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I have reviewed lightly your paper on Patent reform in Hong Kong, as a
permanent resident, I would encourage you to consider the following when
drafting any future reforms.

My particular concern is that of software patents, which are wreaking
havoc in the United Sstates and are in danger of being permitted in Europe.

All current research indicates that software should not be patentable,
and only leads to a lack of innovation and legal "Patent Wars" as is
currently happening with Google/Apple/Oracle/Samsung and many others,
along with Patent Trolling.

The allowance of software patents does not benefit software developers
or entrepreneurs, rather the only gain is the legal profession, and
patent trolls who profit from poor legislation.

For more in-depth analysis of why software should not be patentable
please read here.
http://www.groklaw.net/article.php?story=20110908075658894

In respect of this Request for Comments, please consider that allowing
any kind of automatic registration of patents from other duristictions
is a very dangerous situation. It is critical that it is made clear that
anyone seeking a patent on a non-patentable subject, like software
patents should face serious penalties as the damage done to society and
business by this can not be overstated enough.

Thank you, and please help to keep Hong Kong Software Patent free.

Regards
Alan Knowles