

**INFORMAL SESSION FOR PAPER B**

Speakers : Mr Adam Bogsh, Mr Edmund Kok  
 Date : 28 July 2005  
 Time : 5 pm to 6:20 pm  
 Venue : IPOS Promise Room

The highlights below are intended to assist candidates in their preparation for the Singapore Patent Agents Qualifying Examination. Common points raised by all the speakers at all the informal sessions include:

- use of clear, concise and consistent language;
- application of relevant citations in the Patents legislations;
- handwriting;
- use of dark colour ink;
- time management; and
- practice: to study past question papers form SG, EPO, UK and AU and to take every opportunity to apply what the candidates have learned in the course of daily work under supervision of their supervisor(s).

DOs	DON'Ts
<p><b>Expectation of the Examiners</b></p> <p><b>Structured thinking</b>            Respond to the question in a structured manner as this will reflect clarity in analysis. Focus on one issue before moving to the next.</p> <p><b>Getting a Valid Patent</b>            The goal is not only to overcome the objections of the examiners raised in the Written Opinion but also to get a valid patent.</p> <p><b>Claims</b>            Word the claims as broad as possible, and yet meet the patentability requirements.</p> <p><b>Arguments</b>            Focus patentability arguments on the independent claim(s).</p>	<p><b>Common mistakes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Going beyond the original disclosure</li> <li>- State of art judged incorrectly from the legal point of view</li> <li>- Arguments based on feature(s) of invention which are not claimed</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Advice to client</b></p> <p>Advice to client should include answers to client's questions and should indicate alternative possibilities with their pros and cons along with a recommendation. In order to save time, the advice may be prepared in point form so long as the presentation of the advice is structured.</p> <p><b>No set answers</b></p> <p>There is no set answer. The examiners are prepared to accept alternative answers so long as the arguments are sound.</p>	