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The two-day workshop was zealously received by all circles. A total of 350 counts of people joined the occasion, including 27 representatives from the 13 APEC economies such as Russia, China, Chile, Mexico, Malaysia and Vietnam. The attendants all contributed their comments actively and exchanged ideas fully. This allowed the participating CMOs, MSMEs and government agencies to gain further understanding of CMO licensing and policy-making in other economies.



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Organized by TIPO with total grants amounting up to NT\$8.8 million, the 2018 National Invention and Creation Award has just selected 41 outstanding patents out of 465 qualified entries. This includes six golden prizes and 20 silver prizes in the invention category, as well as five golden prizes and 10 silver prizes in the creation category, respectively. Of this year's winners, companies take up the largest ratio (46.4%), followed by individuals (19.5%), corporates (19.5%), schools (12.2%), and government agencies (2.4%). Most of the awarded works are up to par with commercial use. Holding great market potential, they might bring immense business opportunities.

The winners will be awarded at the 2019 Ministry of Economy Industrial Innovation Joint Award Ceremony, as well as the Award Ceremony and Promotional Display of Award-winning Works of the 2018 National Innovation and Creation Award. It is hoped that, through public display and press coverage, the awarded works will gain more presence. This shall help to draw attention from both domestic and international investors, whilst creating business opportunities for Taiwan's new inventions. TIPO hopes to encourage academic and research institutes, as well as businesses, to research, develop and innovate more.



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To fully practice Article 27 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which emphasizes persons with disabilities enjoy equal rights to work and the freedom to choose a profession, on November 2, 2018, Legislative Yuan passed the third reading of the amendments of Articles 4, 37, and 40 of the Patent Attorney Act.

In the amendments, the provisions prescribing that those who have been certified by a medical doctor commissioned by the Competent Authority to be suffering from a mental disability or other physical or mental impairment that prevents him/her engaging in professional services shall not practice as a patent attorney or a patent agent, were deleted. The amended articles will come into effect after a presidential order is announced.

Click the following link for a general explanation of the amendments and a comparison of the original and the amended articles (Chinese):

https://www.tipo.gov.tw/dl.asp?fileName=81151528931.pdf



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Paragraph 2, Article 4 of the Directions for Promoting IP Operation Strategies in Innovation, Research and Development Projects states that, "When a project receives certain amount of financial assistance from an organization, and when such assistance is considered as high in a public notice by the competent authority of the central government, the organization should entrust the Patent Search Center or a professional corporate institution accredited by the competent authority of the central government to analyze the project's IP portfolio, for committee members to deliberate upon it." Thus, to specify the standards for accreditation of such professional corporate institutions, as well as related application and deliberation processes, TIPO stipulated the Guidelines for Accrediting Professional Corporate Institutions for IP Portfolio Analysis. The guidelines include eight articles in total and they came into effect on October 1, 2018.



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