, the NOIP also completed 2 projects on online training and accomplishment of intellectual property system for constant and stable development of the system.





WIPO Asia and the Pacific - Regional Workshop on the Role of Automation Processes in Effective Management of IPOs and their business services jointly organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization, Japan Patent Office and National Office of Intellectual Property of Vietnam (NOIP) in Hanoi (2007)

III.INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES

In 2007, international cooperation activities in the field of intellectual property continued maintaining, developing and achieving considerable results.

1. Multilateral Cooperation:

2007 was the first year that Vietnam committed its obligations for being a member country of the World Trade Organization (WTO). Vietnam fulfilled its commitments, especially in accomplishment of legal framework and intellectual property right enforcement.

In the framework of APEC, Vietnam participated in various intellectual property activities and made active contribution with a view to liberalizing and making favorable conditions for trade and investment. With the support from APEC, the website of National Office of Intellectual Property of Vietnam was fully constituted and several materials for raising public awareness were published. In coordination with the APEC Secretariat, a Seminar on IPRs Enforcement in the Digital Era was held in Nha Trang Khanh Hoa from 4 to 6 July 2007, which left good impressions for foreign friends. Besides, Vietnam has fulfilled its commitments and obligations of an APEC member economy, namely establishment of national action plan and implementation of activities under APEC group action plan on intellectual property.

In the framework of ASEAN, Vietnam actively participated in various activities, namely information exchanges, dialogues, exchanges of experience in IP-related issues, staff training, development of human resources, as well as participation in training courses, seminars on IP organized by ASEAN. Apart from that, Vietnam has been playing an active role in preparing discussing issues for negotiations in free-trade agreements between ASEAN and other partners like Japan, Australia, New Zealand.

In cooperation with the European Union, 2007 was the last year for implementing EC - ASEAN Intellectual Property Rights Co-operation Programme (ECAP II), an EU-funded project, in Vietnam. Vietnam and European partners tried to carry out almost remaining activities under ECAP II, such as organizations of seminars, exhibitions, training courses



Ceremony for Handing over the Equipment and Opening the IP Training Centre under ECAP II (2007)

on IP, etc, which contributed in improving capacity of Vietnamese IP-related authorities.

A number of activities in cooperation with the World Intellectual Property Organization were implemented, namely: (i) WIPO Asia and the Pacific - Regional Workshop on the Role of Automation Processes in Effective Management of IPOs and their business services (Hanoi, 20-22 March 2007); (ii) Seminar on "Policy and Management of Intellectual Property in Universities and Research Institutes" (Ho Chi Minh City, 28-31 May 2007); (iii) Training Course on Industrial Designs; (iv) Translation of several WIPO publications into Vietnamese, etc. Besides, many activities were carried out nationwide in response to the World Intellectual Property Day (26 April)

In cooperation with the European Patent Office (EPO), many activities, such as training and patent information exchange, were implemented in 2007 under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the NOIP and EPO in the period of 2006 - 2008. Currently, the NOIP and EPO are making plans for 2008 and considering possibility of signing an MOU for the next period.

2. Bilateral Cooperation:

Cooperation with Japan:

In 2007, the Project on "Utilization of Intellectual Property Information in Vietnam" was implemented timely and brought about considerable results, such as (i) completing and putting trademark searching system into practice (advanced searching), (ii) establishing design and patent searching system; (iii) putting Intellectual Property Digital Library into operation (basic search); (iv) running trial version and providing guidelines for the offline e-filing system. So far, the Project has partly satisfied the need of IP information search as well as supported applicants in conducting IP rights establishment procedures.

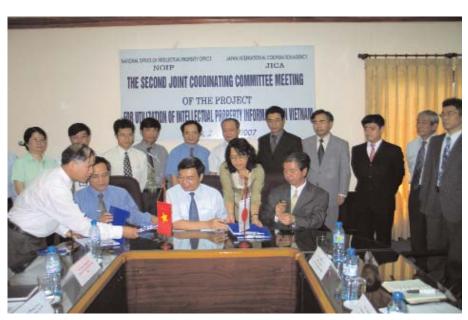
Cooperation activities supported by Japan have been maintained, namely cooperation in the field of IP, training for human resources, organization of IP courses and workshops. National Office of Intellectual Property of Vietnam (NOIP) coordinated with Japanese Patent Office (JPO) and Japanese Initiative and Patent Institutes to hold the seminar on Strategies of Famous Trademarks in Hanoi and HCM city on October 2007.

