A stronger infrastructure for IPR in Iran

Since July 2018, Denmark and Iran has partnered in a strategic sector cooperation that aims to enhance efficiency and effectiveness in registration, management, and enforcement of intellectual property rights (IPR) in Iran.

The project brings international experts from the Danish Patent and Trademark Office to Iran to support Iranian public authorities and private sector actors. Together, we work to help modernize the country’s economy and improve the regulation of its business environment with a particular aim to spur sustainable economic growth in knowledge and innovation-intensive industries.

The core activities of the project centre on the Intellectual Property Center of Iran and provide trainings and experience sharing to its staff by Danish experts. To achieve greater institutional synergies, Denmark also works actively with its partners to foster coherence and coordination between registering authorities, private sector, academia and enforcing entities in Iran that deals with IPR on a daily basis. Lastly, the project offers expert advice on how to bring Iranian legislation into alignment with international standards and how to build effective awareness campaigns about IPR in Iran to the public.

Full steam ahead

2019 has been the busiest year of the project so far with 31 Danish expert delegations visiting Iran.

Danish inputs have inspired the creation of a brand-new quality management system for case processing in Iran. Expert inputs on pending Iranian legislation have brought Iran closer to internationally accepted standards in their registration, management and enforcement of IPR.

Thanks to the positive momentum of project activities and the constructive dialogue it has spawned, Denmark in 2019 started a partnership with the Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance on copyright and artistic works. This partnership focuses on how Danish experiences could be used in Iran in the country’s on-going efforts of revising its current institutional setup, including on establishing collective management organisations.

In 2020, implementation pace is set to continue with an added focus on awareness-raising and establishment of a new customer-service unit in the Iranian IPR authorities for the first time, building on Danish practices. It is planned that already on-going sequenced courses, such as those on patent examination, will also be rolled out.

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