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E-FILING SYSTEM ON DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Following other countries such as Singapore and Malaysia, Indonesia, through Directorate General of Intellectual Property (DGIP), has set up a new e-filing registration model to allow registration of Intellectual Property (IP). This e-filing system is an improvement of the current IP registration system and hope to ensure smooth operational experience for users. Hopefully this system could simplify IP registration because this e-filing system can be accessed anytime and anywhere. So far, e-filing system has been applied for Copyright registration and Renewal Trademark Registration.

Previously, DGIP applied i-pass system that specifically used by DGIP employees, whereas in this e-filing system, the system can be accessed by IP consultants. Furthermore, the data from the i-pass system can be synchronized with the data from the e-filing system so it can be integrated. This is a step in the right direction. Imminently, DGIP will apply online application to provide Intellectual Property Data and Information Services as a form of data synchronization from both systems. To prepare those services, DGIP will scan approximately 14 million paper based documents into a digital form, to ensure that the documents could be accessed easily.

In addition to preparing for Intellectual Property Data and Information services, the current e-filing system's scope would also be expanded. As in for Trademark, nowadays only renewal for registered Trademark that could be done by online, in the future the implementation would be developed for Trademark registration, change of name and address, and also for trademark assignment recordal registered. And E-filing system also would be applied to Industrial Design and Patent registration. The whole DGIP's duties in order to improve e-filing system hopefully could be done in 2 or 3 years later.

To support the implementation of this e-filing system, Technical Training of Intellectual Property Public Services will train and provide user guidance as well as comments to use e-filing system efficiently. For example, when someone wishes to apply for Copyright registration from e-filing system, sometimes it requires a quite amount of data to send the demo, as in for songs or pictures. So, it is better to send the demo file physically to the



registration counter rather than send it through e-filing to avoid the possibility of DJKI not receiving the file.

As in for trademark renewal applications, if there was any registered trademark assignment recordal process that is still in progress (pending), it is strongly suggested to submit the application directly to the registration counter without using e-filing to avoid any possibility of the new trademark owner not being recorded on the renewal certificate.