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The European Union (EU) Council announced on December 8, 2009 that it reached agreement on an enhanced patent system in Europe on December 4, 2009. The Conclusions on an enhanced patent system in Europe indicate agreement on (i) renewal fees for patent, (ii) enhanced partnership between each nation's patent office, and (iii) a unified patent litigation system, (iv) and the like. The Conclusions also mention the establishment of a EU-wide European and EU Patents Court.

2009年12月8日、EU理事会は、同年12月4日にヨーロッパにおける特許システムの強化に関する合意に達したことを明らかにした。その合意文書(Conclusions on an enhanced patent system in Europe)では、特許の更新料や、各国特許庁間での協力推進、統一された特許訴訟システム等について方向性が示されている。また、EU共通の特許裁判所(European and EU Patents Court)の創設にも触れられている。



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Chinese influence on global intellectual property activity is growing increasingly stronger. The “World Intellectual Property Indicator 2009”, recently released by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), states that the number of filings of patent (patent, utility model and design) received by China’s State Intellectual Property Office grew by an average of 23.9 % a year between 1995 and 2007, which is far above the growth rates of filings in Europe and the United States.

知的財産権事業の世界に対する中国の影響力がますます強まりつつある。このほど、世界知的所有権機関(WIPO)が2009年版「世界知的財産権指標報告」を発表した。この報告によれば、中国国家知識産権局が受理した発明の特許(特許、実用新案、意匠)申請件数の年平均増加率が1995年から2007年までの間で23.9%に達し、欧州や米国を大きく上回ったという。

Two iPS cell-related patents are granted in Japan iPS細胞に関する特許2件が国内で成立

Kyoto University announced on November 25, 2009 that it was granted two Japanese patents related to induced pluripotent stem cells (iPS cells), which were first developed by Professor Shinya Yamanaka of Kyoto University’s Center for iPS Cell Research and Application. With the addition of a basic patent granted on September 12, 2008, Kyoto University now holds three patents related to iPS cells. The two patents that were granted are Japanese Patent Application Number 2009-056747 (corresponding to Japanese Patent Application Publication 2009-165478) and Japanese Patent Application Number 2009-056750 (corresponding to Japanese Patent Application Publication 2009-165481). Japanese Patent Application Number 2009-056747 relates to a method for the generation of iPS cells, and Japanese Patent Application Number 2009-056750 relates to a method for the differentiation induction from iPS cells.

2009年11月25日、京都大は、iPS細胞研究センターの山中伸弥教授が世界ではじめて開発した人工多能性幹細胞(iPS細胞)に関する特許2件が日本で成立すると発表した。これで、京都大学が保有するiPS細胞関連特許は、2008年9月12日に成立した基本特許に加え、併せて3件となった。今回成立した特許は、特願2009-056747(特開2009-165478)、特願2009-056750(特開2009-165481)の2件。特願2009-056747はiPS細胞の作製方法に関する特許であり、特願2009-056750はiPS細胞からの分化誘導方法に関する特許である。



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