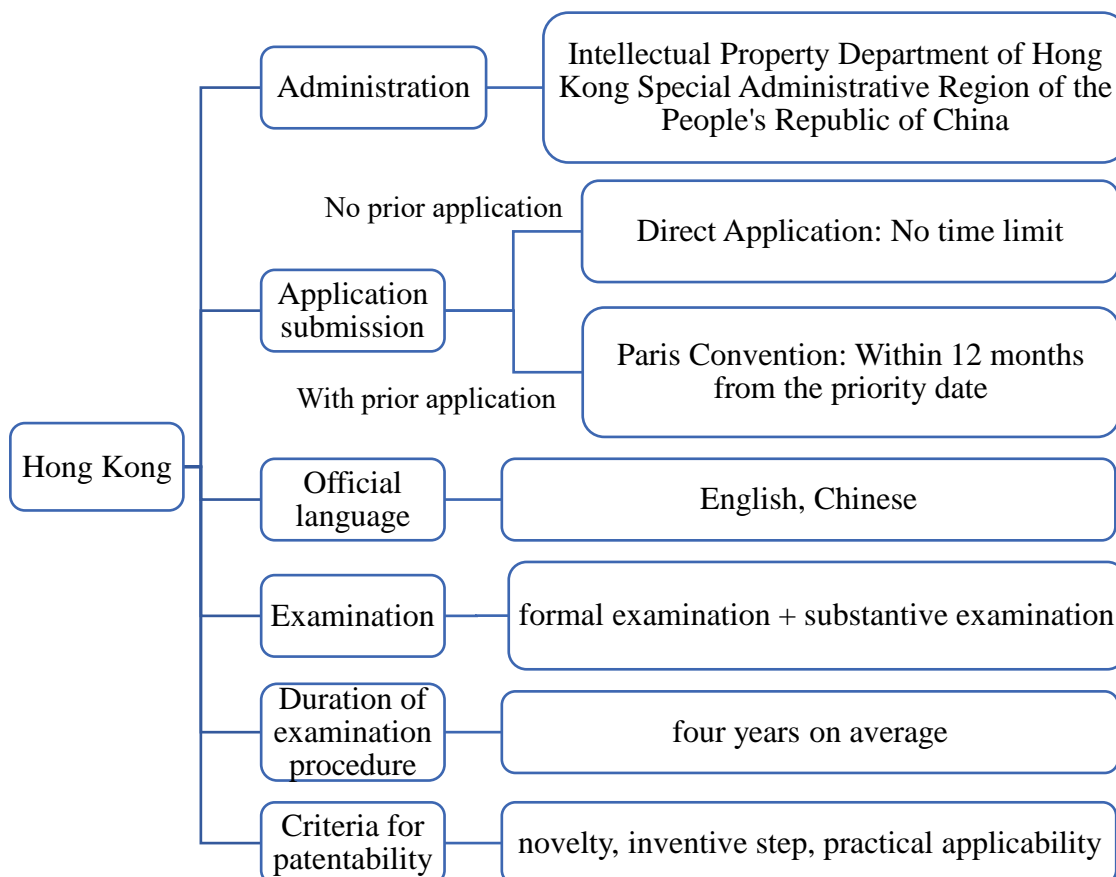


Guidance on Patent Application for Invention in Hong Kong (China)

I. Overview



II. Application Documents Requested

a request to grant a patent;

applicant's and inventor's details;

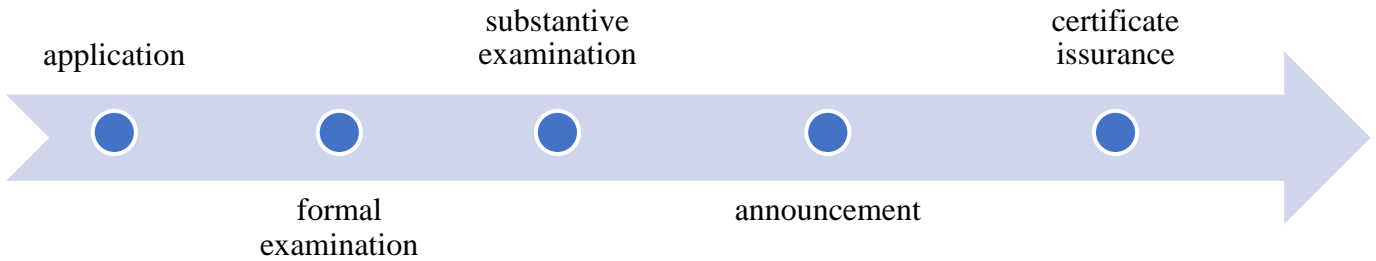
a description of the invention, the set of claims, abstract, the figure accompanying the abstract;

drawings, if any;

priority data, if the priority is claimed.



III. Application Process



IV. Validity Term

- Standard Patent Applications (Original Patents) are granted upon successful completion of the substantive examination and valid for 20 years as of the filing date.
- The first renewal fee is payable 3 years from the anniversary of the filing date first occurring after the grant of the Hong Kong patent, and subsequent renewal fees are payable annually thereafter throughout the patent term.

