Digitalization to enhance cooperation in UPOV: e-PVP Asia

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Digitalization in UPOV

Current UPOV tools

- ✓ UPOV PRISMA online application
- ✓ GENIE database for DUS examination (cooperation/experience/DUS-TG)
- ✓ PLUTO PVP database (applications/titles)

Opportunities for digitalization

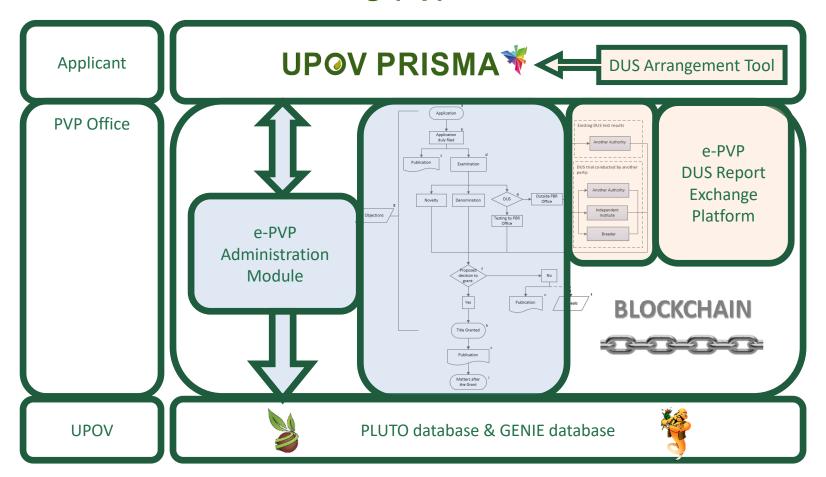
- 1. Streamline the task of UPOV members by a package of compatible IT tools
- 2. Easy to apply in multiple countries online
- 3. Facilitate cooperation in DUS examination

Digitalization in UPOV

Facilitating cooperation in DUS examination

- a) Exchanging existing DUS reports for:
 - (1) UPOV members to post and receive existing DUS reports and arrange payment
 - (2) PVP applicants to request use of existing DUS reports and make payments
- b) Tool to provide information on cooperation in DUS examination between UPOV members to PVP applicants in a user-friendly form, using information contained in the GENIE database

e-PVP



Digitalization in UPOV

Function and features of e-PVP

- 1. Administration Module web based management tool to assist PVP office tasks (application/examination/grant of titles/after grant)
- 2. Support DUS cooperation between UPOV members (DUS report exchange module/DUS Arrangement Tool)
- **3. A single online combined Application Form applicable** for multi UPOV members as a basis of UPOV PRISMA
- **4. Blockchain technology** Secure, flexible adaptation to each member's existing system

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EAPVP Pilot Project to develop e-PVP Asia

✓ Proposal by Japan and Viet Nam adopted at the 11th EAPVP Forum (2018)

"Pilot project for building regional harmonized PVP mechanism"

"Develop a model procedure from filing to the grant of plant breeders' right as a foundation of regional harmonized mechanism in line with the UPOV Convention"

- a unified application form
- harmonized DUS test proceedings with Test Guidelines
- mutual acceptance of the DUS Test results and administrative proceedings
- ✓ Timeline of the PP
 - Phase 1 (2018 2021): Develop and test a model platform
 - Phase 2 (from 2022): Operational (officially receive applications)

10-Year Strategic Plan

- adopted at the 11th EAPVPF annual meeting -

Long-term Direction

Establish effective PVP systems consistent with the **UPOV Convention** among Forum members towards **achieving all Forum members' membership of UPOV**, as a basis for **further PVP harmonization** and **cooperation in the region** in order to contribute to developing sustainable agriculture and achieving food security

Objective 1:

Strengthen national PVP system consistent with the UPOV Convention to encourage investment in plant breeding

