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GLOBAL PATENT APPLICATIONS INCREASED 9% IN 2013

JAKARTA Global patent applications increased by 2.57 million or about 9% in 2013, more than last year's (2012) increase. This was boosted by the high amount of patent applications originating from China.

According to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) data, recently, three of the largest intellectual property offices (China, USA and Japan) have provided a significant contribution to the increase in patent applications globally.

According to WIPO, from the total of 2,57 million patent applications in 2013, China accepted 825,136 patent applications, followed by the USA with 571,612 patent applications and Japan with 328,436 patent applications.

Currently there is an expanding gap between the amount of patent applications received by the PRC State Intellectual Property Office ("SIPO") and Japan since 2011, since SIPO was accredited as an intellectual property office with the highest amount of patent applications received in the world, leaving behind the era of US and Japanese domination in this field.

Amongst 20 of the worlds patent offices, there are several countries that are noted as having a significant increase while several countries are noted as having significant decline. Spain experienced the biggest decline with 6.6%, followed by Italy (1.1% decline), UK (1.3% decline) and the European Patent Office (0.4% decline).

During 2013, Patent applications increased 26% throughout China, 8.3% in South Korea, whilst from other Asean countries Malaysia was noted of having the highest increase with a 3.8% increase.

According to WIPO, the highest number of patent applications that were received during 2013 were: computer technology at 7.6%, electrical machinery at 7.2%, measurement at 4.7%, digital communication at 4.5% and medical technology at 4.3%. (su)