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## Taiwan-Canada PPH Mottainai program to be launched in February

The MOU of the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Mottainai program between the Taiwan Intellectual Property Office (TIPO) and the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) was signed on January 31, 2018, and came into effect on February 1.

The Taiwan-Canadian PPH program is under the "Mottainai" model. Under this scheme, after applicants apply for patents for the same invention in both countries, when they get positive examination results from either patent office, they are eligible to file a PPH request at the other office, thereby accelerating examination process. The cooperation program will make the patent examination process faster and more efficient, and TIPO urges applicants of requesting both countries to make full use of it. For the application form for a PPH and for more information about the PPH partnership between Taiwan and Canada, please visit:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=656360&ctNode=7127&mp=1>



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## **TIPO updates concordances of goods and services between Taiwanese and Japanese and their relevant classes in accordance with the latest NCL (11-2018)**

As the 2018 version of the 11th edition of the Nice Classification (NCL) came into force on January 1, 2018, TIPO updated the concordances of goods and services and their relevant classes as well as those of the Japan Patent Office (JPO) on its website accordingly. By so doing, it is hoped that the lists can serve as a reference point for Taiwanese and Japanese applicants when they seek to file trademark applications. For more information, please visit:  
<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=540793&ctNode=7573&mp=1>



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## **TIPO releases IPR statistics for the fourth quarter of 2017**

In the fourth quarter of 2017, TIPO received a total of 19,464 applications for patents. Among them, 12,579 are invention patents, a 2 percent increase from the same period last year; 4,921 are utility models, and 1,964 are design patents, a drop of 5 and 14 percent from the same period last year, respectively.

Among invention patent applications, by nationality of applicants, 5,411 applications were filed by domestic residents while 7,168 ones filed by foreigners, representing a 1 and 2 percent year-on-year increase, respectively. In particular, the number of applications filed by domestic residents has been on the rise for five consecutive quarters. By nationality of applicants of foreign origins, Japan topped the list with 3,047 applications, followed by the US (1,624) and mainland China (587).

As for invention patent applications by domestic companies, the Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) came top with 383 applications, followed by the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) (295), Inventec Corporation (124), Hon Hai (109), and AU Optronics (AUO) (96). As for applications by foreign companies, Qualcomm topped the list with 203 applications, followed by OPPO Electronics Corporation (123), Applied Materials (117), Alibaba Group Holding Limited (115), and Tokyo Electron Limited (TEL) (88). In particular, OPPO Electronics Corporation, a mainland-China-based company, registered a growth rate of 1267% in terms of the number of its applications this season, in comparison with the same period last year, an impressive rise worth paying attention to.

In the meantime, the number of new applications for trademark registration (21,244) has risen 0.4 percent, in comparison with the same period last year. Among them, 14,957 applications were filed by Taiwanese nationals while 6,287 ones filed by foreigners, representing a 3 percent decrease and an 8 percent increase, respectively. By nationality of applicants of foreign origins, mainland China topped the list with 1,551 applications, followed by Japan (1,077) and the US (1,001).



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## **General Information sheet is no longer required for supplementary documents of applications made at the E-set**

To make it easier to file patent application online and to streamline the digital application process, TIPO has announced that when people make supplementary documents of application via the E-set, an online patent application system under TIPONet, if no basic information about the application has been changed, it is not necessary for applicants to hand in a general information sheet. The policy has come into practice in December 2017. This will help save time as applicants no longer need to file in a general information sheet or convert file formats, further speeding up the whole process. As such, TIPO encourages the public to make use of the E-set online.



## TIPO publishes its patent and industrial report concerning the IoV industry

TIPO has referred to technical standards set by standard-setting organizations for the Internet of Vehicles (IoV) industry in the US, Europe, and Japan—including the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) and the Association of Radio Industries and Businesses (ARIB)—as well as the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in 2017, and wrote a report analyzing patents related to the IoV industry, in an attempt to set an example for local industries as to how to identify potential standard essential patents (SEPs) by actively reviewing specific technical standards of an industry and conducting patent searches. By so doing, it is hoped that relevant circles in Taiwan will gain a better understanding about the possible types of potential SEPs for the communication interface of the IoV, as well as the plausible methods to identify potential SEPs. In other words, the report can serve as a reference point for researchers or business operators interested in establishing technical standards for the IoV or other related.

For more information about TIPO's patent and industrial report concerning the IoV industry that covers Taiwan's IoV industry, current standard setting situation in the industry, and future trends, please visit:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=655814&ctNode=7127&mp=1>



## TIPO produces a report on patent application trends in the area of cancer treatment

TIPO has produced a report on patent application trends in the area of cancer treatment, based on patent publications in Taiwan from 2006 to 2015, as well as results of its own questionnaire surveys. It was found in the report that, by category of technical features, among the 6,619 cancer-related patent applications made to TIPO during this period of time, "Drugs and Chemistry" (including cancer drug and formulation development) stood at 6,083, accounting for the 90 percent of all applications—of which Taiwanese nationals ranked the 5th place, by nationality of applicants. It was followed by "Diagnostic and Surgical Devices" (including the development of tumor diagnostic technologies), with 680 applications, accounting for about 10 percent of all applications—of which Taiwanese nationals ranked the 2nd place, by nationality of applicants. These figures have demonstrated the importance of these two technical fields for Taiwan's cancer treatment as well as the country's strengths in research and development on this front.

For more information, please visit:

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