



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. PCT- 2012-02

TO : All Concerned

SUBJECT : Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts in US dollar (USD) of the Search Fees and New Amounts of the Preliminary Examination Fees

DATE : March 6, 2012

New equivalent amounts in USD have been established for the search fees charged by the Japan Patent Office (JPO) and the European Patent Office (EPO) as International Searching Authorities. The new amounts, applicable from April 1, 2012, are as follows:

<u>PCT Fee</u>	<u>Previous Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
JPO Search fee	USD 1,265	USD 913
EPO Search fee	USD 2,370	USD 2,426

Further, new amounts have been established for the preliminary examination fees charged by the JPO and EPO as International Preliminary Examining Authorities. The new amounts, applicable from April 1, 2012, are as follows:

<u>PCT Fee</u>	<u>Previous Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
JPO Preliminary Examination fee	JPY 36,000	JPY 26,000
EPO Preliminary Examination fee	EUR 1,760	EUR 1,850

The new amounts of the search and preliminary examination fees charged by the JPO and EPO were published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) on February 9, 2012 and March 1, 2012, respectively.

For your information and guidance.


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