

## **CHAPTER 13 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COOPERATION**

### **ARTICLE 13.1 GENERAL OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES**

1. The Parties, recognising the importance of intellectual property as a factor of each Party's economic competitiveness in the global economy, undertake to develop and promote mutually beneficial cooperation between the Parties in this area.

2. Recalling the contributions achieved in the *WTO Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights*, the areas of the cooperation may include:

- (a) copyright and related rights, trademarks, geographical indications, industrial designs, patents, layout-designs (topographies) of integrated circuits, protection of undisclosed information, and control of anti-competitive practices in contractual licences;
- (b) endeavouring to facilitate industrial property exploitation with each Party's private sector industries, in particular small and medium enterprises; and
- (c) the development of professional skills of the intellectual property industry in each Party through information sharing and exchange.

### **ARTICLE 13.2 FORMS OF COOPERATION**

The forms of the cooperation pursuant to Article 13.1 (General Objectives and Principles) may include:

- (a) exchanging publicly available published documents and information by each Party's respective intellectual property office;
- (b) exchanging experience and information on areas such as intellectual property education and awareness, collective management organisations and e-filing systems;
- (c) jointly collaborating in the organisation of seminars, symposia or meetings related to intellectual property subjects under the framework of the WTO or APEC;
- (d) exchanging information on intellectual property conferences, seminars and workshops organised by each respective Party. Each Party may, as appropriate, invite the other Party to participate;
- (e) endeavouring to facilitate linkages and dialogue between IP Academy (Singapore) and Taiwan Intellectual Property Training Academy to carry out cooperation activities as appropriate; and
- (f) such other activities and initiatives as may be mutually determined by the

Parties from time to time.

**ARTICLE 13.3 TERMS OF COOPERATION**

All cooperation referred to in Article 13.1 (General Objectives and Principles) shall be carried out on terms to be agreed by the Parties.

**ARTICLE 13.4 RESOURCES AND FINANCING**

1. Cooperation activities and initiatives undertaken under this Chapter shall be subject to the availability of resources.
2. Expenses incurred as a result by any Party to undertake cooperation activities in this Chapter shall be borne by the Party concerned, unless otherwise agreed.