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On November 30, Taiwan-Japan Relations Association and Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association signed an MOU on patent dossier information exchange between Taiwan and Japan, using a one-stop platform for patent applicants and patent examiners to review high-quality documents on patent examination comprehensively and real-time. The service will be officially provided to the public starting in January 2021, when system establishments and related tests are complete.

Once the patent dossier information exchange between Taiwan and Japan becomes effective, patent applicants and patent examiners will be able to use application number or publication number of an application to view its patent family, list of examination documents, and the content of the documents. Users may acquire the IPC and citations of an application. It is hoped that the service can make it more convenient for patent examiners in Taiwan and Japan to draw references on the examination process from one another, thereby improving examination quality and speed.



The 2018 International Intellectual Property Litigation Conference was a success



TIPO and TIPA held the 2018 TIPA International Intellectual Property Litigation Conference on November 29 and 30, inviting patent attorneys from USA, Germany, Japan, South Korea and China to share their experiences on patent litigation in Taiwan. Judges and attorneys in Taiwan were also widely invited to discuss topics at the event. A total of 226 professionals took part.

The conference topics include the procedures and practices of patent litigation in court and trade secret proceedings. The participants also talked about how Taiwan may amend laws and regulations to improve the current procedures. The event was widely acknowledged by participating businesses and IP institutions in Taiwan. TIPO hopes that the conference can help to improve IP litigation in Taiwan, while gathering momentum for new developments.



TIPO completes Guidelines for SMEs to Take Reasonable Trade Secret Protection Measures

Facing fierce competition in a globalized world, businesses are attaching more importance to protecting trade secrets by day. Other than keeping crucial techs from being stolen, trade secret protection can ensure market advantage for a company. To assist businesses in setting up strategic steps for protecting trade secrets, TIPO recently proposed the Guidelines for SMEs to Take Reasonable Trade Secret Protection Measures, upon studying related practices and guidelines for trade secret management in Japan. The Guidelines are available on TIPO's website now and all members of the public are cordially invited to make use of it.

For more detail (in Chinese), please click the following link: <https://www.tipo.gov.tw/dl.asp?fileName=8112018304063.pdf>



Amended Section 1 of Patent Examination Guideline entered into force on November 1, 2018

In response to the Taiwan-UK Cooperation on Deposit of Biological Materials, as well as amendments about extension of patent term and related practices, such as "one creation filed for invention patent and utility model patent" and patent priority document, in Chapters 2, 7, 8, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17 and 18 of Section 1 of the Patent Examination Guideline had been amended and entered into force on November 1.

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Seminar on innovation and patent trends comes to a fulfilling end

Technological innovation is crucial for strengthening competitiveness for industry. Companies must grasp hold of innovation trends and use them in their operations. On November 23, 2018, TIPO held a seminar on innovation and patent trends at National Chung Hsing University in Taichung, entitled "Planning a New Future Based on Innovation and Patent Trends." Renowned designers from Japan attended the



seminar to share how smart-machinery companies may adhere to business strategies while upgrading their products from users' viewpoints, and how user experience design (UXD) may be applied to help companies to learn customers' needs comprehensively at the R&D frontline, while riding the information and communication technology (ICT) trends. This shall maximize back-end R&D work. TIPO invited China Steel to share the challenges the company often encounters in R&D work and the solutions it has developed. NEXCOM also shared its AI and IoT manufacturing skills and solutions. We hope that, with effort invested by the government and sharing of experiences of experts, businesses can be inspired to come up with more innovations and hands-on practices, thereby widening their R&D paths.



TIPO accomplished APEC project and published the Guidelines on the Best Licensing Practices of CMOs to MSMEs

For the first time, TIPO was funded by APEC to carry out a project entitled the Guidelines on the Best Licensing Practices of Collective Management Organizations (CMOs) to MSMEs. Starting in April this year, through questionnaire surveys, TIPO learned about the licensing conditions, best licensing practices, licensing problems, and policy development of 36 CMOs in APEC's 21 economies. TIPO then held a workshop on licensing practices on October 23 and 24, providing experts and professionals a channel for sharing experiences. It recently published a booklet whose content can be widely applied and effectively conducted.

The booklet includes analytical data acquired from the CMOs questionnaire survey in 13 economies, Australia, Chile, China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong China, Japan, South Korea, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Thailand, USA and Vietnam, in addition to in-depth interviews on six best licensing practices. The goal is to learn about the operations of the best licensing models and the difficulties they face, as well as how online licensing mechanisms might develop for the future. TIPO looks forward to assisting MSMEs in participating in network economy and building better licensing environs in the digital era.



Bilateral examiner exchange achieves fruitful results in 2018

To learn about IP laws and examination practices in other countries, TIPO actively promotes exchange for patent examiners with its counterparts. This year (2018), exchange with examiners from USA, Japan, South Korea, India and the Philippines has been complete. By this way, TIPO and other counterparts are able to increase the mutual understanding of examination practices, strengthen the credibility in examination results, and discover more chances of cooperation in the future.

This year, on patent examiner exchange, TIPO respectively discussed ideas on patent laws, examination guidelines, examination practices, information archives, and research strategies with its counterparts from the USA, Japan, South Korea, and India, aside from sharing experiences. TIPO's trademark examiners also discussed the latest trademark trends, as well as cases of well-known trademarks, 3D trademarks, and general trademarks, with Philippine examiners. These shall help TIPO examiners to learn more about patent and trademark laws and practices in other countries, and to arrange further discussions on the issues cared by all participating countries.



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