

Reports from the IPD

1) Regional Workshop for the Least Developed Countries of Asia and the Pacific Region on the Use of Intellectual Property for Enhancing Economic Competitiveness and Development, Thimphu, December 15 and 16, 2011

The Intellectual Property Division, Ministry of Economic Affairs in collaboration with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the Japan Patent Office (JPO) organized a two-day Regional Workshop for the Least Developed Countries of Asia and the Pacific Region on the Use of Intellectual Property for Enhancing Economic Competitiveness and Development at Hotel Migmar from December 15-16, 2011.

A total of 14 participants from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal and Samoa, and 24 local participants including the private sector attended the workshop. The resource speakers were invited from Japan, Singapore, Malaysia and the WIPO. The Hon' ble Secretary of the Ministry of Economic Affairs inaugurated the Regional Workshop.

2) Mission on Intellectual Property Policy from December 20 to 22, 2011

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) on request by the Intellectual Property Division (IPD), Ministry of Economic Affairs fielded a two-member mission for drafting the Intellectual Property Policy from December 20-22, 2011.

The technical assistance was requested to formulate a coherent and comprehensive policy for the recognition and protection of intellectual property rights by 2011, which has been mandated by the Economic Development Policy 2010.

During the period of the mission Mr. Someshwar Singh, Sr. Program Officer, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building, Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, WIPO and Mr. Sisule Musungu, Consultant of WIPO interacted with pertinent focal persons of the government and private sectors.