



## News – Search in Asian languages

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PatBase, developed in partnership by Minesoft and RWS, now supports Non-Latin text searches, so users around the world can benefit from searching for keywords in non-Latin languages including Chinese, Korean, Japanese and Russian. This latest achievement by Minesoft and RWS makes PatBase even more useful as a tool to research international technological developments in leading manufacturing economies. PatBase Machine Translation options have been further enhanced, adding additional languages and options to help users handle foreign languages.

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When searching in Japanese it is possible to search the Assignee and Inventor fields as well as the text, offering early competitive intelligence. At the same time as these enhancements, direct click-through access from documents of interest in PatBase to the corresponding legal status record at the Japanese or Chinese Patent Office site has been added to speed up further research and discovery.

“Google®Translate” has been integrated into PatBase for its additional machine translation facilities, giving PatBase Users a wider language choice as well as offering an alternative to the internal PatBase machine translation. Both options can be used and results compared.

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