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I. 10th Anniversary of IPDL

1. About IPDL

“IPDL” stands for the Industrial Property Digital Library, offering a variety of services that enable its users to search and access comprehensive IP related information via the Internet. With increasing importance of IP information and growing popularity of Internet, the service of IPDL was initiated in March 1999 with the aim of making IP information available to the public free-of-charge anywhere and anytime. Since its much-anticipated launch, IPDL has prevailed throughout the world and marked its 10th anniversary this year.

About the same time, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) have also commenced their web services equivalent to that of the JPO’s IPDL between 1998 and 1999. This clearly indicates that the launch of IPDL undoubtedly and practically responded to the changes and needs of the times.

2. Initial services

In the initial service of IPDL, search services using document numbers and classifications for publications of patent, utility model, design, and trademark were available, and also legal status information for filing, registration and appeal were provided. The total access to the service of IPDL in 1999 was 12.7 million (increased up to 95 million in 2008). The following section explains services which have been developed, improved, or added since its beginning, as well as trends in access to and searches on IPDL.

Screenshot.1: Top page of present IPDL
(http://www.ipdl.inpit.go.jp/homepg_e.ipdl)

The screenshot shows the top page of the IPDL website. The header includes the IPDL logo and the text "Industrial Property Digital Library". To the right, it says "National Center for Industrial Property Information and Training" with the INPIT logo. Navigation links include "INPIT Home Page", "JPO Home Page", and "To Japanese Page". A banner states: "The Industrial Property Digital Library (IPDL) offers the public access to IP Gazettes of the JPO free of charge through the Internet." An "Access Total" box shows "4,016,534". The main content area is divided into four sections: "Patent & Utility Model", "Design", "Trademark", and "Database Contents". Each section lists various services and databases. Callout boxes with red borders point to these sections: "Patent & Utility Model" (pointing to the top-left section), "Design" (pointing to the bottom-left section), "Trademark" (pointing to the top-right section), and "Database Contents" (pointing to the bottom-right section). A "News" section is also visible on the right. At the bottom, there is a footer with a cookie notice, a helpdesk email address, and copyright information: "Copyright (C) 1999-2009 JPO and INPIT".

Note: All the screenshots provided in this issue of PAJ News are taken from actual IPDL and JPO web-sites. You can access the page via URLs indicated above of each screenshot except for Screenshot 3.

3. Developments and improvements

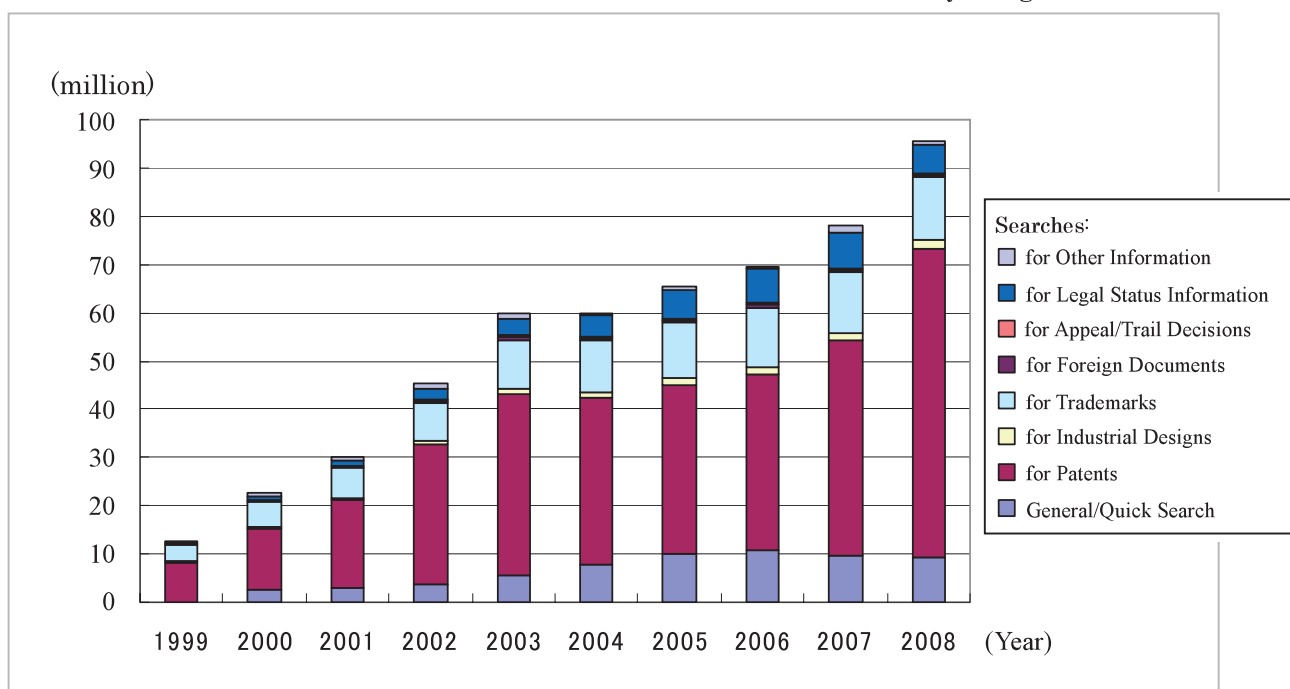
Every year since its beginning to the present, much effort has been devoted to develop and improve services on IPDL. Some of the major developments and improvements and the increase in the number of accesses are introduced below.