Intellectual Property contents about "Vietnam - Japanese Joint Initiatives for the improvement of business environment and competitiveness of Vietnam in the second stage" have been implemented effectively. At present, two sides are considering contents of this joint initiative in the third stage.

Cooperation with Switzerland:

In 2007, the remaining activities under the framework of Special Cooperation Program between Vietnam and Switzerland in the field of Intellectual Property (SPC Program) were implemented with high effectiveness, making significant contribution in enhancing the capacity of Vietnam IP system.

To carry on bilateral cooperation with Switzerland, a new project on IP called "Vietnam - Swiss Intellectual Property Project" (SVIP) was signed between two Governments on 16 July 2007. The goal of the project is to support Vietnam in enhancing its IP system capacity. As planned, the project will be implemented in the 3-year period (2007- 2009). In 2007,



Signing Ceremony of the project for Utilization of Intellectual Property Information (UTIPINFO) sponsored by Japanese Government (2007)

some activities were conducted and initially achieved many good results focusing on such fields as: raising public awareness, assisting the establishment of Vietnamese geographical indications (GIs).

Besides Switzerland, bilateral cooperations with United States, China, Korea, Thailand, France, Australia, and Denmark were further maintained and strengthened. The NOIP delegation led by the Director General, Mr. Tran Viet Hung paid an official visit and worked with State Intellectual Property Office of P.R.C (SIPO) and other Chinese authority agencies. Also, many Vietnamese officials joined training courses and workshops funded by by United States, China, Korea and Australia.

In 2007, 90 Vietnamese delegations of 260 officers working on IP management and enforcement as well as IP right holders went aboard for exchanging, studying and coordinating on IP protection and 24 international delegations of 123 officers visited Vietnam to participate in seminars and symposia and built up cooperation with Vietnam on IP.



Vietnam Delegation attending the 43rd series of Meetings of the General Assembly of WIPO in Geneva - Switzerland (Mr. Tran Viet Hung, General Director of NOIP the 2nd from the right and Deputy Director General of Copyright Office of Vietnam, standing on the right from outside on September 2007.

IV. REGISTRATION OF THE PROTECTION OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

The number of applications filed directly to the NOIP increased significantly in comparison with that of 2006 (19% more). Thanks to reasonable measures of workforce organization and arrangement, standardization of labor norms, salary price unit and initial application of examination norms, outcome of examination was improved considerably. Number of applications handled and granted in 2007 was much higher than that of 2006, in which the number of granted protection titles increased by 57%, especially the number of nationally-granted trademark applications saw a 77% rise in comparison with the figure of 2006.

General comparison between the numbers of industrial property applications filed at the NOIP and granted protection titles in 2006 and that in 2007 is shown in a Table of comparison of received applications and granted certificates in 2006 and 2007:



No	Types of Applications		Receivi	ng	Grai	nting for	protection
		2006	2007	Comparison	2006	2007	Comparison
1	Patent (including utility solutions)	2.411	3.080	Increased by 28%	739	810	Increased by 9.6%
2	Industrial Designs	1.604	1.908	Increased by	1.175	1.370	Increased by
3	National Trademark applications	23.086	27.110	Increased by	8.840	15.860	Increased by 79%
4	International Trademark Applications out of which: - Under Madrid Agreement - Under Madrid Protocol	4.071 3.837 234	4.920 3.703 1.217	Increased by 21%	3.417	4.422	Increased by 29%
5	Geographical Indications	5	4		2	7	
6	Layout Designs	1	1		-	-	
	Total	31.178	37.023	Comparison 19%	14.173	22.469	Comparison 59%

