
Intellectual Property Organization of Pakistan (IPO-Pakistan) is focal Government body for management of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) in the Country. IPO-Pakistan was established as an autonomous body under Cabinet Division in 2005. IOP Act has been passed by the Parliament in 2012. The core functions of IPO-Pakistan are Integrated IP management, improved service delivery, enhanced IP Awareness and IPR enforcement Coordination.

Copyright Office, trademark Office, Patent and Design Office which were previously working under different ministries have been integrated under one umbrella organization i.e. IPO-Pakistan. Currently, following IP related laws are being administered by IPO- Pakistan;

a) The Intellectual Property Organization of Pakistan Act, 2012;

b) Patent Ordinance 2000 (amended in 2002 & 2006);

c) Trademarks Ordinance 2001;

d) Copyright Ordinance. 1962, (amended in 2000);

e) The Registered Designs Ordinance, 2000;

f) The Registered Designs Layout-Designs of Integrated Circuits Ordinance, 2000;

g) Plant Breeders Bights Bill (under approval in the Parliament).

CIIT has developed closed linkages with the Intellectual Property Office of Pakistan. CIIT also arranged training on Intellectual Property Rights where guests from IPO Pakistan were also invited to participate.

Addressing the seminar, The Director General IPO-Pakistan Mr. Tarik Feroze reiterated his firm to make IPO a vibrant organization by giving due consideration to recommendations of stakeholders and said that we had adopted a policy to approach partner organizations for seeking their expert opinion. He said IPO has also made it possible to keep liaison with right holders at grass root level to get their suggestion which would help in policy formulation and developing future strategies. He said we can face all the challenges by developing joint work relationship with stakeholders and in order to achieve better results.

Mr. Tarik also highlighted the need of public private partnerships for promotion of Intellectual Property Rights in the society. He said IPR’s would be enforced vigorously with active involvement of law enforcing agencies. He also assured for continuous consultation process to improve the service delivery system and procedures. He also agreed to give representation of ICCI representative in the in IPO policy Board of Directors to make business friendly IPO laws.

Mr. Zafar Bakhtawari, President ICCI said that this is age of Intellectual Property and we should have to concentrate on promotion of brands. He asked that media should play its positive role in building IP respect and confidence among the masses which would lead for economic betterment and local & foreign investment in the country. He assured all possible cooperation in IP related activities to be carried out at ICCI platform. Mr.Bakhtawari further said that private sector should be given proper representation in IPO policy board so that the concerns of business community could be addressed in efficient manner. He said we have one billion consumer markets in SAARC Region and we can achieve economic benefits by developing and promoting our national brands.

Mr. Iqbal Tabish, Secretary General, SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry underlined the need for developing close interactions among SAARC member countries so that better understanding may be developed through sharing of knowledge and experiences of each other to manage IPR issues in SAARC
Message by the Caretaker Prime Minister of Pakistan Justice (R) Mir Hazar Khan Khoso on World Intellectual Property Day 26th April, 2013

It gives me immense pleasure to address the creative community on the occasion of World Intellectual Property Day falling on 26th April. Creative minds are the real asset of any society. All the scientific, technological and social development which we see today is the gift of creative minds. No doubt, our creative people in the past have done a great service to humanity. I am confident that these talented and gifted minds will continue to enrich humanity.

The government of Pakistan is fully cognizant of the interests of Creators, Scientists, Inventors, Business Community, and Innovators and has established the Intellectual Property Organization (IPO-Pakistan) as an Integrated Intellectual Property Management Body in 2005. IPO Pakistan has also been given permanent legal cover in the form of IPO Act, 2012.

It is the primary responsibility of IPO Pakistan and all other stakeholders to provide such an environment which is helpful for creative work’ by the Next Generation to support and promote creative workers and eliminate illegal and unfair trade once for all.

World Intellectual Property Day is celebrated on 26th April each year. This year, it was co-organized by Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The competent authority of CIIT nominated Khawaja Basit Rehman – Assistant Manager (P & C/R.O) and Mr. Muhammad Zeeshan Haider – Public Relations Officer of Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) to attend the seminar on the eve of World IP day.