- In March 2000, search service for figure trademarks, information service for Patent Abstract of Japan (PAJ), and machine translation service of unexamined patent applications were added in the English version of IPDL.
- In March 2001, FI/F term search service and Patent Map Guidance (PMGS) service were established.
- In 2002, three years from its beginning of the service, the total amount of documents data accumulated in IPDL reached 48 million and the number of accesses to IPDL rose up to over 40 million.
- In March 2004, design gazette DB service began.

With the aim of further upgrades and enhancements after its operation being transferred to INPIT, the Trilateral List of Identification of Goods and Services, which includes English names of services and goods agreed among the Trilateral Offices, was added in the service of "List of Service and Goods" in March 2008.

Furthermore, various legal status information, such as information on filing, publication, examination, etc. provided on the English version of IPDL have been integrated, that is to say, "LEGAL STATUS" bottom was created to enable all the legal information of a certain application to be displayed simultaneously as a list.

Table.1: Transition of the number of searches by categories on IPDL



II. Internet Trademark Publications from January 2010

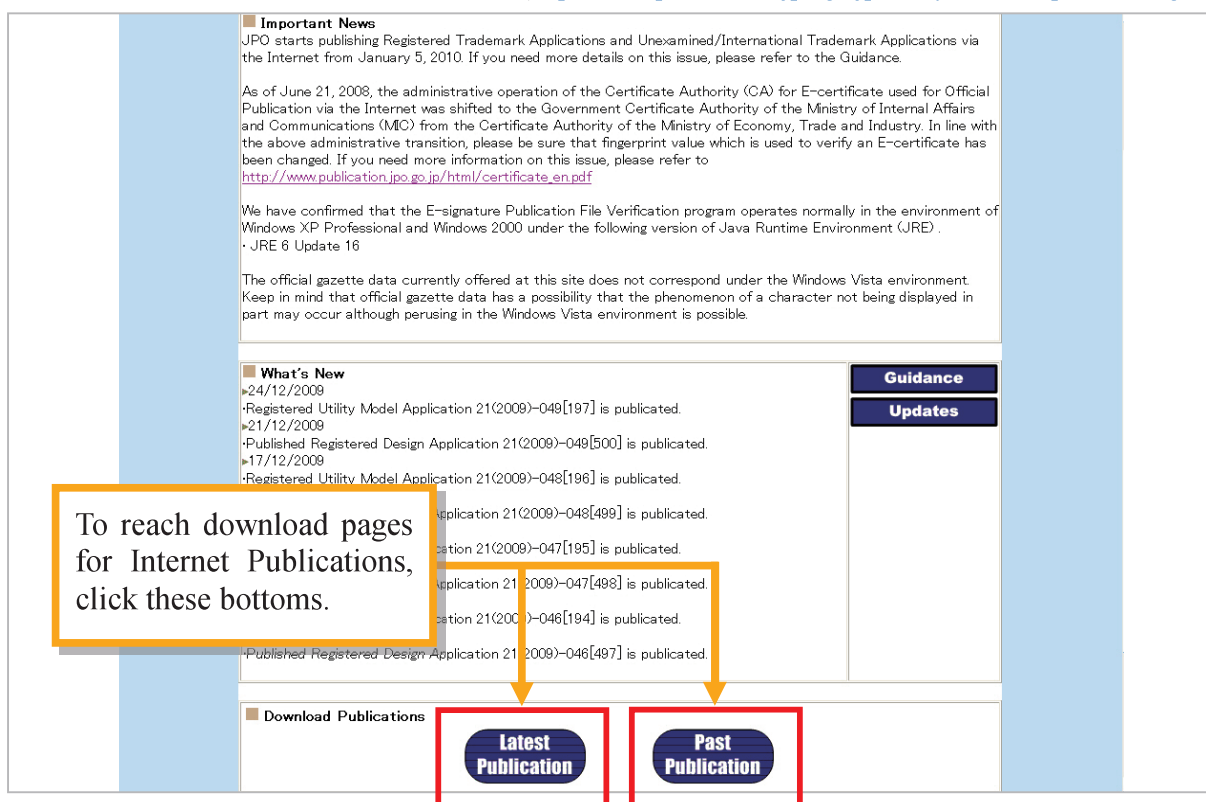
1. About the "Official Publication via the Internet"

