
Intellectual Property

Cambodia Accedes to Berne Convention

After signing the Madrid Protocol, the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the Hague Agreement, the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement and the Beijing Treaty within the past five years, Cambodia has taken another major step to become a member of the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works (“**Berne Convention**”), another key intellectual property (“**IP**”) protection international treaty which was adopted in 1886 and amended in 1979. On 27 June 2020, Cambodia passed a law to approve Cambodia’s accession to the Berne Convention. The accession is expected to enter into force three months following the director general of the WIPO issuing a notification of the deposit of the instrument of accession.

Under the current Law on Copyright and Related Rights of Cambodia, works are automatically protected without registration. However, works produced outside Cambodia are not protected, except those published in Cambodia within 30 days of the first communication to the public (for works of author), first fixed or published in Cambodia (for phonograms), or transmitted from transmitters located in Cambodia (for broadcasting organizations). Cambodia’s accession to the Berne Convention would provide automatic protection for foreigner works, which include the works of authors who are nationals of one of other member countries, or where the work is first published (or simultaneously published) in a member country. It is to be noted that persons who are not nationals, but which have their habitual residence in a member country, will be regarded as a national of that member country.

We will provide more information in relation to the development and completion of the accession in due course.

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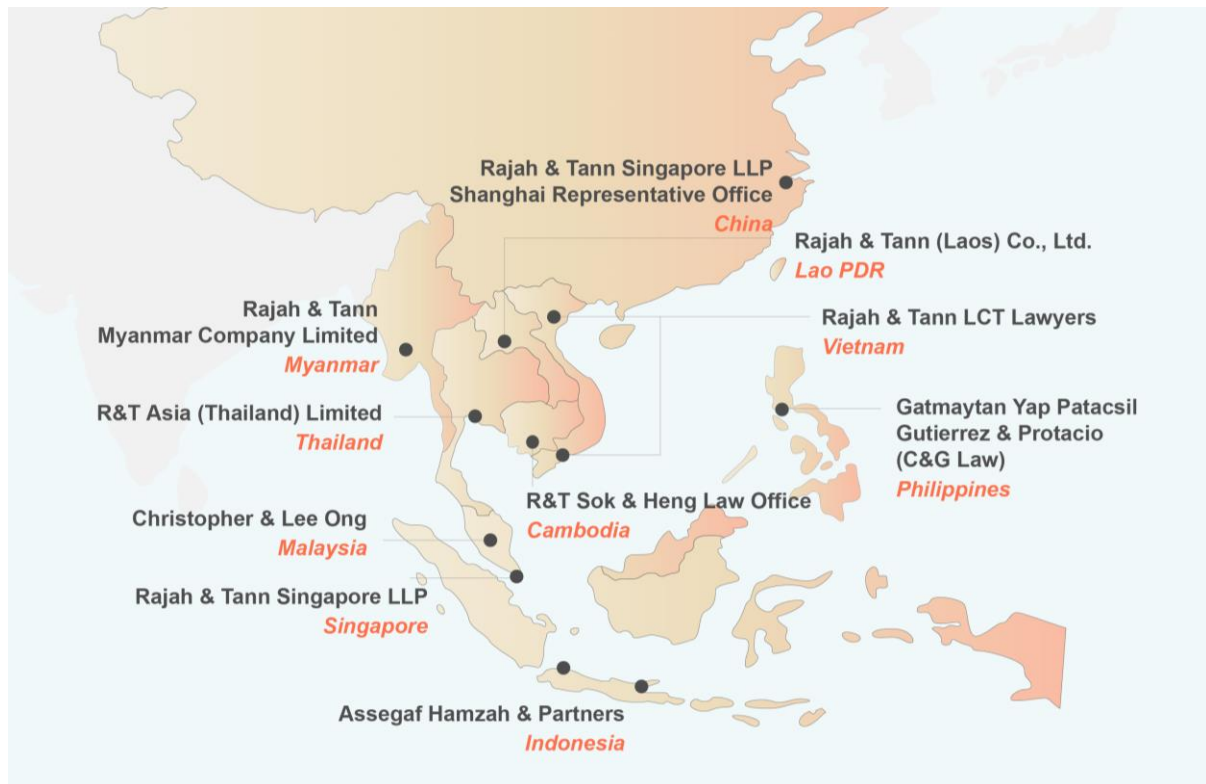
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