

The Korean FDA Announces Online Database

The Korean Food and Drug Administration (KFDA) announced that as of March 26, 2009, the website, medipatent.kfda.go.kr, will provide a database on patents that have not expired.

The KFDA sorted through unexpired patent information obtained from the Korean Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association and the Korea Institute of Patent Information. The following information will be available on the website:

- Information on Korean patents corresponding to the U.S. Orange Book
- Patents related to products
- Patents related to main components
- Information about domestic and international patent lawsuits
- Product information
- Expiration date of re-examined patents
- Information on allowed drugs (directions/dosage/medication/efficacy/effect)
- Updated information on allowed drugs

The website will also provide recent production figures, import volumes of original drugs, and information on manufacturers preparing generic drugs.

Tmax Soft unveils a new OS, but success still in doubt

Tmax, a Korean software company, unveiled a demo version of their new OS called none other than "Tmax Window" on July 7th.

Tmax Window is squarely aiming to become Korea's Microsoft Windows fighter. The promise: Works just like Microsoft Windows, but the price is half. During the product demo, Tmax ran Starcraft game and Microsoft Office on its Tmax Window. The applications somehow ran, but there were still many rough edges and glitches, participants witnessed. Tmax Window will go on sale in November this year.

Tmax is one of the leading software companies in Korea, most famous for its middleware server solution. They take huge pride in being the only Korean company (or one of only few local players anywhere in the world) competing head-on against global software giants such as Microsoft and Oracle.

Korea and Russia agrees to launch their own Patent Prosecution Highway

The commissioners of the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the Russian Patent Office held a meeting on June 23 and agreed to carry out the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) from November 2.

In addition to carrying out the PPH, the two offices discussed policies to support green growth and agreed to establish a cooperative system to strengthen the prosecution of intellectual property rights between Korea and Russia.

Revision of the Internet Address Resources Act

– Providing for transfer remedy for the disputed domain name to legitimate right's holders

The June 9th, 2009 revision of the Internet Address Resources Act made it possible for legitimate rights' holders to seek the remedy of transfer for the disputed domain names. In addition, the scope and concept of Internet addresses which are regulated by this act have been made clearer; the effect of domain name dispute resolution has

been enhanced; and the policy of personal verification for domain name registrants has been adopted.

The revised Act takes effect as of September 10th, 2009.

KCS, developing an automatic counterfeit detection system IPIMS

The Korean Customs Service (KCS) has announced the introduction of an automatic counterfeit detection system "Intellectual Property Information Management System (IPIMS)" for automatic identification of counterfeit goods in order to root out faked imports effectively since May 4th, 2009.

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