



**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. PCT- 2012-03**

**TO : All Concerned**  
**SUBJECT : Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts in US dollar (USD) of the Search Fees and New Equivalent Amount in JPY of the Handling Fee**  
**DATE : April 20, 2012**

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The World Intellectual Property Organization has announced that new equivalent amounts in USD have been established for the search fees charged by the Australian Patent Office (APO) and the Japan Patent Office (JPO) as International Searching Authorities. The new amounts are as follows:

| <u>PCT Fee</u> | <u>Previous Amount</u> | <u>New Amount</u> | <u>Effective Date</u> |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| APO Search fee | USD 1,833              | USD 2,041         | May 1, 2012           |
| JPO Search fee | USD 913                | USD 840           | June 1, 2012          |

The new amounts of the search fees charged by the APO and JPO were published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of March 8, 2012 and April 5, 2012, respectively.

Further, the new equivalent amount in JPY of the handling fee, payable as from June 1, 2012 to the JPO as International Preliminary Examining Authority, has been established, as follows:

| <u>PCT Fee</u>   | <u>Previous Amount</u> | <u>New Amount</u> |
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| JPO Handling fee | JPY 16,800             | JPY 18,300        |

For your information and guidance.

  
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