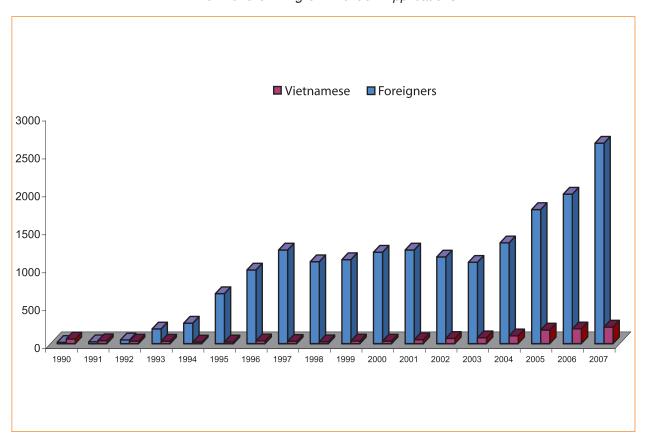
V. STATISTICS

1. INVENTIONS

Applications for	the protection of inv	ventions filed during	1981 and 2007
Year		ntion Applications fil	
	Vietnamese	Foreigners	Total
1981-1988	453	7	460
1989	53	18	71
1990	62	17	79
1991	39	25	64
1992	34	49	83
1993	33	194	227
1994	22	270	292
1995	23	659	682
1996	37	971	1008
1997	30	1234	1264
1998	25	1080	1105
1999	35	1107	1142
2000	34	1205	1239
2001	52	1234	1286
2002	69	1142	1211
2003	78	1072	1150
2004	103	1328	1431
2005	180	1767	1947
2006	196	1970	2166
2007	219	2641	2860
Total	1777 (9.0%)	17990 (91.0%)	19767



The Trend of filing of Invention Applications



Grante	d Patents for Invent	ions during 1981 ar	nd 2007
Year	Paten	ts for Invention Gra	nted to
	Vietnamese	Foreigners	Total
1981-1989	74	7	81
1990	11	3	14
1991	14	13	27
1992	19	16	35
1993	3	13	16
1994	5	14	19
1995	3	53	56
1996	4	58	62
1997	0	111	111
1998	5	343	348
1999	13	322	335
2000	10	620	630
2001	7	776	783
2002	9	734	743
2003	17	757	774
2004	22	676	698
2005	27	641	668
2006	44	625	669
2007	34	691	725
Total	321 (4.7%)	6473 (95.3%)	6794

^{*} Trước năm 1989, Văn bằng bảo hộ sáng chế bao gồm Bằng tác giả sáng chế và Bằng độc quyền sáng chế

Applications for th	e Protection of Utilit	y Solution filed duri	ng 1989 and 2007
Year	Utility S	olution applications	filed by
	Vietnamese	Foreigners	Total
	Victianicoc	1 orongmore	Total
1989	25	0	25
1990	39	25	64
1991	52	01	53
1992	32	01	33
1993	38	20	58
1994	34	24	58
1995	26	39	65
1996	41	38	79
1997	24	42	66
1998	15	13	28
1999	28	14	42
2000	35	58	93
2001	35	47	82
2002	67	64	131
2003	76	51	127
2004	103	62	165
2005	182	66	248
2006	160	76	236
2007	120	100	220
Total	1132 (60.4%)	741 (39.6%)	1873



Granted F	Patents for Utility So	lutions during 1990	and 2007
Year	Patents fo	or Utility Solutions G	Granted to
	Vietnamese	Foreigners	Total
1990	23	0	23
1991	44	1	45
1992	23	1	24
1993	9	1	10
1994	18	9	27
1995	8	16	24
1996	5	6	11
1997	8	12	20
1998	3	14	17
1999	6	12	18
2000	10	13	23
2001	17	9	26
2002	21	26	47
2003	28	27	55
2004	44	25	69
2005	41	33	74
2006	45	25	70
2007	49	36	85
Total	402 (60.2%)	266 (39.8%)	668

