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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE  
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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference <b>GP2014-042</b>	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b> See paragraph 2 below
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International application No. <b>PCT/JP2015/056654</b>	International filing date (day/month/year) <b>06.03.2015</b>	Priority date (day/month/year)
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International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC  
**H01S3/10 (2006.01) i, G02F1/37 (2006.01) i, H01S3/23 (2006.01) i**

Applicant  
**GIGAPHOTON INC.**

1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

Name and mailing address of the ISA/JP	Date of completion of this opinion	Authorized officer
Facsimile No.		Telephone No.

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Box No. I      Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
  - the international application in the language in which it was filed
  - a translation of the international application into \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b)).
  
2.  This opinion has been established taking into account the **rectification of an obvious mistake** authorized by or notified to this Authority under Rule 91 (Rule 43*bis*.1(a))
  
3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, this opinion has been established on the basis of a sequence listing filed or furnished:
  - a. (means)
    - on paper
    - in electronic form
  
  - b. (time)
    - in the international application as filed
    - together with the international application in electronic form
    - subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search
  
4.  In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
  
5. Additional comments:

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<b>Box No. V</b>	<b>Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</b>
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1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-14	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-14	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-14	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations:	
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Document 1: JP 2011-522296 A (CENTRE NATIONAL DE LA RECHERCHE SCIENTIFIQUE) 28 July 2011

Document 2: JP 11-298083 A (KOMATSU LTD.) 29 October 1999

Document 3: JP 2003-161974 A (NIKON CORP.) 06 June 2003

Document 4: WO 2011/148895 A1 (GIGAPHOTON INC.) 01 December 2011

The invention as in claims 1-14 involves an inventive step in relation to the documents cited in the ISR.

A solid-state laser system (documents 1-4, for example) provided with a wavelength conversion system, wherein the wavelength control of a solid-state laser device can be switched between fine adjustment and coarse adjustment is disclosed in documents 1-3. Document 1 (claim 10, etc.) indicates that in one of the two solid-state laser devices, the wavelength control is switched in accordance with the detected output power. Document 2 (fig. 8, etc.) discloses the feature of switching the wavelength-tuning means provided in a solid-state laser

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**Box No. V**

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citations and explanations supporting such statement**

device in accordance with the difference between the detected output wavelength and the target wavelength. Document 3 (paragraph [0080]) discloses the feature of switching the wavelength control of a solid-state laser device between fine adjustment and coarse adjustment in accordance with the detected output wavelength. However, the documents cited in the ISR do not disclose or suggest the feature of configuring a solid-state laser system such that the device in which the wavelength is changed can be switched between the two solid-state laser devices provided in accordance with the difference between the detected output wavelength and the target wavelength.

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**Box No. VIII**      **Certain observations on the international application**

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

Claims 1 and 13 are inventions pertaining to wavelength control of two solid-state laser devices regardless of types. However, the inventions in claims 1 and 13 are not fully supported by the description. In other words, in the light of the description and the like, it is impossible to fully understand the technical significance in a solid-state laser system other than in the case in which two solid-state laser devices having different wavelength-tuning speeds are combined.