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At the seminar, the latest developments in geographical marks will be introduced, and rights holders will share their experiences in protecting geographical marks. Those who are interested in these topics and specific farm produce are encouraged to take part.

To register, please click the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/7Fm218dXJ4iw5eZl3>



Registration for the 2019 Information Session on Trademark Laws starts now

On April 9, 16, 11, and 12, in Taipei, Taichung, Tainan and Kaohsiung, TIPO will hold the 2019 Information Session on Trademark Laws. All members of the public are encouraged to take part.

A highlight of the session this year is the introduction to the latest guidelines of the formality check and the practice of substantial examination of trademark applications. This includes the introduction to relevant laws and regulations for examination guidelines and relevant cases. Through this session, TIPO expects to help attendants to have better understanding of things that should be noted, thereby protecting rights more thoroughly.

For registration, please click the following link: <https://activity.tipo.gov.tw/lp.asp?ctNode=817&CtUnit=169&BaseDSD=55&mp=1>



Registration for the 2019 Seminar on Reasonable Confidentiality Measures for Trade Secrets starts now

To assist businesses in establishing reasonable confidentiality measures so as to protect trade secrets while ensuring a competitive advantage, TIPO and the Taiwan Association for Trade Secrets Protection (TTSP) hold three seminars on appropriate confidentiality measures in Taipei (Feb 26), Taichung (March 8), and Tainan (April 3). Industry experts and judicial officers are invited to talk about topics such as strategies for establishing reasonable trade secret measures, mechanism for protecting information technology security, and investigation practices for trade secret cases. By so doing, TIPO hopes to assist business in establishing an effective system to protect trade secrets and to develop their counter strategies for possible damages in the future. All members of the public are cordially invited to take part.

For registration, please click the following link: <https://activity.tipo.gov.tw/lp.asp?ctNode=817&CtUnit=169&BaseDSD=55&mp=1>



Activities of the 2019 IPR Service Group will kick off at end of March

To advocate intellectual property protection (IPR), TIPO gathers up IPR experts and scholars to form the IPR Service Group, which gives lectures across Taiwan throughout a year. It is believed that such communicative events can help people to understand more about IPR. As long as there are 30 attendants or more, any school or institution can ask TIPO to give a two-hour lecture for them. For companies, a minimum of just 20 attendants are required. The date of lecture and the issues to be discussed may be decided by the applicant, and all this is free of charge. Please keep an eye on the starting date of registration if in need, and register online in TIPO's system.

To register, please click the following link: <https://www.tipo.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=695568&ctNode=7761&mp=1>



Registration welcome for the 2019 TIPA classes designed for IP professionals and IP strategists

To strengthen IP professionals' capabilities at work, TIPO entrusted the Taiwan Intellectual Property Training Academy (TIPA) to run a series of training courses designed for IP professionals and IP strategists, starting in March 2019.

As for IP professionals, classes covered in the program include: (1) IPR Basics, (2) Drafting Patent Specifications, (3) Patent Examination Guidelines, (4) Patent Application Formality Management, (5) Patent Search and Analysis, (6) Trademark Application, Management, and, Enforcement, (7) IP Litigation – Basic, and (8) IP Litigation– Advanced.

In addition, TIPA also launches a series of training course for IP strategists. Classes focus on AI laws in practice, such as block-chain patents, AI and privacy, AI and medical care, as well as AI and fin-tech.

TIPO will hold certified exams for intellectual property professionals in July and August, 2019. With a major focus on the practice, these will be the only certified exams designed to test the professional capacity of IP practitioners in Taiwan.

Click the following link to register: <http://tipa-certify.com.tw/tipa/courses>



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As the 11th edition of the Nice Classification (NCL) of the WIPO (11-2019) has been amended, TIPO updated its excel list of goods and services and their relevant classes as well as those of the Japan Patent Office (JPO) on its website accordingly. By so doing, it is hoped that the lists can serve as a reference point for Taiwanese and Japanese applicants when they seek to file trademark applications.

For more information, please lick the following link (in Chinese): <https://www.tipo.gov.tw/public/Attachment/912917263936.pdf>



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On Feb. 26, the delegates attended two seminars entitled "Project Chargeback Workshop" hosted by Canada and "Patent Grace Period Harmonization" hosted by the US in the same city. Through these two seminars, the delegates exchanged views with other economies about the ways in combating counterfeit and pirated goods online, as well as international grace period regimes.



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