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WIPO ASSESSES INDONESIAS READINESS TO JOIN THE MADRID PROTOCOL

The representative of World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) recently assessed Indonesias readiness to accede to the Madrid Protocol.

The assessment conducted on 25-27 May 2016 at the Directorate General of Intellectual Property in the Ministry of Law and Human Rights, is a routine activity carried out by WIPO for Madrid System signatories.

Accession preparation and type of support required by Indonesia in order to enter into Madrid Protocol are amongst the topics discussed in the meeting. In addition, training on Madrid Protocol for trademark examiner were also part of the conducted assessment activities.

Fathlurachman, the Director Trademark of Directorate General of Intellectual Property, said that any required aspects to support the Madrid Protocol system are being discussed during the assessment.

“As we are learning what aspect should be improved, this mission is definitely an opportunity not to be missed. Since during the last five years, the Directorate of Intellectual Property has been participating on numerous trainings, seminars, and technical assistance from WIPO related to Indonesias plan to accede Madrid System,” he said.

In the meantime, Indonesian Government is currently preparing to ratify the Madrid Protocol, which, amongst others, the preparation is signed to revise the Trademarks Law to accommodate the Madrid Protocol requirements.

Many pros and cons were tabled and discussed by the Intellectual Property Consultant (IP Consultant) as a result of Indonesia’s plan to join the Madrid Protocol. For those who are in favour, thia plan will facilitate and ease Indonesian entrepreneurs to register their trademark abroad.

Whereas, those who are not in favour with Indonesia’s plan to join Madrid Protocol, sees the plan could caused a decline of work done by the IP Consultants previously, given the fact that accession to the Madrid Protocol means that trademark registration need not be done by IP Consultants.



Although the plan to become parties to the Madrid Protocol has become a commitment for members of the ASEAN community, up until today only Singapore and Vietnam have ratified the convention.