

On IP Day

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The present time the name of the game is K-Economy. The world now calls the present era as Innovation–Economy. It is need of today to establish National Innovation Center in the country and it will be supported by the Ministry of Science and Technology. In today’s modern world R & D organizations and Universities can play a crucial role in the development of national economy especially through invention and innovation

Innovation is of key importance in spurring economic growth in a developing country. To achieve the level of developed countries have to focus on every field of science and technology; do research to solve the problems of nation.

Technological development is the most reliable tool for economic stability of a nation; the scientific and technological research must be translated into commercially viable processes and products, which could be utilized by the industry.

However, *“This is only possible if the researchers focus their attention on patentable research”*. The PCSIR with the support of Ministry of Science & Technology has established the much needed Patent Advisory Cell. It is certainly a valuable helping hand for inventors and innovators regarding matters for legal protection of their achievements.

Patent Advisory Cell has been established in PSDP Project in 2006 in Karachi, Pakistan funded by Ministry of Science and Technology. This cell encourages Pakistani Scientists / Technologists, Engineers and other stakeholders for filing National and International Patents of their newly developed technologies / processes and inventions. Patent Advisory Cell has its own website which has national and international patents of PCSIR since 1953. Patent related literatures are easily available in Patent Advisory Cell library, searching facilities and all type of consultancies are provided by this Cell.

PCSIR Patent Advisory Cell has organized four seminars, 1st National Workshop/Seminar on “Global Recognition of Patent System”, December 13-14, 2006 in Karachi. 2nd National Seminar on “Intellectual Property Rights Protection” *Theme: “To Protect Designs, Trade Marks, Copyright, Process Improvements and R&D Achievements”*, May 29-30, 2007, Karachi. 3rd National Seminar on “Intellectual Rights to Magic Methods”, *Theme: “Legal & Ethical Protection of Intellectual Property Rights”*, April 15-16th, 2008, Lahore.

Recently Patent Advisory Cell has organized its fourth seminar on “Intellectual Property Rights and its Role in Economic Growth”, *Theme: Innovation, Hi-Technology Research, Development and Creativity*, February 25th, 2010, Islamabad. The main purpose for this fourth National Seminar is that our

Scientists, Technologists and Engineers should get awareness about the Intellectual Property Rights and Patent System, their importance and the expected financial benefits in term of royalty after commercialization of their patentable inventions. In Pakistan it will be an uphill task to introduce Patent culture of innovation. However for the diversion on commercial side they should devote their major portion of skills in developing commercially viable products for the society. The awareness programmes about Intellectual Property Rights will impact on our people mind set.

By the Cell total **225** national patents have been filed and twenty six patents have been commercialized. **Seventeen** foreign patents have been filed in USA, Japan, China, UAE, European Community, India and UK. Six foreign patents are published in their respective countries.