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Registration for the “Information Event on Industrial Analysis Based on Patent Search” has started

To promote uses of patent information, TIPO plans to hold the Information Event on Industrial Analysis Based on Patent Search. At the event, TIPO will explain how to use GPSS and TWPAT to discover patents, as well as how to ride the trend of patent map analysis in industry, in hopes to pinpoint technical development paths. The event is a part of the Advanced Course for Patent Search and Patent Applications in Industry, and thus interested participants are advised to have relevant experiences in patent search. The event will be held in Kaohsiung, Tainan, Taichung, Hsinchu and Taipei from May 28 onwards.

For more information, please click the following link: <https://activity.tipo.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=37191&ctNode=817&mp=1>



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To share with the public what TIPO has been doing, and to communicate more directly with people from all circles, TIPO is to hold its 2019 briefings on IPR affairs on July 9, 15, 18, 19, and 23 in Hsinchu, Taichung, Tainan, Kaohsiung and Taipei, respectively. The

briefings will be hosted by Director General Hong Shu-min of TIPO, with other TIPO senior officials also present.

The briefings will cover four major topics. They are: introduction of highlights of the amendments to the Patent Act and the Copyright Act; trends in patent administrative litigation, including post-grant amendment, new evidences and an administrative adjudication; examination principles of trademarks with the Cross Device; and patent and trademark reminders. Registration is now open and TIPO welcomes participants from all circles.

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TIPO conducts questionnaires on the quality of patent examination

To optimize the efficiency and quality of patent examination, starting from the second half of May, TIPO has sent questionnaires through an online system and conducted anonymous phone interviews. We hope to learn about the views of patent applicants and agents on the efficiency and quality of patent examination at TIPO, and perhaps gain a few insights from them, through the feedbacks obtained.

We invited the applicants and agents who utilize our electronic delivery services to join this survey project. The questionnaire focused on the efficiency and quality of patent examination, archival search, patentability examination and evaluation, examiner knowledge and communications, and clean and competent administration at TIPO. To ensure the survey was fair and objective and that data of the participants were kept as confidential, TIPO entrusted professional polling companies with high credibility to carry out the survey. The participants could provide their opinions freely and safely through the questionnaires and interviews.

Following up, based on survey statistics, we will carry out a comprehensive, item-by-item professional analysis. While abiding by laws, we hope to meet the needs and expectations of our interviewees, whilst optimizing our patent examination system.



Drawing more than 1,000 participants, the 2019 IP Party came to a satisfying end

On the afternoon of June 2, TIPO held the 2019 IP Party at Huashan 1914 Creative Park. Director General Hong Shu-min gave an opening speech and attended an inauguration ceremony. A wonderful live music performance was held, followed by a picnic party, an interactive magic show and a DIY class. There was a photo-taking area celebrating TIPO's 20th anniversary, as well as interactive games with themes such as patent, trademark, copyright, and trade secrets. The event was zealously embraced by the public. A total of 1200 participants took part. On the date of the event, at TIPO's Facebook and "Let's Support Original Works" fan page, live streaming was created for more people to watch what has been going on at the party. More than 20 online media reported about this party.



Release of TIPO's 2018 annual report: traditional Chinese edition

In 2018, TIPO devoted to improving patent and trademark application processing procedures and examination quality, solidifying IPR legal schemes, assisting industry in utilizing and protecting IPR innovatively, and expanding international cooperation and exchange. TIPO's patent and trademark processing system has been in place for 10 years. The electronic system has not only enabled the public to utilize the service online around the clock, but has also greatly improved examination efficiency. The average disposal pendency of invention patents and trademarks has respectively shortened to 14 months and 7 months. Moreover, in 2018, the Hearing System for Patent Invalidity was launched for the first time to increase patent examination quality and to skip appeal procedures so as for the parties involved to quickly resolve disputes. To keep Taiwan's IP legal regime in line with the times, TIPO pushed for the amendments to the Patent Act, the Copyright Act and the Trade Secrets Act, and we completed amendment issues of the Trademark Act. The amendments to the Patent Act, for instance, extended the term of design patent from 12 to 15 years. The draft amendments to the Trade Secrets Act introduced the system of confidentiality orders in hopes to strengthen the efficacy of investigation relating to trade secrets. To assist industry to develop innovative products, as well as global IP portfolios, TIPO established a global patent search system (GPSS) which allows users to search and analyze over 53 million entries of patent information from IP5, WIPO, and TIPO free of charge. Patent search functions in GPSS were also further strengthened. Not only so, in hopes of helping industry to register outstanding patents, our patent examiners for the first time went to companies for two-way learning and exchange of patent services and technologies. As to international exchange, we signed an MOU with EUIPO on IPR bilateral cooperation, established PPH cooperation with CIPO, and signed an MOU on patent dossier exchange with Japan. We also deepened IPR exchange with the countries listed in the New Southbound Policy. Our efforts and achievements, as well as related statistics of the past year are included in the annual report. Please feel free to download and read it. For more information, please click the following link: <https://www.tipo.gov.tw/public/Attachment/951513425687.pdf>



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