Applications of Inventions and Utility Solut	ventions a	nd Utility So	olutions file	d directly t	to NOIP acc	ions filed directly to NOIP according to Countries of Origin during 1997 and 2007 as follows	ountries o	f Origin dur	ring 1997 a	nd 2007 as	s follows
Year	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Country of Crigin											
Australia (AU)	07	26	23	18	20	15	21	30	31	31	39
Belgium (BE)	14	08	12	17	23	15	16	24	28	46	84
Canada (CA)	16	15	60	11	10	7	2	25	14	13	16
Switzerland(CH)	36	35	45	51	62	0	29	26	93	56	107
China (CN)	21	05	80	29	86	15	18	10	19	27	63
Germany (DE)	86	96	70	06	129	119	91	134	165	185	215
Denmark (DK)	17	10	05	11	15	1	16	25	17	33	30
France (FR)	69	29	91	88	69	28	40	43	74	79	92
English (GB)	63	82	89	29	62	34	45	31	61	20	83
Italia (IT)	+	60	Ŧ	က	∞	17	#	27	23	30	34

Applications of Inventions and Utility Solutions filed directly to NOIP according to Countries of Origin during 1997 and 2007 as follows	ventions a	nd Utility So	olutions file	d directly t	o NOIP acd	cording to C	countries of	Origin dur	ing 1997 a	nd 2007 as	swollot:
Year	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Country of Crigiń											
Japan (JP)	303	219	195	218	271	257	261	257	376	357	425
Korea (KR)	33	14	20	29	36	41	47	20	29	112	174
Holland (NL)	42	43	40	65	52	80	37	29	99	89	117
Norway (NO)	13	ı	16	7	10	7	7	7	7	16	0
Sweden (SE)	08	ı	19	18	1	9	-	8	0	Ξ	10
Chinese Taipei (TW) 52	/) 52	ı	30	47		92	73	106	142	137	247
United States (US)	388	335	402	437	349	277	278	356	523	564	738
Vietnam (VN)	54	40	63	69	82	134	149	206	362	196	339
Others	82	126	29	65	20	153	102	107	116	371	763
Total	1330	1133	1182	1332	1368	1342	1277	1596	2195	2402	3585

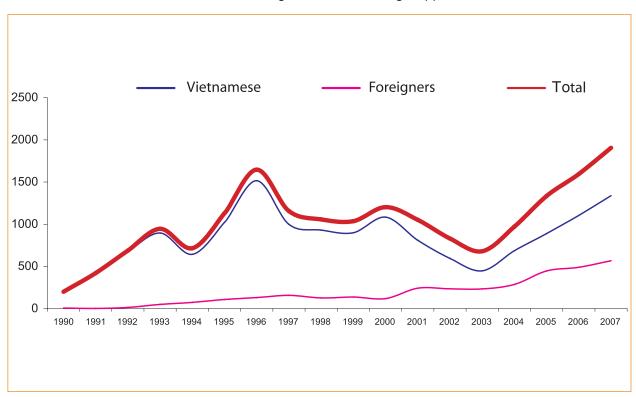
2. INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS

Applications for Pr	rotection of Industria	al Designs filed duri	ng 1988 and 2007
Year	Des	ign Applications file	d by
	Vietnamese	Foreigners	Total
1988	6	0	6
1989	52	8	60
1990	194	6	200
1991	420	2	422
1992	674	14	688
1993	896	50	946
1994	643	73	716
1995	1023	108	1131
1996	1516	131	1647
1997	999	157	1156
1998	931	126	1057
1999	899	137	1036
2000	1084	119	1203
2001	810	242	1052
2002	595	235	830
2003	447	233	680
2004	686	286	972
2005	889	446	1335
2006	1105	490	1595
2007	1338	567	1905
Total	15207 (81.6%)	3430 (18.4%)	18637



