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The GPSS will add other new features, such as statistical analysis and chart analysis in 2018, which will have data collected from all over the world analyzed and made into charts. For more information, please visit:

<https://gpss.tipo.gov.tw/gpsskmc/gpssbkm?@@0.38172615771794554>



Timetable for PDX program between Taiwan and South Korea in 2018

The priority document exchange (PDX) program between Taiwan and South Korea has come into effect on January 1, 2016. Since 2017, the exchange frequency of the program has been increased from once a month to twice a month.

A timetable for exchange dates of the PDX program in 2018 is as follows: January 3 and 17; February 7 and 21; March 7 and 21; April 4 and 18; May 2 and 16; June 7 and 20; July 4 and 18; August 1 and 16; September 5 and 19; October 4 and 17; November 7 and 21; as well as December 5 and 19.



TIPO holds a public hearing on draft amendments to the Patent Act on December 21

On December 21, TIPO held a public hearing on draft amendments to the Patent Act. Suggestions for amendment include: extending the claim for international priority from 12 to 14 months; loosening rules regarding division of patent applications after decisions for approval are served; adding rules governing the legitimate types of using patent documents after the patent application has been laid open or the patent has been published; adding an exception allowing the request for substantive examination that hasn't been filed within 3 years from the date of filing to be filed within 2 months after the three-year term; extending the protection period for design patents from 12 to 15 years; introducing the license of right system; changing the period of time of the application file should be kept; and improving the post-grant amendment system for utility model patents.

About 150 people showed up for the event. As attendees have shown great enthusiasm about certain topics with heated discussions, TIPO held a second public hearing on January 15, 2018.



Representatives of the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association (JAMA) held a promotional talk at TIPO on December 15

On December 15, representatives of the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association (JAMA) held a promotional talk at TIPO to introduce the latest technologies in the automobile industry, including hybrid vehicles (HV), Electric vehicles (EV) and fuel cell vehicles (FCV), and automated vehicles.



Director General Hong Shu-min of TIPO paid a visit to the German Patent and Trade Mark Office (DPMA) and met with President Cornelia Rudloff-Schäffer of the DPMA on December 4, 2017

On December 4, 2017, Director General Hong Shu-min of TIPO paid a visit to the German Patent and Trade Mark Office (DPMA) and met with President Cornelia Rudloff-Schäffer of the DPMA. The two offices exchanged views on a variety of issues, including patent examiner exchanges, cooperation on exchange of data, supervision of copyright CMOs, as well as support for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Later, Director General Hong also paid a visit to the Federal Patent Court of Germany (BPatG), and exchanged views on issues such as the systems of the BPatG and the development of the Unified Patent Court (UPC) of the European Union.



TIPO signed with the Intellectual Property Office of the UK (UK IPO) an MOU on the deposit of biological materials for the purposes of patent procedure on December 1, 2017

On December 1, 2017, Director General Hong Shu-min of TIPO signed with Chief Executive Officer Tim Moss of the Intellectual Property

Office of the UK (UK IPO) an MOU on the deposit of biological materials for the purposes of patent procedure. In addition, the two offices later held a Director-General-level meeting to exchange views on issues of mutual concern, including measures to combat online copyright infringement and to improve the quality of patent examination, online patent application system, and the post-Brexit impact on IPR. The two sides also agreed to continue strengthening cooperation on intellectual property matters in the future.



TIPO holds the “Let’s Support Music Creations along with CMOs” workshop on December 20

On December 20, TIPO held the “Let’s Support Music Creations along with CMOs” workshop. In the event, TIPO officials introduced the collective management system in Taiwan. Representatives from the Music Copyright Society of Chinese Taipei (MÜST) and the Asia-Pacific Music Collective Management Association (ACMA), two renowned collective management organizations (CMOs) for music creations in Taiwan, made presentations about how they work, how to join them, and the rights of their members.

The music creators, record companies, lyric and song licensing agencies, as well as music-related industries showed up for the workshop. By providing an opportunity for people to exchange ideas, and by introducing the collective management system and relative rights of CMO members, the event has made it possible for attendees to gain a better understanding about the current situation of the music industry.



TIPO holds a seminar on patent legal regimes and practices with the TPAA

On December 15, TIPO jointly held a seminar on patent legal regimes and practices with the Taiwan Patent Attorneys Association (TPAA). Invited participants of the seminar include Presiding Judge Makiko Takabe of the Intellectual Property High Court of Japan; Professor Tetsuya Obuchi of the University of Tokyo; Vice Dean Wang Li-dar of the College of Law of the National Chengchi University (NCCU); and Associate Professor Sung Huang-chih of the Graduate Institute of Technology, Innovation, and Intellectual Property Management of the NCCU. Topics touched upon include the patent exhaustion, whether to introduce the Contributory Infringement system for patents and the adversarial system in patent administrative proceeding.

A total of 220 people from a variety of circles took part in the event, including judges from the IP court, scholars, government officials, lawyers, patent attorneys, patent agents, and representatives from industries. Heated discussions took place throughout the sessions, offering valuable reference materials to sound patent systems and patent administrative litigation practices in Taiwan.



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