Since significant advances in information and communication technologies have impressively changed the style of information dissemination, the Internet and other means based on network technology have become the most popular ones.

In order to make most use of such a rapid development in information dissemination technology and to disseminate industrial property information as broadly and promptly as possible, it was a major issue to adopt the most versatile media and the most convenient way for publication in a flexible manner.

Taking advantage of the new Law, the JPO developed the website called the "Official Publication via the Internet" (see Screenshot.2 for an image of the top page) and started the "Official Publication via the Internet for Registered Utility Model Applications" and "Official Publication via the Internet for Registered Design Applications" in January 2006 and January 2007, respectively. The JPO has also just started "Official Publication via the Internet for Registered Trademark Applications and Unexamined/International Trademark Applications" from January 2010.

Screenshot.2: Top page of Official Publication via the Internet on the JPO web-site (<http://www.publication.jpo.go.jp/utility/do/usr/topmenu?lang=e>)



About the “Official Publication via the Internet for Trademarks”

Illustrated below is a part of web-page of the “Official Publication via the Internet for Latest Publications”, featuring download options for trademark publications with some explanations of what are indicated on the page and how to download trademark publications through the service.

Screenshot.3: Web-page of Official Publication via the Internet for Latest Publications
(You cannot make a direct access to this page by designating the URL)

Registered Trademark Applications

Date of Publication	Vol.	Range	ZIP7 format	TARP7 format
12.1.2010	22(2010)-002[ood]	5012345 - 5023456	50,000,000 bytes the number of files:1 FTP HTTP	60,000,000 bytes the number of files:1 FTP HTTP

International Trademark Applications

Date of Publication	Vol.	Range	ZIP7 format	TARP7 format
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You can download Trademark Publications by the same downloading procedures with that of Utility Model/Design Publications, which is to say, you should first select one of data formats (either **FTP** or **HTTP**), and then enter your e-mail address to start a download.

III. The Trilateral Offices to Start PCT-PPH

The Trilateral Offices reached agreement to begin a pilot program in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) framework utilizing PCT work products (international search reports, written opinions, and international preliminary examination reports) of a Trilateral Office.

