

IPR SUPPORT PROGRAMME

INTRODUCTION OF SHIGA

Founded in 1965

One of the **leading patent firms** in Japan

Staff of approximately 720 including over **140 Patent Attorneys**

Specializing in **interviewing inventors and discovering inventions**

“**Academic Group**” composed of **36 doctorates** focusing on discovering inventions covering **all technical fields**.

Strong management system

Location of Shiga



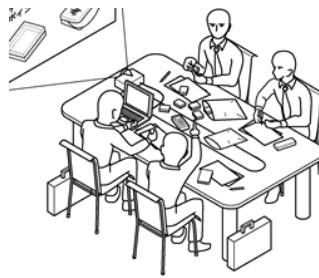
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OVERVIEW

This is a collaborative service between Shiga International Patent Office and the EU-Japan Technology Transfer Helpdesk, initiative of the EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation, to provide helpful advice on how to protect and utilize intellectual property owned by companies, universities, and research institutions in Europe. As a first step, an experienced patent attorney from Shiga will provide a free 30-minute consultation at Shiga or by conference call for whatever troubles you have with your IP.

During the 30-minute consultation

You will be able to explain your present IP situation and receive advice including practical tips which can reveal what steps you can take in order to resolve your problems and achieve your goals.



What You Can Expect from This Programme

- Improve the quality of your patents and other IP
- Receive specialized advice from a qualified source
- Recognize potential inventions in your products and learn how to protect your products via IP laws (not only as patents but also designs and trademarks)
- Gather the latest information on IP in Japan
- Reduce the burden on your R&D / IP departments

APPLICATION AND INQUIRIES

As of 1 April 2019, applicants eligible to the IPR Support Program must be companies, universities, and research centres with registered legal entities headquartered in one of the COSME area countries (EU 28 + 11 associated countries having signed agreements with the EU to benefit from certain COSME services) or in Japan or individual inventors who are citizens from one of the COSME area countries or from Japan. To apply, and/or for more info, please send a non-confidential e-mail to the Project Manager of the EU-Japan Technology Transfer Helpdesk, **Mr. Luca Escoffier** at luca.escoffier@eu-japan.gr.jp.

The **EU-Japan EU-Japan Technology Transfer Helpdesk** is one of the initiatives of the EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation, and it aims at supporting EU and Japanese companies, universities, research centres and individuals in their steps to search for technologies and understand the mechanics of tech transfer transactions, as well as bridging the knowledge gap about current available technologies from both Japan and the EU.

The **EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation** is a unique venture between the European Commission and the Japanese Government. It aims at promoting all forms of industrial, trade and investment cooperation between the EU and Japan and at improving EU and Japanese companies' competitiveness and cooperation by facilitating exchanges of experience and know-how between EU and Japanese businesses.