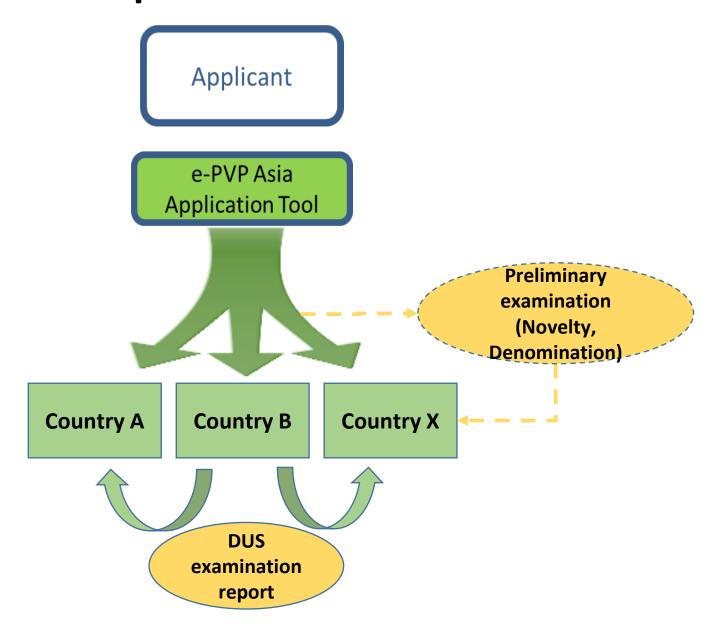
Objective 2:

Contribute to support achievement of UPOV membership, to facilitate harmonization of application and examination procedures, and to enhance efficient PVP cooperation in the region

Who can participate in the Pilot Project (PP) and e-PVP Asia after launch?

- ✓ E-PVP Asia Participating countries must be a UPOV member
- ✓ PP Participating countries must be UPOV members:
 - Japan and Viet Nam
- ✓ PP Provisional Participating countries:
 - EAPVPF countries which have initiated the procedure to become a UPOV member
 - Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia, Myanmar
- ✓ PP Observer countries:
 - Other EAPVPF countries
- ✓ PP Resource partner:
 - UPOV Office

e-PVP Asia – a platform



Cooperation between e-PVP Asia participating countries (1)

- Efficient applications to multiple countries -

A single online combined Application Form (AF)

For applicants:

- Easy to apply in multiple countries
- Save time and costs for application

Cooperation between e-PVP Asia participating countries (2) - Cooperation in DUS examination -

- 1. Accept/provide DUS test reports according to the agreed e-PVP Asia arrangements (ToU for participating countries and users)
- Participating countries to make best endeavors to enhance cooperation in DUS examination (MOC)
- 3. DUS Arrangement Tool to enable for applicants to view DUS cooperation arrangement when filing applications
- 4. e-PVP DUS Report Exchange Platform



For applicants:

Minimize duplication of DUS testing

For Participating countries:

 Regional DUS cooperation to address capacity gaps (e.g. human resources, infrastructure, agroclimatic conditions for growing trials)

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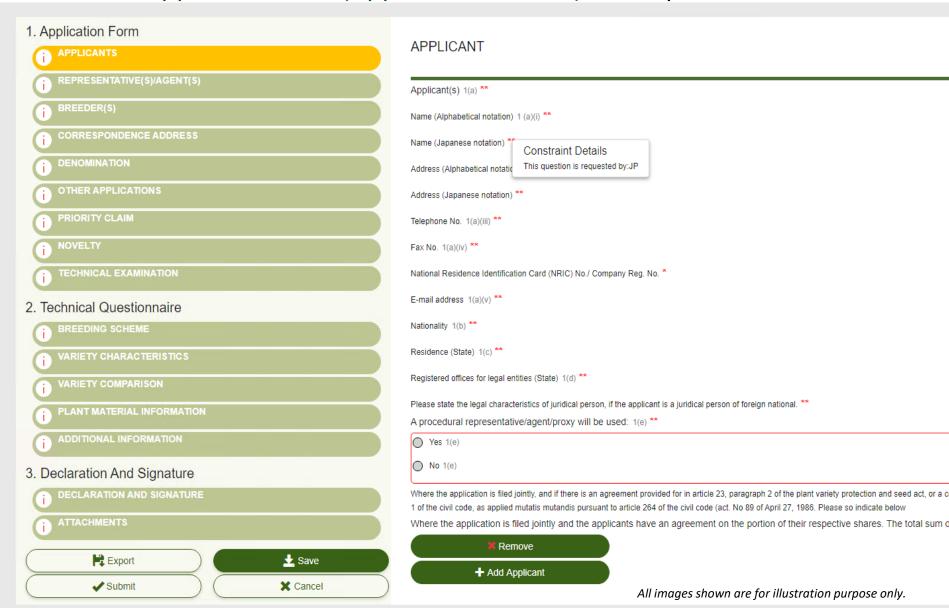
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e-PVP Asia Application tool (applicant interface)

