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The Benefit of the ASPEC

The ASEAN Patent Examination Co-operation (ASPEC) is the first regional patent work-sharing programme among nine participating ASEAN Member States (AMS). This highly appreciated cooperation programme involves the Intellectual Property Offices (IP Offices) of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

The main purpose of the ASPEC is to coordinate a collective efforts among the IP Offices in the ASEAN member states in boosting the flow of new innovation drive into the regions.

The members of ASPEC also believe that through this cooperation, they would be able to increase the number of patent applications from the high-tech industries, such as: FinTech, cybersecurity and robotics. In other words, the ASPEC programmes have supported the infrastructures of the 4.0 Industry and the manufacturing initiatives.

The spirit behind of the creation of ASPEC is to have a process to accelerate the examination process upon patent applications among the AMS IP Offices. With the system in place, any inventor and patent applicant can file their patent application simultaneously in several jurisdictions. The ASPEC programmes will also enable the patent applicants to expedite the process of obtaining their patents and will be able to start business or projects faster.

In Indonesia, the ASPEC system of application could be obtained through the Indonesian Patent Office (as the second IP Offices) by the local patent applicants which have provided the proper documents, such as :

- Copies of the Search and Examination Result documents on the corresponding patent application for the similar invention issued by the AMS IP Offices; and
- Copies of the claims referred to in the reports submitted.

The aforesaid documents must be written in English, and must be further translated into the particular local languages of each AMS IP Office. The Indonesian Patent Office has established their own programme to process local patent applications and has improved their processing time frame. However, there has not been any specific regulation on the time frame of processing the simultaneous patent application through the ASPEC systems. The time of completion would therefore rely on the internal process within each AMS IP Office.

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