

Analytical Study on the Consistency of Intellectual Property Laws and Regulations in Each Country with the TRIPS Agreement
Report of the "Study Group on International Intellectual Property Systems" (FY2021)

In this year's workshop, we discussed three topics: (1) the situation surrounding intellectual property in international frameworks, (2) the situation surrounding intellectual property in bilateral and regional economic partnership agreements, and (3) the situation surrounding intellectual property systems in various countries.

(1) Situation surrounding intellectual property in international frameworks

In Section I of Chapter 1, we discussed the trends of IP systems concerning novel coronavirus infections and the recent discussions on pharmaceutical products.

In Section II of Chapter I, we mainly discussed the proposal by India and South Africa for exemption from certain obligations under the TRIPS Agreement, and other issues and measures that Japan should take.

(2) Situation Concerning Intellectual Property in Bilateral and Regional Economic Partnership Agreements

In Section I of Chapter 2, we conducted a comparative analysis of the RCEP and the CPTPP, the Japan-EU EPA and the Japan-UK EPA, respectively. In addition, we analyzed the Korea-Israel FTA and compared the CPTPP with the current systems in each country/region for countries/region requesting new accession to the CPTPP (the UK, China, and Taiwan).

(3) Situation Concerning Intellectual Property Systems in Each Country

In Section I of Chapter 3, we analyzed recent high-profile IP-related court decisions and IP system reforms in the United States.

In Section II of Chapter 3, we analyzed recent noteworthy IP-related court decisions and IP system reform trends in Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.