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Patent Office with New Technology and Innovation Support Center

Recently the Costa Rican Patent Office signed an agreement with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in order to establish and develop a Technology and Innovation Support Center (TISC) to provide service to users of the patent office.

Among the services provided, the TISC offers access to online patent and non-patent (scientific and technical) resources and industrial property-related publications, namely access to specialized databases to perform on-demand searches (novelty, state-of-the-art and infringement), as well as assistance in searching and retrieving technology information.

WIPO promotes the establishment of TISCs in developing countries in order to give access to locally based, high quality technology information and related services, helping them to exploit their innovative potential and to create, protect, and manage their intellectual property rights.

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The Costa Rican Government announced that in 2012, 40 new high

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technology investment projects decided to establish their operations in Costa Rica in Services, Life Sciences, Advanced Manufacturing and Clean Technology sectors. This represents a new record for Costa Rica as it exceeded the results obtained in 2011, year in which the country registered the highest FDI numbers in terms of high technology in the last decade.

According to the Costa Rican Ministry of Foreign Commerce, high technology investment sectors have played a fundamental role in the country's economy not only due to its contribution to country's foreign direct investment, but also in goods and services exports upturn and the generation of new job opportunities for Costa Ricans.

The growth and evolution of these sectors are somehow responsible that Costa Rica is today a leading exporter of high technology goods and services worldwide, as well being highly involved in global value supply chains. [Read More](#)

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Castro & Pal receives visit from First Secretary for Intellectual Property in US Embassy in Mexico

Last month, Castro & Pal Abogados had the pleasure to receive the visit of Mr. Michael Lewis, First Secretary for Intellectual Property at the Embassy of the United States of America in Mexico.

The visit of Mr. Lewis to Costa Rica had the purpose of establishing a continuing relationship with the Costa Rican government and intellectual property authorities and offices involving copyrights, patents and trademarks, in order to have a more comprehensive view of the intellectual property framework in Costa Rica.

Amid his objectives Mr. Lewis aimed to reach out to stakeholders, including both U.S. and Costa Rican companies, IP attorneys, government officials and NGOs to receive different perspectives on the IP environment in Costa Rica, and further determine the need of providing expert IP training, as well as capacity building. In this regard, Mr. Lewis was able to make key contacts for future IP education and trainings, namely prosecutors, judges and IP administrators.

His visit to our offices at Castro & Pal Abogados was a professionally rewarding experience, as he demonstrated his recognition of our Intellectual Property department and staff. We would like to offer our sincere appreciation to Mr. Lewis for his encouragement and congratulate him on his efforts on providing policy and legal guidance on intellectual property matters for our country.

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