

Intellectual Property in the Innovation System

Intellectual property rights

- A basket of rights created by law that allow inventors, innovators and creators own their inventive, innovative and creative outputs.
- These rights include:
 - patents (technical improvments and innovations),
 - trademarks (business signs),
 - designs (shape or form of products),
 - copyright (creative expresions) and
 - trade secrets (business information that gives competive advantage).



Design protection for the corrugated surface



Recipes guarded as trade secrets

Copyright in the packaging



"Lays" registered trademark

Number of patents - Special potato peelers, frying equipment, methods of making the snack with certain properties, frying methods, method for creating shapes, apparatus for cutting food products, etc

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Exploiting IP

- Integrate the IP protected invention, design, mark, creative work in the product
- Other options
 - Sell, license, franchise or merchandise
 - Use it for strengthening position for joint ventures and strategic alliances
 - Use it to access to finance



Supportive Policy Framework

S&T, agriculture, health, education, industry, export, environment policies, immigration laws, procurement, tax laws, business facilitation laws

Knowledge Base Universities, PROs, Industry R&D IP Enables Industrial/Service Sector SMEs IP Differentiates

Intermediaries

Angels, VCs, incubators, science parks, innovation centers, Proof of Concept Centers, IP service providers (IPOs, Chambers of Commerce, Lawyers, Business consultants)

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This requires an

- Effective IP system in place for stimulating the production of knowledge
- Effective management of IP in the research output of universities and research institutes facilitating collaboration with industry
- Effective management of IP by SMEs in their competitive strategies



Supportive Policy Framework

- IP a cross cutting issue; integrate IP into S&T, agriculture, health, education, industry and other relevant policies.
- Facilitate venture capital and angel investors to fund R&D through to commercialization.
- Encourage foreign R&D to locate in the country through investment policies and tax policies.
- Encourage foreign and diaspora scientists into the country through immigration policies.
- Encourage IP intensive companies to bring their R&D and to commercialize in the country through tax policies.
- Use government procurement to support and promote innovative local companies.
- Capture public sector innovation through IP management within government departments, agencies and institutions.