

Agreement solidifies cooperation between UK and South Korea on IP

Press release

The IPO has agreed a new Memorandum of Understanding with the Korean Intellectual Property Office at the WIPO Assemblies in Geneva today.



UKIPO and KIPO will continue to work closely furthering their existing strong cooperation, using the wide remit the MOU provides for.

This formalisation of cooperation expresses the commitment by both IP offices, to enable the continued sharing of information and best practice in broad areas of common interest. These could include areas such as IP protection, examination, and developments in emerging technologies.

The MoU makes formal provision for both offices to engage in a wide range of cooperative activities. These include:

- IP awareness activities, such as conferences and seminars,
- the sharing of information around developments in relevant laws, policies, and regulations,
- the sharing of best practice, for example in anti-counterfeiting activities
- provisions to engage in many other areas of best practice

The UK Intellectual Property Office's CEO Tim Moss said:

I am delighted that through this MoU, we are able build upon our existing close relationship with the Korean Intellectual Property Office. It is crucial that we work effectively with our global partners in areas of common interest, and today's MOU creates a positive framework to pool expertise and knowledge.

Furthering our existing strong cooperation will help us embrace the

challenges that rapid changes in technology, society and the global economy herald. This is vital to the UK IPO's strategy for creating a world-leading IP environment.

KIPO's Commissioner, Dr. Lee Insil said:

The MoU on comprehensive cooperation KIPO and the UK IPO have signed today well demonstrates our two offices' continued commitment to engaging with each other more actively even in wider areas that matter to both offices. I am confident that what we will do and achieve together under the MoU will greatly contribute to boosting each office's ongoing efforts to build a stronger IP landscape at home and abroad.

The Offices will carry out the cooperation activities in full compliance with their respective jurisdictions, institutional directives, applicable laws, and international treaties.

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