

## **2003 Annual Report LES Philippines**

LES Philippines started the year with a presentation on Fundable Startups in the Areas of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics.

Throughout the year, LES Philippines' members continued working on its proposed Model Manual on License Agreements. The project aims to compile various decisions of the Documentation, Information and Technology Transfer Bureau (DITTB) of the Philippine Intellectual Property Office on the agreements presented to it for review. The DITTB is the office which determines compliance of license agreements with the provisions of the Philippine Intellectual Property Code on voluntary licensing.

LES Philippines devoted much attention in 2003 to the preparation of its bid to host the 2008 International Conference in Manila. The Board of LES Philippines has been working closely with the Philippine Convention and Visitors Corporation to address concerns over the safety and security of the participants, should the 2008 International Conference be held in Manila. LES Philippines' members have displayed great enthusiasm and energy in the preparation of the bid, as it is seen as opportunity to showcase the Philippines as an attractive venue for tourism and investments.

In this connection, efforts have been stepped up to increase the number of industry members of LES Philippines to provide a broader perspective in its various activities. Presently, majority of the members of LES Philippines are lawyers.

In December 2003, members of LES Philippines attended the Train the Trainors Seminar in Tokyo, Japan in preparation for the holding of licensing courses for its members. LES Philippines hopes to kick off the first of its local training courses in the first quarter of 2004.