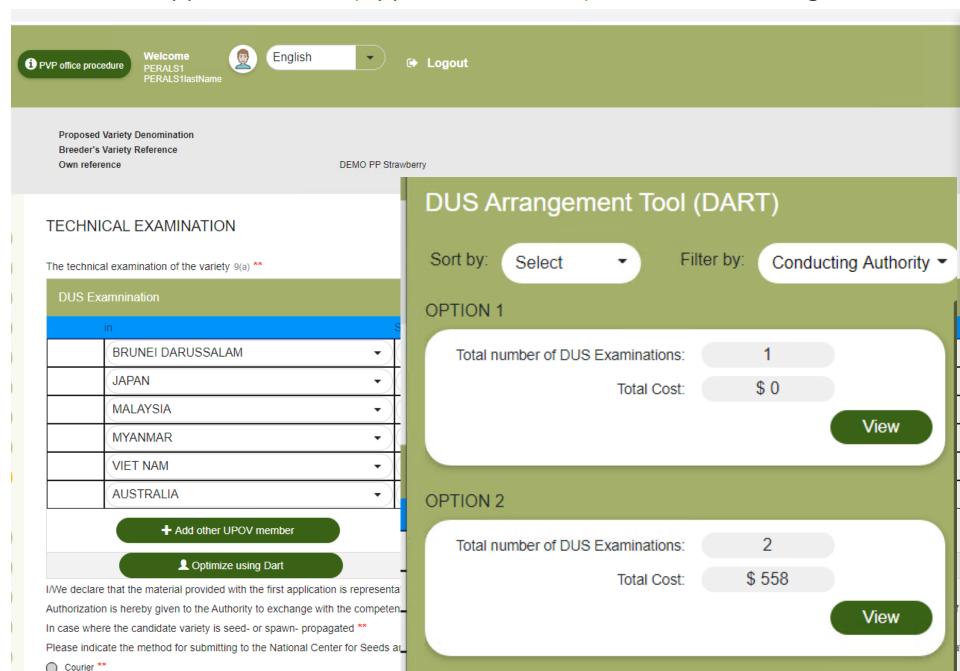
 Demonstration of e-PVP Administration Module

✓ Developments of Prototype of e-PVP Asia

e-PVP Asia Application Tool (Applicant interface) - Complete the combined AF



e-PVP Asia Application Tool (Applicant interface) – View DUS arrangements

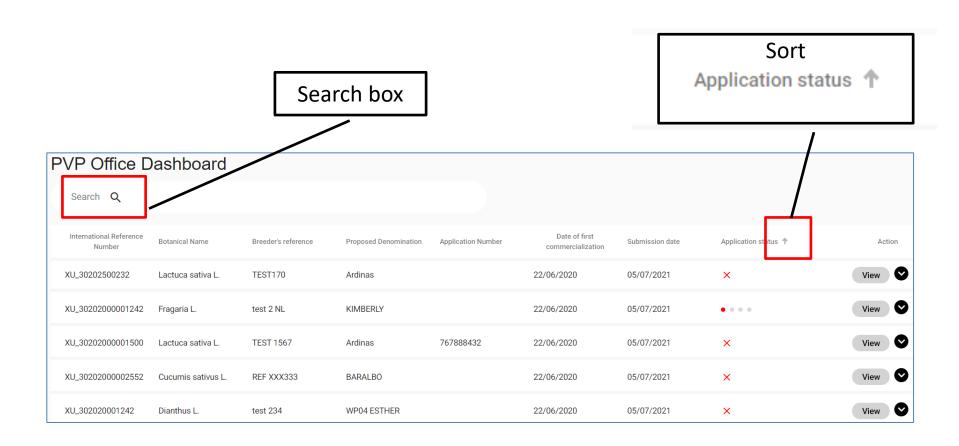


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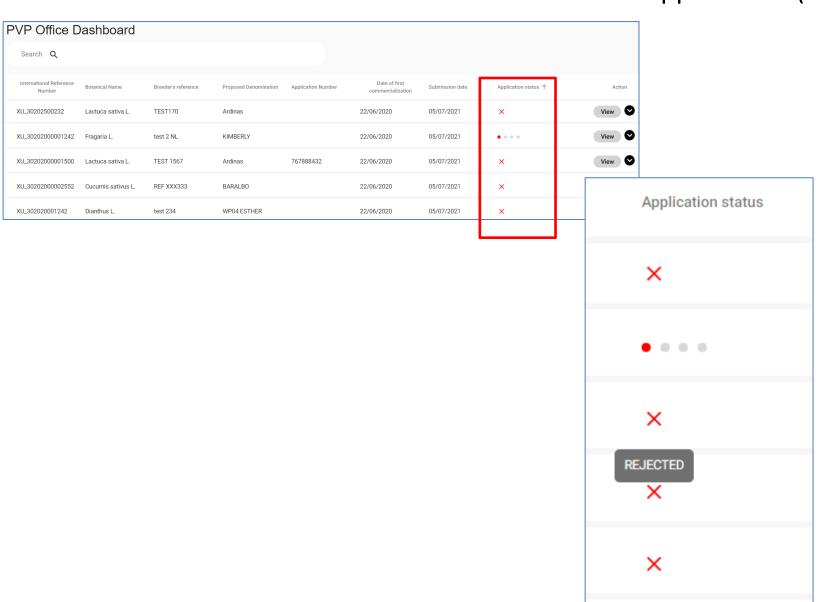
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Overview of applications (1)