Patents for	Industrial Designs	granted during 1989	9 and 2007
Year	Patents fo	or Industrial Designs	s Granted to
	Vietnamese	Foreigners	Total
1989	14	0	14
1990	91	9	100
1991	219	5	224
1992	433	6	439
1993	528	21	549
1994	524	27	551
1995	626	85	711
1996	798	68	866
1997	261	62	323
1998	728	94	822
1999	841	94	935
2000	526	119	645
2001	333	43	376
2002	368	9	377
2003	359	109	468
2004	412	235	647
2005	508	218	726
2006	678	497	1175
2007	896	474	1370
Total	9143 (80.8%)	2175 (19.2%)	11318

The Trend of the filing of Industrial Design Applications





3. TRADEMARKS

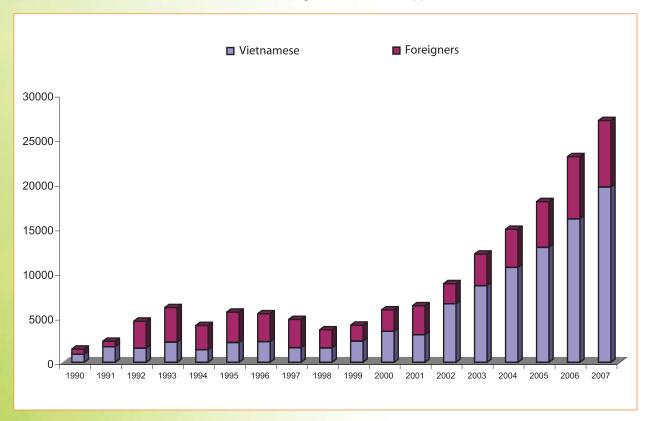
Trademarks Ap	plications filed direc	etly to NOIP during	1982 and 2007
Year		ark applications file he National route b	
	Vietnamese	Foreigners	Total
1982-1988	461	773	1234
1989	255	232	487
1990	890	592	1482
1991	1747	613	2360
1992	1595	3022	4617
1993	2270	3866	6136
1994	1419	2712	4131
1995	2217	3416	5633
1996	2323	3118	5441
1997	1645	3165	4810
1998	1614	2028	3642
1999	2380	1786	4166
2000	3483	2399	5882
2001	3095	3250	6345
2002	6560	2258	8818
2003	8599	3536	12135
2004	10641	4275	14916
2005	12884	5134	18018
2006	16071	6987	23058
2007	19653	7457	27110
Total	99802 (62.2%)	60619 (37.8%)	160421

Certificates for Re	egistration of Trader	marks Granted durir	ng 1982 and 2007
Year		tificates for Registra Trademarks Grante	
	Vietnamese	Foreigners	Total
1982-1989	380	1170	1550
1990	423	265	688
1991	1525	388	1913
1992	1487	1821	3308
1993	1395	2137	3532
1994	1744	2342	4086
1995	1627	2965	4592
1996	1383	2548	3931
1997	980	1506	2486
1998	1095	2016	3111
1999	1299	2499	3798
2000	1423	1453	2876
2001	2085	1554	3639
2002	3386	1814	5200
2003	4907	2243	7150
2004	5444	2156	7600
2005	6427	3333	9760
2006	6335	2505	8840
2007	10660	5200	15860
Total	54005 (57.5%)	39915 (42.5%)	93920

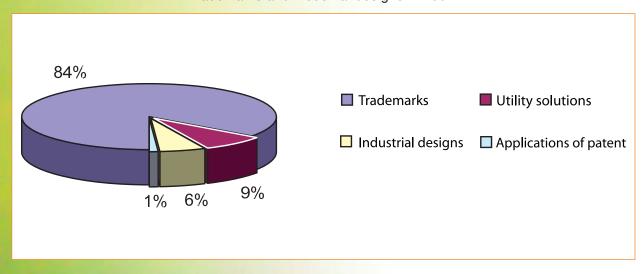


INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ACTIVITIES IN 2007

The Trend of the filing of Trademark Applications



The comparison pie chart of the percentages of the filing applications of patent, utility solutions, trademarks and industrial designs in 2007





