

Initiatives Related to Intellectual Property

Approach to Intellectual Property

Under the core policy regarding the protection of intellectual property with the aim of expanding our performance and ensuring a competitive advantage for new businesses, the Nissha Group works to establish intellectual property strategies and meet internal needs for securing intellectual property rights for the Nissha Group as a whole, led by Intellectual Property Management. In addition, the protection of intellectual property is one of the key items of our Guideline of the Corporate Ethics and Compliance, and we are actively promoting establishing rights and uses for our intellectual property, along with respecting the intellectual property of third parties.

Basic policy for protection of intellectual property

1. We will acknowledge the importance of our technologies and brands as intellectual property and will undertake their appropriate management.
2. We will report any invention arising through our business operations in accordance with our Company regulations.
3. We will strive to avoid the breach of third-party intellectual property rights.

Contents of Initiatives

Promotion of Patent Application

We aim to file for patent application and obtain rights for new technologies developed in our development divisions. To respond to the increasing globalization of our business activities, this requires us to file for application not only in Japan but also abroad. The promotion of technology development and the obtaining of patent rights help to differentiate Nissha Group products, made with our own distinctive technologies, from other companies' products. This in turn puts a check on the inappropriate use of other companies' technologies, helping also to reduce intellectual property-related risks in connection with Nissha Group products for our customers.

Monitoring of Other Companies' Patents

We periodically research and continuously monitor other companies' patents so that Nissha Group products do not infringe others' patent rights. For monitoring, we input subjects as research criteria in a patent database and obtain results on a regular basis using a selective dissemination of information (SDI) system.

Intellectual Property Training Programs

We organize intellectual property training programs conducted by outside specialists to ensure employees can deepen their understanding of intellectual property and learn to properly protect Nissha's. In the fiscal year ended December 2018, we held two courses—basic and advanced—which were attended by thirteen people. Employees in technical fields were required to take the course as a way to learn skills and knowledge related to intellectual property. The course contents cover a wide range of areas, including intellectual property systems, how to research other companies' patents, understanding inventions, brushing up previously-learned content, and detecting infringement.

In addition, we also provide numerous training sessions taught by a member of Intellectual Property Management that covers patents, devising inventions, design, trademarks, and copyright.



Intellectual property training program
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