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IPR can protect a company's business achievements while generating more value for the company. When entering the local market of a New Southbound country, if using the country's IPR system properly and setting appropriate IP portfolio strategies, the company shall be able to leverage its advantages more. TIPO expects the seminar to help attendants learn more about the IPR practices in New Southbound countries.

For more information, please keep a close eye on TIPO's website and our Facebook fan page.



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On July 9, 15, 18, 19 and 23, TIPO held its 2019 seminars on IPR practices in Hsinchu, Taichung, Tainan, Kaohsiung, and Taipei, respectively. Materials from the meetings are now available on TIPO website.

The four following topics were presented: introduction of the 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. The brief responses to the questions proposed by various circles of society on the content of the presentations and TIPO's work were provided on site, and more comprehensive ones have been put on the TIPO website at a later date as well.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=715274&ctNode=6963&mp=1>



New measure for acknowledging claim of priority of design patents comes into force

On claiming priority of design patents, in the future, only when it is discovered that the date of a previous application or the date of publication of relevant data falls between the claimed priority date and the filing date of a later application, may the competent authority decide whether to recognize the priority claim or not, based on verification documents. If it is not discovered during the search, in principle, the priority claim will be published in the Patent Gazette as requested by the applicant.

If the applicant makes several priority claims at once, based on the aforementioned principle, the claims will still all be published in the Patent Gazette. However, this does not mean the design patent in question may (always) acquire multiple priority claims or part of such claims. It depends on whether the content of the priority claims are against the rules relating to "identical designs." Substantial determination will be in place if prior art is found to be set between the filing date of application and the priority date.

The measure was implemented on the date of publication (August 1, 2019) of Vol. 46, Issue. 22 of the Patent Gazette.

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TIPO releases "Guides for Using Punctuation Marks When Writing Titles of Claimed Goods or Services for Trademark Registration"

When it comes to trademark application, non-unified punctuation marks are often seen in the titles of claimed goods and services, and this can lead to discrepancy in determining the claimed items.

To effectively define the punctuation marks used for titles of claimed goods or services, helping applicants, third-parties, and examiners to clearly pinpoint the scope of the claimed goods or services, and to set unified standard for trademark registration and examination, "Guides for Using Punctuation Marks When Writing Titles of Claimed Goods or Services for Trademark Registration" was published on July 22, 2019 for applicants to use as references, which will come into force on January 16, 2020.

Using the right punctuation marks is helpful for counting the number of claimed goods or services in the application system, thereby estimating the application fees. It also helps people to understand the scope of using the claimed goods or services. From now on, applicants are encouraged to write the titles of claimed goods or services with the punctuation marks according to the guides. TIPO will carry out more relevant measures in order to further disseminate the correct application and registration information.

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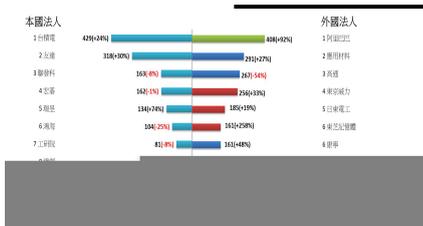
Since trade secrets can greatly influence industry development and business competitiveness, Governments have attached much importance to them. TIPO, Bureau of Foreign Trade, Taiwan Association for Trade Secrets Protection, Taiwan Technology Law Institute, and NCTU Institute of Technology Law jointly held the seminar on July 10 at the Taiwan Academy of Banking and Finance. Experts and officials from USA, Japan, South Korea, and China were invited to share their experiences with industry, government and research institute representatives in the mechanism and implementation of trade secret laws.

The issues discussed include "the trade-secret legal regimes in each countries and prevention and control of cross-border crimes," "trade secrets protection and case studies in each countries," "challenges and prospects of the current trade secret laws in Taiwan and mutual legal assistance," among others. The seminar was a success, and was therefore considered helpful for enhancing trade secret protection,

since experts hands-on experiences hosted in-depth discussions and shared their views of the legal aspects of trade secret protection, as well as case studies.



TIPO releases IPR statistics for the first half of 2019



In the first half of 2019, TIPO received a total of 35,534 applications for invention, utility model, and design patents, just 1% more than the same period last year. The number of design patent applications increased more significantly by 10%. The number of trademark applications was 41,986, the same on a year-on-year basis. The number of invention patent applications filed by domestic nationals increased slightly by 2%, while the number of design patent applications filed by foreign nationals increased significantly by 30%, marking a salient growth. TSMC and Alibaba respectively topped the domestic applicant list and the foreign one when it comes to invention patent applications.

A total of 22,775 invention patent applications were received in the first half of 2019. The number of applications filed by domestic (8,563) and foreign (14,212) applicants increased 2% and 1% slightly on a year-on-year basis. A total of 4,259 design patent applications were received, with the number of applications (2,299) filed by foreign applicants increasing immensely at 30%. This is because TIPO received many more applications from France, and the number of applications from major countries such as Japan and USA also showed a positive growth.

Of the 10 companies filing the most invention patent applications, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) topped the list with 429 applications, followed by AU Optronics (AUO) (318) and MediaTek Inc. (163). By nationality of applicants of foreign origins, Japan topped the list with 6,707 applications. Alibaba Group Holding Limited as a company filed the most applications (408). In terms of design patents, Japan also topped the list with 704 applications. Among them, Renault S.A. topped the list as a company with 102 applications.

The number of new applications for trademark registration (41,986) in the first half of 2019 was just about the same compared to that of the same period last year. 29,957 applications were filed by Taiwanese nationals, marking a slight 0.2 % increase. 12,029 were filed by foreigners, representing a 2% decrease, mainly because fewer applications from US and Hong Kong were received.

By nationality of applicants of foreign origins, mainland China topped the list with 2,958 applications, 8% more than the same period last year. Japan (2,249) and the US (1,828) respectively took up the second place and the third place. As to the countries (regions) on the top-five list, Asian countries (regions) secured four places, and its total number of applications slightly increased.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/dl.asp?fileName=97261126956.pdf>



Report on advocacy event “IPR Issues Relating to Traditional Intellectual Creations of Indigenous Peoples and the Cultural and Creative Industry” is out

To boost cultural and creative businesses in eastern Taiwan, and to promote IPR protection for traditional intellectual creations of indigenous peoples and the cultural and creative industry, TIPO and the Industrial Technology Research Institute – Eastern Taiwan Commercialization and Industry Service Center held an advocacy event entitled “IPR Issues Relating to Traditional Intellectual Creations of Indigenous Peoples and the Cultural and Creative Industry” on May 31 in Hualien.

The advocacy event includes the following four topics: “design patent and protecting creative products,” “cases of trademark applications in the cultural and creative sector,” “the copyright issues that cultural and creative professionals should know,” and “protecting traditional intellectual creations of indigenous peoples and licensing practices.” The attendants all zealously contributed to discussions and the events were a great success.

For more information (in Mandarin), please visit: <https://www.tipo.gov.tw/dl.asp?fileName=971515191748.pdf>



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