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To apply for observation, please visit:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=669980&ctNode=7861&mp=1>



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## Director General Hong Shu-min gives a talk at a luncheon held by AmCham Taipei

On June 22, 2018, Director General Hong Shu-min gave a keynote speech, entitled "Forward-moving TIPO", at a luncheon invited by AmCham Taipei. In her presentation, Director General Hong shared what TIPO has been doing to enhance IPR protection, including its efforts to reduce patent backlog, improve examination quality, and promote cooperation with other IP offices. In addition, she also talked about TIPO's plans to draw up draft amendments to IP laws this year, efforts to improve examination quality, practices to provide greater protection to trade secrets, as well as measures to create an environment conducive to convenient patent search and utilization. Last but not least, she also responded to concerns raised in AmCham's White Paper this year. The exchange has allowed members of AmCham Taipei to gain a better understanding about TIPO's policies, thereby allowing them to make better use of services provided by the Office.



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## Patent and trademark applicants who failed to comply within a statutory period as a result of the earthquake that hit Osaka on June 18, 2018, may apply for a reinstatement

According to Article 17 of the Patent Act, Article 12 of the Enforcement Rules of the Patent Act, Article 8 of the Trademark Act, and Article 9 of the Enforcement Rules of the Trademark Act, in the event when an applicant of a patent or trademark fails to comply within a statutory period, if such delay is caused by a natural calamity, then the applicant may apply for a reinstatement. As such, for patent or trademark applicants who failed to comply within a statutory period for their applications as a result of the earthquake that hit Osaka on June 18, 2018, if they apply for a reinstatement, in principle, the lenient decision will be made by TIPO on a case-by-case review.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=672364&ctNode=7127&mp=1>



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## TIPO holds an information session on trends regarding Fintech patents and technologies as well as on patent application statistics of the financial industry in Taiwan

To help the Fintech industry gain a better understanding about trends regarding Fintech patents and technologies as well as about patent application statistics of the sector in Taiwan, TIPO is to hold an information session on the topic at its meeting hall on the 18th floor of its office building on July 18, 2018. The session covers topics such as trends regarding Fintech patents and relevant core technologies, as well as an analysis on statistics regarding Fintech patent applications made by domestic financial institutions, including information about the grant/rejection rate of such applications, as of the first quarter of this year. By so doing, TIPO hopes to provide greater support to Fintech-related industries, thereby allowing them to get hold of the latest trends of Fintech patents and technologies in a timely manner while avoiding possible mistakes in their patent application, so as to improve the grant rate among their patent applications.

For details about the information session, please visit:

<https://activity.tipo.gov.tw/fp.asp?fpage=cp&xItem=37095&ctNode=817&mp=1>



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## TIPO accepts applications for deferring substantive examination for design patent applications, starting from July 1, 2018

TIPO starts accepting applications for deferring substantive examination for design patent applications on July 1, 2018. For more information, such as the guiding principles of the practice, a sample application form, and must-knows about such application, please visit:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=672548&ctNode=7127&mp=1>



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## Thousands of people showed up for the 2018 IP Carnival

The 2018 IP Carnival took place at the Shin Kong Mitsukoshi Xinyi Plaza in Taipei on the afternoon of May 27. Director General Hong Shu-min of TIPO was there to give some remarks and open the event. On the site, there are also IP-themed interactive game booths and large escape games, covering topics such as patent, trademark, copyright, and trade secret, in the hope of introducing to the public the ABCs of IP as well as the importance of IP protection. An estimated 1,500 people showed up for the event. In addition, the event was live streamed on TIPO's Facebook fan page as well as the "Let's Support Original Works" Facebook fan page, so that more people could witness what has been going on at the Carnival. The live streamed video has been watched for more than 4,000 times, reaching a total of about 17,000 people.

For the live streamed video and relevant report of the event, please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/copyright.com.tw/videos/1986787171363142/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-t6D4V4maDA>



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## New features added to the Taiwan Global Patent Search System (GPSS) will be available, starting from July 1, 2018

TIPO has recently set up the Taiwan Global Patent Search System (GPSS), which is 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). Currently, the system supports searches made in Chinese, English, Japanese, and Korean, and it can automatically transfer searches made in Traditional and Simplified Chinese while allowing searches of homophones in Chinese, making the search function of the platform even more powerful. This will help the industrial sector to gain a better understanding about the context of technological development in many industries, which can pave the way for their future technological R&D and patent portfolio.

The Taiwan Global Patent Search System (GPSS) has been very well received by many circles since its launch. TIPO is dedicated to continuing improving the system, in an attempt to make the system more comprehensive and user-friendly. Starting from July 1, 2018, the system will contain more than 50 million pieces of patent data ready for patent search, and many more new features are expected in the future. TIPO encourages those interested to make more use of it.

For more information, please visit:

<https://gpss.tipo.gov.tw>



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## TIPO adds patent data of Chinese herbal medicine in file formats exported from the SQL Server

As patent data of Chinese herbal medicine is quite important for relevant industries, TIPO has, in October 2016, compiled part of such information before 2012 into txt files and put it on its website for download. To add value to such information and make it more applicable and easy to use, TIPO has added file formats of such information exported from the SQL Server, a database (filename extension: \*.sql, with table schema and data). TIPO encourages those interested to make more use of it.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=671777&ctNode=7127&mp=1>



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