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The speakers shared the legal regimes, examination practices, and law enforcement situation concerning trademarks in their countries with the Taiwanese audience. About 210 people showed up for the seminar, including people from industry, government, as well as academic and research institutions, and heated discussions took place throughout the sessions. By holding this event, TIPO hopes to help participants gain a better understanding about the trademark protection in Southeast Asian countries, thereby providing support for Taiwanese businesses when they seek to make inroads into markets in the region with their economic, trade, or investment plans.



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On August 14-16, 2018, TIPO held the TIPO-IPOPHL Trademark Examination Practices Workshop for this year. Three senior examiners from the IPOPHL took part in the event. During the workshop, the Philippine examiners introduced the mechanism to accelerate the examination process in their country, while Taiwanese ones shared their online examination process and relevant practices. The two

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sides also exchanged views on areas such as well-known trademarks, 3-D trademarks, and regular trademarks. In addition, as part of the program of the workshop, the Philippines delegation also paid a visit to the Branding Taiwan Project Office of the Industrial Development Bureau of the Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA), where they learned about how Taiwan government support local businesses when they build global brands.



The 2018 Taiwan Innotech Expo opens on September 29

The Taiwan Innotech Expo (previously known as the Taipei International Invention Show and Technomart) took place at the Exhibition Hall 1 of the Taipei World Trade Center on September 27-29 this year, with 700 booths run by companies, technological institutions, and inventors from over 30 countries, exhibiting more than 1,000 technologies or patented inventions.

There were 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 650 inventions were put on exhibition by individual inventors, as well as members from industry and academia home and abroad. By hosting this invention contest, TIPO aimed to pick out some of the most innovative inventions with great market potential, and rewarded them for their achievement. In addition, there was also a sub-exhibition, entitled Excellent Invention Collections, where works by Taiwanese gold medal winners at renowned international invention exhibitions around the world from 2016-2017, as well as those rewarded with a platinum award at the Taipei International Invention Show and Technomart from 2014-2017, were 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, and the National Development Council, was categorized in accordance with three major themes: technologies of the future, innovative inventions, and sustainable development. A total of 360 scientific research results were put on display this year, showing interdisciplinary research results and innovative technologies made by different government agencies. In addition, there were three sub-areas, dedicated to each theme, demonstrating the trading of international technologies under each of the three themes. A total of 90 state-of-the-art technologies were 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 and interdisciplinary innovation were 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, ten seminars on technology trading and investment opportunities were held, allowing people to exchange views about the trading of technologies while learning more about each other's patented technologies.

For more information about the Taiwan Innotech Expo, please visit: http://www.InvenTaipei.com.tw/



Promotional events on GPSS strategies and application open for registration

To help business gain a better understanding about technology trends in industries, TIPO has recently set up the Taiwan Global Patent Search System (GPSS), a cross-country, one-stop patent search platform that offers collected patent data of TIPO, the IP5 (including the USPTO, the EPO, the JPO, the KIPO, and the SIPO), and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). This would make it easier for companies to make cross-country patent search in the future.

The GPSS has been very well received by many circles since its launch on January 1, 2018. As of the end of June, more than 50 million pieces of patent data have been contained in the system, and many more new features, such as patent chart analysis and statistical analysis, have been added to the system so far.

To support the public to make better use of the GPSS, TIPO is organizing a number of promotional events to promote GPSS-related strategies and application. Topics to be covered in the events include the strategies of global patent search, the process of patent search, search skills, features on the system, as well as some real-world cases, so that participants can learn more about how to make a patent search and carry out analysis.

Five promotional events will be held in Hsinchu, Taichung, Tainan, Kaohsiung, and Taipei, respectively. TIPO encourages those interested to make use of the opportunity and learn more about the GPSS.

To register, please visit: https://www.tipo.gov.tw/ct.asp?xltem=677635&ctNode=7127&mp=1



TIPO starts delivering the citation of document of NPL along with patent search reports to patent applicants electronically on September 1, 2018

To provide better services with electronically delivered patent official documents, TIPO started delivering cited documents of non-patent literature (NPL) in a search report along with official documents in electronic format to patent applicants on September 1, 2018. In other words, if there are cited documents of NPL in a search report, a PDF file of these cited documents will be attached to the patent official documents and delivered to patent applicants electronically from now on, making it easier for people who chose to receive official documents in electronic form to access cited documents of NPL.

TIPO started delivering electronic patent and trademark official documents to applicants since January 1, 2014. As of today, the percentage of electronically delivered official documents has climbed to 75% (75.37% in July 2018). It is hoped that with the new practice of delivering the citation of document of NPL along with patent search reports in electronic format, people would find TIPO's service more flexible and convenient.



TIPO stops its old Remote Trademark Search System on September 17, 2018

Originally developed and established in 2004, TIPO's old Remote Trademark Search System has been providing the public services over the years. However, as the system ages and to continue providing comprehensive services in terms of trademark search, TIPO built a new Remote Trademark Search System, which has started providing services to the public since July 2017. With more and more people visiting the new system, and as more than 70 percent of users access the database through the new system—showing that the old system is no longer needed for transitional purposes such as supporting checks on the function of the new system or data retrieved from the new system—TIPO shut down the old system on September 17, 2018.

For the new version of the Remote Trademark Search System, please visit: https://twtmsearch.tipo.gov.tw



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