The Number of Trademark Applications basing on the Country of Origin (including Applications filed directly to NOIP and via the International Bureau of WIPO) during 2002 and 2007	ark Applic	ations ba Interr	sing on t	he Count 3ureau of	ry of Orig WIPO) o	ns basing on the Country of Origin (including Applical International Bureau of WIPO) during 2002 and 2007	ing Appli 2 and 20	cations fil 107	ed direct	tly to NOIF	o and via	the
Year	20	2002	20	2003	20	2004	20	2005	20	2006	2007	27
Countries	Directly	Directly Indirectly	Directly	Directly Indirectly	Directly	Indirectly	Directly	Indirectly	Directly	Indirectly	Directly	Indirectly
Austria (AT)	2	84	2	49	-	27		34		52	4	36
Australia (AU)	43		22		47	-	64		10	10	118	64
Canada (CA)	34		27		46		43		2		65	
Switzerland (CH)	α	494	48	441	64	160	41	268	270	424	77	446
China (CN)	80	64	148	188	115	134	182	339	0	392	355	393
Czech Republic (CZ)	∞	17		24	-	10	-	ო		25	22	26
Germany (DE)	27	754	32	964	103	482	42	415	28	568	64	929
Denmark (DK)	12		13	-	15		28	4		22	13	33
Spain (ES)	2	148	13	157	7	64	7	22		29	12	95
France (FR)	34	794	44	962	77	363	118	361		463	142	206
England (GB)	107		100	9	155	-	191	4	12	19	179	106
India (IN)	77		328		494		604				906	

The Number of Trademark Applications basing on the Country of Origin (including Applications filed directly to NOIP and via the International Bureau of WIPO) during 2002 and 2007	ırk Applica	ations bas Intern	sing on tl ational B	ns basing on the Country of Origin (including Applicat International Bureau of WIPO) during 2002 and 2007	y of Orig WIPO) di	in (includi uring 200	ng Applic 2 and 200	cations fil. 07	ed direct	ly to NOIF	and via	the
Year	20	2002	20	2003	20	2004	20	2005	20	2006	2007	27
Countries	Directly	Directly Indirectly	Directly	Indirectly	Directly	Indirectly		Directly Indirectly	Directly	Indirectly	Directly	Indirectly
Italia (IT)	10	322	4	403	13	209	40	174	2	336	51	400
Japan (JP)	277		282	20	510	8	462	30	361	38	490	192
Korea (KR)	168		349	ო	292		265	9	31	9	1247	
Malaysia (MY)	29		93		119		147		-		195	
Holland (NL)	84		114	207	103	87	106	88	89		150	
Sweden (SE)	6		21		34		20			2	13	25
Singapore (SG)	69		161		334		331	4		∞	388	45
Russia (RU)	0	38	ო	51	4	21	0	24	2	89	31	104
Thailand (TH)	130		136		220		225				307	
America (US)	290	1094	0	845	7	1127	9	1268	106	1332	351	
VietNam (VN)	6560		8599		10641	10641	12884		16071		19653	
Others		63		34			17	18018				

	2007	902	465	1301	182	9157	558	-	166	1797	233	829	817	15	223	20
services	2006	485	351	1078	100	7759	440	565	106	1457	174	775	746	13	236	7
directly filed with the NOIP during 1995 and 2007 by class of goods and services	2005	397	405	921	108	5756	353	479	79	1193	142	664	650	7	131	12
class of g	2004	356	321	836	87	4169	346	452	103	1060	126	287	584	7	112	20
2007 by	2003	343	216	807	09	2928	230	353	29	815	92	417	347	4	86	2
1995 and	2002	273	251	536	99	1629	202	300	4	617	88	390	409	က	61	∞
- during	2001	177	138	453	51	1415	145	216	46	461	88	227	385	0	37	-
the NOIF	2000	194	77	410	61	1166	146	155	29	528	62	188	482	13	65	∞
filed with	1999	114	42	340	32	820	92	71	56	281	35	63	233	00	34	10
ns directly	1998	135	61	254	38	774	89	82	31	351	22	149	121	60	43	03
plication	1997	216	26	392	26	765	105	124	36	493	72	144	206	12	86	03
emark Ap	1996	168	87	503	64	810	106	147	42	485	20	134	153	10	88	90
n of Trad	1995	512	216	1005	134	1256	243	379	137	832	183	355	390	36	316	24
Breakdown of Trademark Application	Class of goods and services	01	05	03	04	90	90	20	80	60	10	Ξ	12	13	14	15



