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MyIPO, EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE AND JAPAN PATENT OFFICE SIGN MoU TO PURSUE COLLABORATION ON IP SYSTEMS AND PRACTICES

KUALA LUMPUR, 4 October 2019 – Director General of the Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia (MyIPO), Dato' Mohd. Roslan bin Mahayudin and the European Patent Office (EPO) President António Campinos, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Reinforced Partnership to improve patent-related services for both local innovators and European companies.

Under the MoU, over the next five years the EPO and MyIPO will co-operate in making their patent systems as efficient, user-friendly and predictable as possible. In particular, the EPO will support MyIPO in increasing efficiency, timeliness and quality in its patent grant process with a view to promoting investment and technology transfer between Europe and Malaysia.

Mohd. Roslan in a statement released at the event, said that by systematically and effectively using EPO work products, tools and practices, MyIPO will strengthen its search and examination capacities to ensure a high quality, timely and efficient examination of both national first and second filings.

Earlier, Mohd. Roslan have inked a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) with Japan Patent Office.

The MOC involves exchanging information, experiences and knowledge of the Offices regarding the establishment of trial and appeal system, updating on patent and utility innovation examination guidelines on emerging technologies as well as updating on industrial design and trademark examination guidelines.

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“We are delighted that they want to cooperate on a wider scale and exchange their best practices,” said Mohd. Roslan, Director General of MyIPO. “The cooperation will enable greater capacity building for IP examiners especially with Industry 4.0 already ahead.” he added.

The signing ceremony that took place on WIPO General Assemblies at the WIPO Headquarters in Geneva, was witnessed by Datuk Muez Abd. Aziz, Secretary General of Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs.

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MyIPO, is an agency under Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs responsible for the development and management of intellectual property system in Malaysia. MyIPO is placing greater emphasis on the quality and efficiency of the search and examination process for granting of intellectual property in Malaysia. For more info, visit www.myipo.gov.my.

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