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For more information (in Mandarin), please visit:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=716841&ctNode=7127&mp=1>



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The types of trademark use are becoming more and more diverse due to the changes and development in the types of market transaction. To remind and instruct trademark holders to accurately and legally use their registered trademarks and to effectively maintain their trademark rights, TIPO published the amended Notice on the Use of Registered Trademarks on August 23, 2019.

The key revisions are as follows: 1. New criteria for determining trademark identity and explanations of sample cases; 2. New sample cases and explanations of actual use of trademarks regarding “addition of other elements such as words or devices,” “usage in conjunction with other trademarks or signs,” as well as disclaimers or obviously without doubts included in the reproduction of a trademark; and 3. Regarding Internet usage, additional principles were added for determining “genuine use.” TIPO hopes that the amended Notice will serve as a clearer guideline for trademark holders making use of their registered trademarks. Those interested are encouraged to learn more about the amendment.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=718231&ctNode=7127&mp=1>



TIPO Hosts the “2019 Seminar on the IP Landscape in New Southbound Countries” on August 27-28

On August 27-28, TIPO and Taiwan Patent Attorneys Association jointly hosted the “2019 Seminar on the IP Landscape in New Southbound Countries” at the NTU College of Law Tsai Lecture Hall. Mrs. Zaiton Nordin, Director of Patent Formality & International Registration Division of the MyIPO, Ms. Melanie G. Binauhan, Intellectual Property Rights Specialist IV/ Assistant Division Chief of the IPOP HL, Mr. Panja Haohan, Senior Patent Examiner (Professional Level) of the DIP, Mr. Phan Thanh Hai, Deputy Director, Patent Examination Center of the NOIP, as well as patent attorneys from Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, and India were invited to give lectures at the seminar. These lecturers shared information and exchanged feedback regarding patent regimes of respective countries, examination practices, and the things to note when filing applications and protecting patents for Taiwanese companies. Over 230 people comprising government officials, scholars, industry representatives, and patent attorneys attended the event and had lively interactions.

Recent years have seen economic prosperity in New Southbound countries, now becoming a ginormous economic and trading market. Given this, IPR serves a key function of protecting and adding value to corporations’ operation results. When doing business or investing in New Southbound countries, corporations will increase development advantage if they are able to make good use of local IP regimes and formulate appropriate IP strategies. To increase domestic corporations’ understanding of IP regimes in New Southbound countries, TIPO in 2017 and 2018 held the “Seminar on IP Landscape in Southeast Asian countries,” which was well received. As such, TIPO hosted this year’s “Seminar on the IP Landscape in New Southbound Countries,” which was larger in scale than the previous events. The discussion addressed patent-related issues, which in turn may serve as useful reference for domestic corporations doing business or planning prospective investment in New Southbound countries.

During the meeting, there was in-depth exchange of insights and experiences between participants, experts from the IP offices, and patent attorneys of six New Southbound countries. As such, the seminar did help domestic participants to better understand patent legal regimes and practices in these countries. The seminar was considered to be very successful among all the participants.



TIPO Welcomes Registrations for Participating in the “TIPO’s 20th Anniversary and Seminar on Retrospective and Prospective Look at the Copyright Act”

As a result of the development in emerging technologies in recent years, the types of copyright usage are becoming more and more diverse. To enable the public to understand the impact new technologies have on copyright legal regimes and judicial practices, to stay current with the key directions in international copyright regimes, as well as to strengthen the public’s understanding of the relevant contents and applications relating to amendments to copyright laws in Taiwan and abroad, TIPO will host a seminar at the NTU College of Law Tsai Lecture Hall on October 4 (Friday), while also marking TIPO’s 20th anniversary this year. The seminar will have four sessions addressing the following topics: “The Copyright Act facing the challenges imposed and opportunities provided by emerging technologies,” “Case study of copyright judicial practices,” “The Copyright Act responding to the new

global trend in emerging technologies,” and “Retrospective and prospective look at the Copyright Act.” Scholars, experts, and industry representatives with experiences in actual practices will be invited to give lectures at the seminar. TIPO welcomes registrations from relevant agencies and the general public interested in the topics. For more information, please follow news feed on TIPO’s official website and Facebook webpage.

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<https://activity.tipo.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=37236&ctNode=817&mp=1>



The 2019 Taiwan Innotech Expo opens on September 26-28

The Taiwan Innotech Expo will take place at the Exhibition Hall 1 of the Taipei World Trade Center on September 26-28 this year, with 822 booths run by companies, technological institutions, and inventors from 29 countries, exhibiting more than 1,180 technologies or patented inventions.

There will be two exhibition areas for this year’s exposition: the Invention Contest area and the Three Major Themed Topics area. In the Invention Contest area, a total of over 668 inventions will be put on exhibition by individual inventors, as well as members from industry and academia home and abroad. By hosting this invention contest, TIPO aims to pick out some of the most innovative inventions with great market potential, and rewards them for their achievement. In addition, there will be also a sub-exhibition, entitled Excellent Invention Collections, where works by Taiwanese gold medal winners at National Invention and Creation Award in 2018 will be displayed, thereby demonstrating the innovative strengths of the people of Taiwan.

In the Three Major Themed Topics area, a joint-exhibition held by the Ministry of Economic Affairs, the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of National Defense, the Council of Agriculture of the Executive Yuan, the Environmental Protection Administration of the Executive Yuan, and the National Development Council, is categorized in accordance with three major themes: technologies of the future, innovative inventions, and sustainable development. A total of 513 scientific research results will be put on display this year, showing interdisciplinary research results and innovative technologies made by different government agencies. In addition, there will be three sub-areas, dedicated to each theme, demonstrating the trading of international technologies under each of the three themes. A total of 91 state-of-the-art technologies will be presented by organizations around the world in these spots, providing industry, academia, and research institutions home and abroad an opportunity to meet up and explore possibilities for cooperation.

Moreover, two forums on global IP strategies will be held during the exhibition, with foreign IP experts invited to share their knowledge about technology introduction and cooperation strategies, in the hope of further improving real-term economic benefits brought about by technology transfer. Also, seven seminars on technology trading and investment opportunities will be held, allowing people to exchange views about the trading of technologies while learning more about each other’s patented technologies. Visit the Taiwan Innotech Expo website for more information about this year’s event.

For more information about the Taiwan Innotech Expo, please visit:

<https://www.inventaipai.com.tw/>



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