tinue)	2007	733	206	397	929	515	363	46	46	222	1269	75	38	203	1047	1698
ices (con	2006	645	183	332	572	453	329	30	41	199	1094	29	27	231	1013	1536
and serv	2005	452	126	266	565	333	279	37	31	155	895	58	24	192	029	1504
of goods	2004	435	101	175	415	312	242	33	37	131	269	39	30	158	622	1263
by class	2003	429	81	166	418	266	241	28	32	145	671	18	∞	129	222	1029
ind 2007	2002	293	65	101	345	154	192	12	14	65	412	14	∞	62	528	921
ng 1995 a	2001	265	73	62	147	70	125	œ	œ	34	350	1	7	80	335	627
OIP durir	2000	235	92	84	81	74	143	21	35	73	341	59	10	06	211	579
vith the N	1999	148	36	32	09	41	22	07	80	25	187	12	01	55	153	311
otly filed v	1998	266	47	44	62	51	98	10	05	43	254	22	12	64	160	326
ions direc	1997	217	64	125	91	75	156	7	12	38	237	17	18	126	230	391
Applicat	1996	277	20	06	136	20	134	13	21	47	471	19	04	73	297	487
rademark	1995	453	177	295	219	213	259	29	62	199	732	92	54	184	370	702
Breakdown of Trademark Applications directly filed with the NOIP during 1995 and 2007 by class of goods and services (continue)	Class of goods and services	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	59	30

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itinue)	2007	428	847	387	158	3945	1391	1128	356	975	397	1187	983	1307	449	221
ices (con	2006	381	772	321	128	3085	781	768	248	623	309	832	753	893	334	82
and serv	2005	370	714	252	118	2262	393	202	163	502	227	572	929	609	212	49
of goods	2004	514	290	256	147	2035	308	462	91	386	167	407	448	468	135	42
by class	2003	366	446	134	120	1653	276	396	29	280	152	295	327	290	66	16
and 2007	2002	311	320	135	137	1079	158	216	73	182	47	187	259	191	73	ω
ng 1995 a	2001	162	255	54	127	623	86	123	28	139	27	108	347			
VOIP duri	2000	110	212	84	120	551	149	136	154	129	24	134	438			
with the N	1999	40	92	36	128	288	45	27	28	52	90	16	92			
ctly filed	1998	52	116	43	112	197	82	9/	44	92	33	91	264			
tions dire	1997	62	236	103	175	135	66	139	99	86	19	119	514			
κ Applicat	1996	86	265	52	160	120	06	166	78	139	19	128	761			
rademark	1995	119	309	218	302	294	100	117	104	102	54	180	868			
Breakdown of Trademark Applications directly filed with the NOIP during 1995 and 2007 by class of goods and services (continue)	Class of goods and services	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45



4. SỐ LƯỢNG ĐƠN ĐĂNG KÝ CHỈ DẪN ĐỊA LÝ/ TÊN GỌI XUẤT XỨ HÀNG HÓA

Year	Vietnamese	Foreigners	Total
2000	2		2
2001	1	1	2
2002	2		2
2003	12		12
2004	3		3
2005	2		2
2006	5		5
2007	4		4
Total	31	1	32

