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- The expression “industrial design” covers designs and models.
- Information related to design patent activities reported by industrial property offices issuing design patents is included in this series of documents.

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## annual technical report on industrial design information activities in 1999

### I. Evolution of registration activities

The number of industrial design applications filed with the National Office of Industrial Property (NOIP) is a significant increase as compared to the previous year, i.e. 1204 industrial design applications were filed in 1999 and 1057 in 1998.

The number of granted patents is a significant increase as compared to the previous year, i.e. 935 patents were granted in 1999 and 822 in 1998.

### II. Matters concerning the generation, reproduction, distribution and use of primary and secondary sources of patent information

The NOIP publishes documents on industrial design applications and patents granted. These design documents are published in the form of printed paper sheets.

The numbers of design documents published in 1999 were as follows:

Kind of design documents	The number of design documents
Design application	1204
Design patent	935

The NOIP does also publish the Industrial Property Gazette ( the Official Gazette of Industrial Property of the NOIP) that contains bibliographic data and drawings

of industrial design applications and patents to be published; corrections, amendments; cancellations, terminations of granted titles; and others.

The Industrial Property Gazettes are generated and published monthly by using the Local Network of the NOIP.

### **III. Matters concerning abstracting, classifying, reclassifying and indexing of technical information contained in industrial design documents**

For the purposes of examination, searches and publishing of industrial design documents, the International Classification for Industrial Design, the last edition, is used. The reclassification of the patent collection is not carried out.

The translation of International Classification for Industrial Design, the last edition, from English into Vietnamese had been done.

### **IV. Search file establishment and upkeep**

In 1999, some 2135 design bibliographic data including drawings were added to the design searching file. The design searching file is in the form of carton cards and arranged by the International Classification for Industrial Design.

Documentation of other patent offices maintained and considered as part of the existing search file. That documentation consists of industrial design information and drawings on CD-ROM files received from the World Intellectual Property Organization, and Industrial Design Bulletins from other industrial property offices namely National Institute of Industrial Property of France, Russian Patent Office, Australian Patent Office, Germany Patent Office, US Patent Office, Switzerland Patent Office, Poland Patent Office and Hungary Patent Office and Czech patent Office.

### **V. Activities in the field of computerized and other mechanized search system**

The NOIP use online design databases accessible via Internet, mainly US design databases.

#### Equipment and media used :

The infrastructure available to the Office for the carrying out of design searches is as follows:

- \*/ 1 workstation for searching design information available on Internet,
- \*/ 3 workstations for searching design information available on CD-ROM discs collection,
- \*/ 2 workstations for generating the Industrial Property Gazettes, and
- \*/ 6 laser printers.

#### **VI. Administration of the NOIP library and industrial property information services available to the public**

The documentation available in the Library and made available to users from the outside the Office consists of industrial design bulletines published by the NOIP and other national patent offices. The amount of design documents received during 1999 was 70,000 copies, so the total number of the Library is 910,000 design documents at the end of 1999.

The NOIP offers a wide range of services to the public in relation to industrial design. The services are as follows :

- \*/ Similar searches,
- \*/ Identical searches, and
- \*/ Copying design documents.

Any services may be requested by mail, fax, e-mail or in person at the NOIP.

In 1999, the NOIP served 335 clients who came to the National Office of Industrial Property and also provided hundreds documents at requests of users.

#### **VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of industrial design documentation and information**

In 1999, the NOIP carried out international exchange with patent offices of 9 countries and one international organization. The volumes of incoming foreign industrial design primarily depend on the scale of activities of national patent offices and international organization. The leading positions in this respect belong to Japan, United States, and WIPO. In 1999, within the framework of international exchange , the NOIP received 70,000 industrial design documents and sent to the foreign patent offices 240 volumes of the Industrial Property Gazette that contains 2135 industrial design applications and granted patents to be published.

Various types of data carriers (paper, microfiche, optical disc ) continued to be used in 1999 for the exchange of patent documents.

The NOIP received from foreign patent offices:

+/ 66,031 industrial designs on paper,

+/ 3,969 industrial designs on optical discs.

From its side, the NOIP sent to foreign patent offices 240 volumes of Industrial Property Gazette on paper.

In 1999, as before, only paper carriers were allowed for filing patent applications to the NOIP.

**VIII. Other relevant matters concerning education and training in, and promotion of , the use of patent information , including technical assistance to developing countries**

The NOIP has or has in cooperation with other agencies organized 33 either seminars, workshops or training courses on industrial property matters including industrial design information and documentation.