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The development of intellectual property rights in Asia has been dramatic following the adoption of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPs Agreement), concluded within the framework of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations in 1994. Most Asian countries have since completely overhauled their intellectual property systems, or are in the process of doing so, in order to comply with the TRIPs implementation requirements. Non-members Vietnam, China and Taiwan have also gone a long way towards revising their intellectual property laws and enforcement mechanisms.

The Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Patent, Copyright and Competition Law has followed and supported these developments in a number of ways. Particularly in Southeast Asia, members of the Institute have assisted in drafting legislation both on the Institute's own account and in cooperation with projects funded by the European Community, WIPO, the World Bank, UNDP and others. Cooperation agreements have been concluded with institutions in Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam. Since the Max Planck Institute's Asian Department was founded in 1975, more than 200 guests from Asia have studied and researched at the Max Planck Institute.

This series aims to provide expert coverage of intellectual property rights in Asian jurisdictions for both practising and academic lawyers. Particular attention is given to the non-English speaking countries of Asia where reliable information is often difficult to come by. The series includes both country-specific reports and comparative studies on current problems of interest.

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