

## MALAYSIA

# INDUSTRIAL DESIGN PRACTICE UPDATES

### NEW

#### Practice Updates



Not necessary to sign Power of Attorney [ID Form 10] for each new application

Can provide **Letter of Authorization** to industrial design agent to sign ID Form 10 on applicant's behalf

Avoid cost of extensions of time to submit ID Form 10. Helpful for applicants who regularly file in Malaysia

### COMING SOON

#### Proposed Amendments - New Industrial Designs Act and Regulations

In early April 2022, MyIPO has issued a Consultation Paper on proposed amendments to the Industrial Designs Act and Regulations, which were last amended in 2013. These proposed amendments signal Malaysia's expected accession to the Hague Agreement.



Definition of industrial design - broadened to include interior design, exterior design, non-physical and complex products



Clarification on Malaysian filing date as based date for calculation of term of protection and renewal deadline



Introduction of Substantive Examination



Introduction of deferment of publication



Classification of Infringement of design rights as Criminal Offence

### UPDATES

Revamped industrial designs module in MyIPO's electronic filing platform, IP Online.



Acceptance of electronic copies of ID Form 10 and priority documents



Electronic issuance of Office Actions and filing of responses