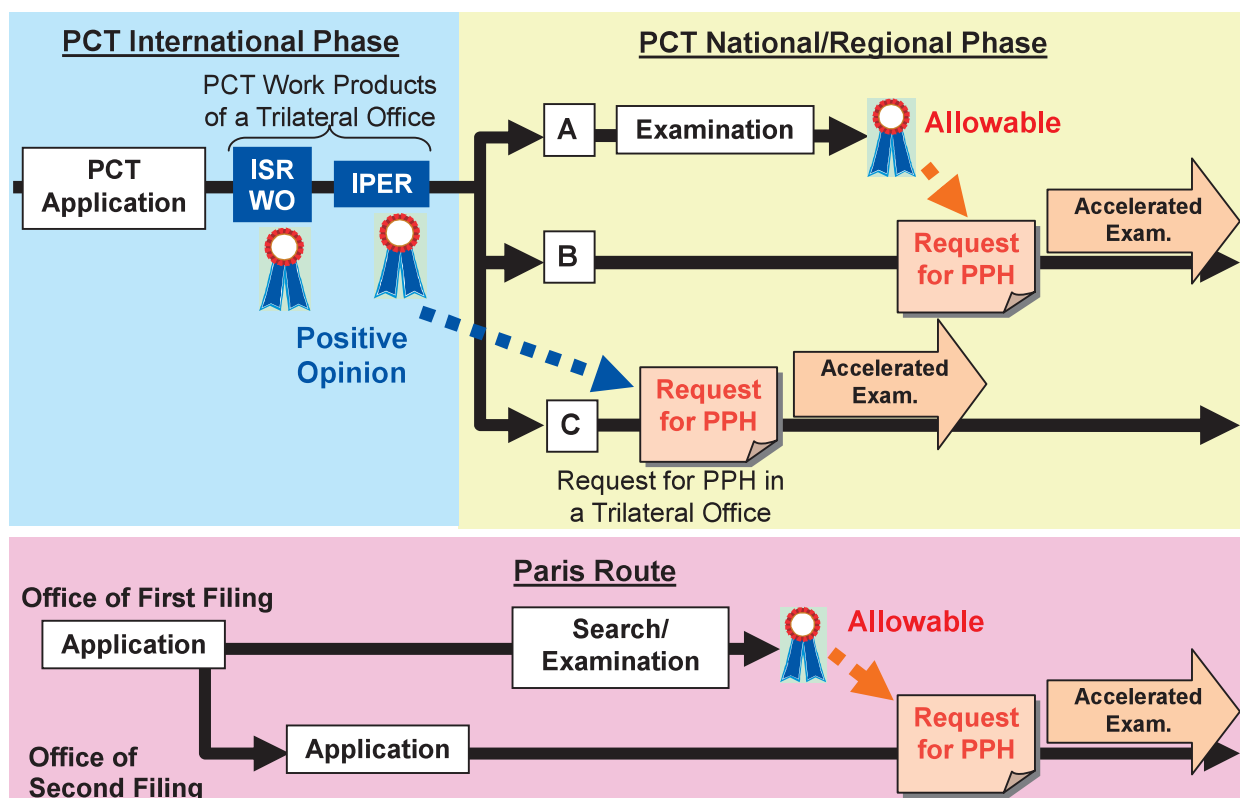
Under the existing PPH programs, an applicant receiving a determination from an office of first filing that claims in an application are allowable may request that the corresponding application filed at a second office be advanced out of turn for examination as to those allowable claims (see the diagram below).

Until now, the PPH programs have been limited to cross filings of national applications (dotted arrows in orange). This new agreement among the Trilateral Offices greatly expands the potential of the PPH programs by providing the re-use of positive results from PCT work products of a Trilateral Office (dotted arrows in blue).

Under the new pilot, the applicant can now:

- make requests for PPH at an earlier timing, based upon the international phase work without awaiting the work results of the national/regional phase, and
- make full use of PCT work products including its English translations

The details of this new pilot program, scheduled to begin on January 29, 2010, will be available shortly and posted at <http://www.trilateral.net/index.html> as well as the respective websites of the Trilateral Offices.



IV. PAJ Issuance Schedule

[2010]

Date of publication of PAJ	PAJ			PAJ index
	Serial number for the year	Total serial number	Number of PAJ stored	Coverage
Jan. 22 (Fri)	2010-1	181	34,880	2009-1[169]/2009-12[180]
Feb. 19 (Fri)	2010-2	182	24,631	
Mar. 23(Tue)	2010-3	183	24,622	
Apr.20 (Tue)	2010-4	184	22,201	2010-1[181]/2010-3[183]
May.21 (Fri)	2010-5	185	23,774	
Jun.18 (Fri)	2010-6	186	—	
Jul.21 (Wed)	2010-7	187	—	2010-1[181]/2010-6[186]
Aug.20 (Fri)	2010-8	188	—	
Sep.17 (Fri)	2010-9	189	—	
Oct.21 (Thu)	2010-10	190	—	2010-1[181]/2010-9[189]
Nov.19 (Fri)	2010-11	191	—	
Dec.21 (Tue)	2010-12	192	—	



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