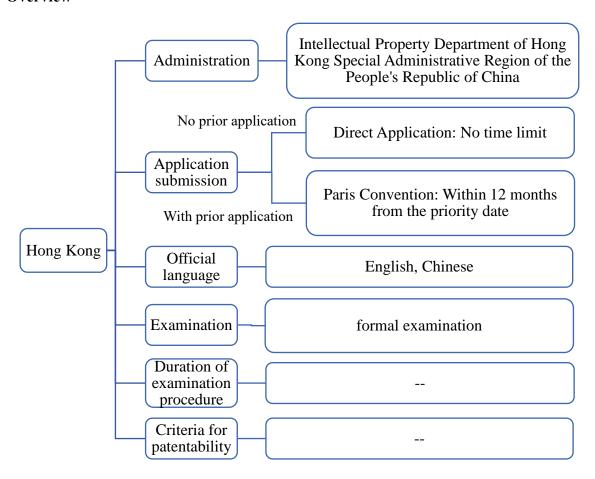
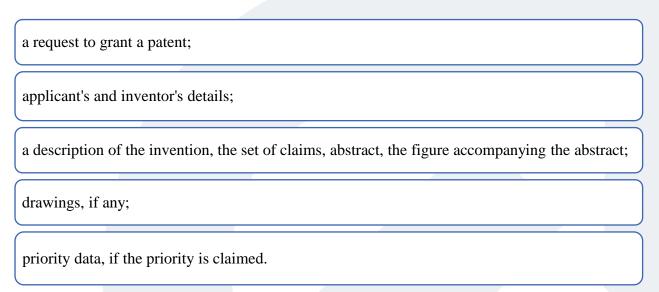
# **Guidance on Short-Term Patent Application in Hong Kong (China)**

### I. Overview



### **II.** Application Documents Requested



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## **III. Application Process**

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## IV. Validity Term

- Hong Kong short-term patents are valid for 4 years from the date of application and can be renewed once for a period of 4 years, with a maximum validity of 8 years.
- Renewal fee is payable on schedule in order to maintain effective patent.

#### V. Note

- The grant of a short-term patent in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region is based on a search report from one of the following searching authorities:
  - a) an international searching authority appointed under Article 16 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
  - b) the China National Intellectual Property Administration;
  - c) the European Patent Office;
  - d) the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office.
- A short-term patent application may include up to two independent claims.



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