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Courts gearing up to improve IP protection

THE SUPREME COURT and the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IP Philippines) plan joint programs to improve intellectual property rights protection.

IP Philippines Director General Adrian S. Cristobal, Jr. said in a statement he recently met with Supreme Court Chief Justice Reynato S. Puno to discuss priority programs which include continuing training for commercial court judges on intellectual property and technologies.

Currently, the National Capital Region has the most number of IP cases, with Quezon City having 87 cases, Manila Branch 24 with 69 cases, and Manila Branch 46 with 68 cases. Central Luzon has 38 cases, followed by Davao and the South Cotabato-Cotabato-Sultan Kudarat-Sarangani-General Santos City corridor with 37 cases, Western Visayas with 23 cases, and Central Mindanao with six cases. —

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