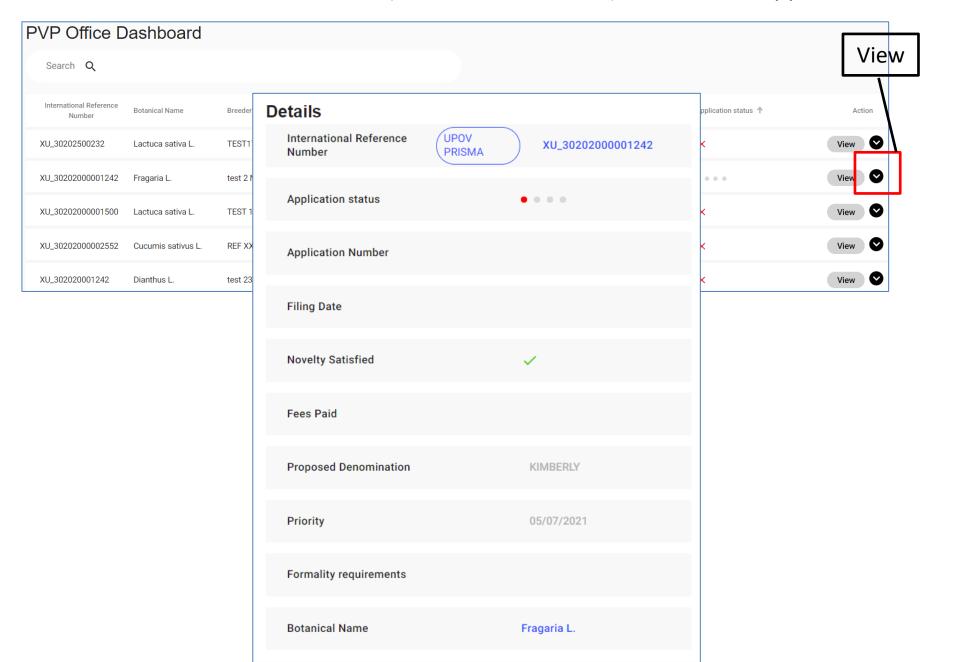


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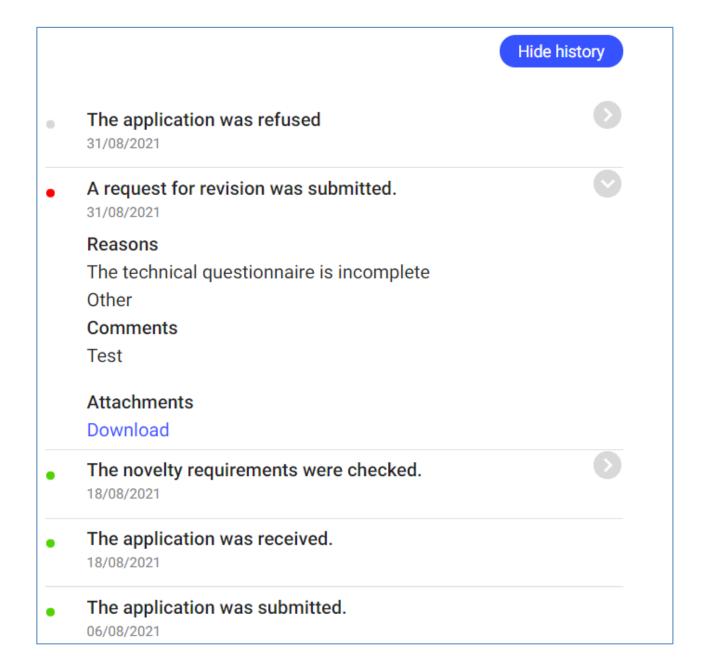
Overview of applications (2)



e-PVP Administration Module (PVP Office interface) – View each application



e-PVP Administration Module (PVP Office interface) – View history



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