5. TRANSFER OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

			Licens	ing Cont	racts			
Numb		quests fo	or Regist ontracts	ration	Numbe		nsing Co stered	ontracts
Parties involved	VN-VN	VN-NN	NN-NN	Total	VN-VN	VN-NN	NN-NN	Total
Year								
1995	18	82	09	109	14	22	48	84
1996	10	196	17	223	02 (02)	99 (114)	24 (25)	125 (141)
1997	18 (20)	68 (103)	25 (47)	111 (170)	13 (26)	21 (172)	09 (23)	43 (221)
1998	08 (08)	51 (183)	31 (44)	90 (235)	07 (07)	23 (167)	26 (67)	56 (241)
1999	15 (20)	59 (214)	20 (49)	94 (283)	09 (15)	46 (157)	20 (58)	75 (232)
2000	16 (18)	57 (208)	07 (31)	80 (257)	11 (14)	60 (159)	09 (32)	80 (205)
2001	11 (15)	62 (267)	11 (45)	84 (327)	15 (22)	52 (200)	12 (36)	79 (258)
2002	40 (48)	82 (312)	17 (42)	139 (402)	32 (40)	80 (335)	20 (60)	132 (435)
2003	81 (114)	75 (247)	9 (14)	167 (375)	34 (45)	60 (232)	5 (5)	99 (272)
2004	160 (215)	62 (160)	20 (92)	242 (467)	157 (222)	66 (139)	15 (84)	238 (445)
2005				177				353
2006	77 (133)	60 (211)	9 (109)	146 (453)	77 (141)	55 (373)	4 (5)	136 (519)
2007	61 (87)	65 (268)	27 (867)	153 (1222)	53 (72)	70 (300)	12 (818)	135 (1190)

VN-VN: Transfer between Vietnamese

√N-NN: Transfer between Vietnamese and foreigners

NN-NN: Transfer between foreigners

(Figures in brackets are the number of IP subject-matters licensed)

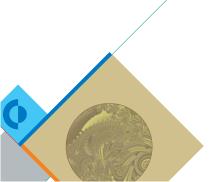


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	ntracts o		Registra ment of ers		Regis	tration o	Requests f Contrace ent of IP rs Regist	cts on
Parties involved	VN-VN	VN-NN	NN-NN	Total	VN-VN	VN-NN	NN-NN	Total
Year								
1997	37 (52)	03 (03)	109 (112)	149 (167)	16 (42)	01 (01)	21 (46)	38 (89)
1998	61 (69)	05 (25)	152 (308)	218 (402)	33 (43)	03 (14)	61 (166)	97 (223)
1999	108 (222)	07 (12)	104 (191)	219 (425)	78 (191)	05 (18)	90 (184)	173 (393)
2000	151 (191)	07 (07)	207 (456)	365 (654)	99 (171)	06 (07)	122 (375)	227 (553)
2001	145 (328)	03 (03)	218 (530)	366 (861)	117 (295)	07 (08)	146 (299)	271 (603)
2002	101 (201)	4 (5)	196 (574)	301 (780)	100 (222)	2 (2)	164 (411)	266 (635)
2003	139 (208)	10 (22)	227 (650)	376 (880)	122 (178)	4 (16)	246 (889)	372 (1083)
2004	171 (393)	7 (7)	191 (368)	369 (768)	157 (329)	11 (13)	231 (579)	359 (921)
2005				403				168
2006				512				1200
2007	287 (826)	29 (87)	208 (522)	524 (1435)	237 (670)	18 (38)	199 (461)	454 (1169)

^{*} Figures in brackets are the number of IP subject-matters assigned.

6. SETTLEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY APPEALS

Appeals against decisions on granting Protection Titles					
Year	Inventions and Utility Solutions	Industrial Designs	Trademarks	Total	
1995		2	221	223	
1996	3	10	256	269	
1997	2	5	257	264	
1998		21	372	393	
1999		9	306	315	
2000	1	4	327	332	
2001		7	341	348	
2002		68	564	632	
2003	4	46	376	426	
2004	2	32	395	429	
2005		7	428	435	
2006	11	12	367	390	
2007	7	10	363	380	



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ACTIVITIES IN 2007

Appeals against infringements of industrial property rights						
Year	Inventions and Utility Solutions	Industrial Designs	Trademarks	Total		
1995	-	-	-	-		
1996	-	-	-	-		
1997	-	32	124	156		
1998	-	20	219	239		
1999	-	41	110	151		
2000	-	60	119	179		
2001	2	93	198	293		
2002	9	108	282	399		
2003	23	53	278	354		
2004	33	65	306	404		
2005	41	210	324	596		
2006	17	264	320	601		
2007	7	92	67	166		