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Accordingly, TIPO and Taiwan Patent Attorneys Association will hold a forum on April 25 at Taipei Arena. Government and industry representatives will share their insights on the importance of IP protection for the R&D of sports and sports-related goods and services, as well as how to create profits for sports players through IP protection. The forum is expected to bring new knowledge to Taiwan's sports developments through expert viewpoints, thereby facilitating industry growth.

TIPO will also hold a series of information sessions on patent, trademark, copyright, and trade secret protection to increase people's awareness of IPR protection, establish a high-quality IPR environment in Taiwan, and generate endless R&D energy within the country, all through exchange of information.

For more information, please click the following link: <https://www.tipo.gov.tw/dl.asp?filename=94111305930.pdf>



### Please feel free to attend the public hearing for the amendment draft of the Copyright Collective Management Organization Act

Since the Copyright Collective Management Organization Act came into force on February 10, 2010, a number of operational problems have been found. Thus, on May 3, 2019, TIPO will hold a public hearing for the amendment draft of the Copyright Collective Management Organization Act. It is hoped that by collecting and understanding people's views on its initial amendment draft, the collective management system in Taiwan will be able to operate more smoothly.

The topics discussed at the hearing include the certification and truthfulness of the founders of collective management organizations which are in the middle of registration, internal regulations of collective management organizations and the counseling and monitoring of competent authority, as well as distribution of the acquisition and use of remuneration and revelation of business and financial information.

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On May 7, 9, 10, 14 and 15, in Taipei, Tainan, Kaohsiung, Hsinchu and Taichung respectively, TIPO will hold the 2019 Advocacy Event for the Examination Guidelines on Unity of Invention as well as on Biology-related Invention Patent Applications.

The subjects of the event include the "Examination Guidelines on Unity of Invention" and "amendment introduction of the Examination Guidelines and examination practices on Biology-related Invention Patent Applications." Patent examiners will give an explanation of the points for implementing amendment made this year (2019). All members of society are encouraged to take part.

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



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## **The 2019 EU-Taiwan Seminar on Geographical Indications**

TIPO and the European Economic and Trade Office (EETO) held the 2019 Taiwan-EU Geographic Indications Seminar on March 20 together. The conference featured presentations by experts from both the EU and Taiwan, including Ms. Natalie Nathon, International Relations Officer, Dir A — International, DG AGRI, European Commission; Mr. Benedetto Francesco Ballatore, Inspector and Policy Official of the Italian Ministry of agricultural food forestry and tourism policy (Mipaft)- ICQRF department; Ms. Virginie Dessimiroff, Legal Director of the BNIC (Bureau National Interprofessionnel du Cognac); Mr. Guo-Chi Lee, Section Chief, Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan; Mr. Chi-Fan Liu, Township Mayor, Yuchi Township Office, Nantou County; and Mr. Ho-Hsia, Trademark Examiner of TIPO. After the seminar, a GI product-tasting session was held, to help the attendants learn about the quality and characteristics of GI products. The seminar drew more than 150 industry, government and academia representatives from Taiwan and Europe, and the attendants all exchanged ideas zealously.

To protect the products that are of strong regional features, the global community has developed geographical indications. Both the EU's GI and Taiwan's geographical certification marks and geographical collective trademarks are set to protect products which possess unique agricultural features and which are made through special production skills. TIPO and EETO hoped to increase both sides' understanding of GI protection laws and practices, while deepening the public's understanding of GI and certification marks, thereby facilitating promotion of Taiwan's high-quality farm produce.



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## **Public consultation meeting on simplifying administrative remedy procedures and the adversary system for patents and trademarks was a success**

In accordance with global law-enforcement trends, Taiwan has continued to review whether the current IPR protection system is comprehensive enough. The Intellectual Property Court has thus been established to make it more professional and efficient for judicial authorities to handle IP-related cases. Taking references from Japan, USA, South Korea, and Mainland China's experiences, the government also plans to make administrative remedy procedures more succinct.

At this initial stage, TIPO plans to set up a specific examination unit to handle further patent and trademark reviews and disputable cases. As to the persons involved in the disputes, if disagreeing with resolutions, they may file a lawsuit against the procedural counterpart at the Intellectual Property Court. TIPO hopes to increase judicial economy by bringing the two most relevant stakeholders before the court.

On February 25, TIPO convened a public consultation meeting to discuss relevant topics. The persons in attendance included representatives of the Judicial Yuan, Intellectual Property Court, and MOEA, as well as experts, scholars, and industry professionals. The

attendants all exchanged ideas zealously, and they mostly saw relevant policies positively. The attendants also contributed thoughts on practical details such as how the procedures might be implemented.

For more information (in Chinese), please lick the following link: <https://www.tipo.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=700225&ctNode=7452&mp=1>



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### Feel free to utilize our “Recommendations to Taiwan Financial Institutions on Patent Portfolio Management” report

Last year (2018), TIPO released a research report entitled FinTech Patent and Related Core Technologies Trends. The research results show that the patent applications filed by local financial institutions only account for 7% of the total FinTech patent applications in Taiwan. This shows that the patent portfolios of financial institutions' FinTech are still fresh with room for development, as compared with those of other companies.

In hopes of providing references on R&D and patent portfolios for Taiwan's financial institutions, this study goes on to take Taiwan's financial institutions as the subject matters to analyze the patent application trends, while comparing such with the technological development trends in the global FinTech community.

As FinTech patents involve both information technology and non-technological business activities, it is not easy to write such patent documents. Therefore, the patentability of FinTech patents has been widely discussed by practitioners. This study further analyzes the approvals and disapprovals rendered to Taiwan's financial institutions, hoping to delve into the cores of problems and present them to financial institution personnel. This may help to improve patent quality and shorten disposal pendency.

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