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About 220 people showed up for the seminar, including members from academic and research institutions, government, and business community, as well as patent and trademark agents. Heated discussions took place throughout the sessions. The event has indeed

helped shed light on the IP protection systems in Southeast Asian countries to the participants.

For the presentation slides from the event, please visit:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=649913&ctNode=7127&mp=1>



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On December 1, 2017, Director General Hong Shu-min of the Taiwan Intellectual Property Office (TIPO) and Chief Executive Officer Tim Moss of the Intellectual Property Office of the UK signed an MOU on the deposit of biological materials for the purposes of patent procedure between Taiwan and the UK, which has come into effect immediately.

With the MOU in place, when Taiwanese applicants apply patents involving biological materials in the UK, and when British applicants apply patents involving biological materials in Taiwan, they will only need to deposit their biological materials with local deposit institutions, which are now recognized by both IP offices in the two countries. This will help streamline the deposit process, save costs caused by duplicate deposits, and allow both Taiwanese and British applicants to further expand their patent portfolios in relevant industries.



TIPO updates its streamlined patent application form and guides, which take effect on December 1, 2017

To make patent application easier and the patent examination process even more efficient, TIPO has made changes to its patent application forms and relevant application guides, which took effect on December 1, 2017. Major changes include: only one copy of application documents (including the abstract or description, the claim, and the drawing of a patent) is required now; country name is required to be noted in front of the company name if the applicant is a foreign company; and requirements of the application number, the filing date, and the International Patent Classification (IPC) number or the Locarno Classification (LOC) number—information previously required on the cover page of an abstract or a description for patent application—are now removed, in response to the adoption of the online examination practice for patents.



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TIPO updated and made public its classification list of goods and services for the purpose of trademark application and registration in accordance with the 11th edition of Nice Classification of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). The new list came into effect on January 1, 2018. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=651005&ctNode=7127&mp=1>



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TIPO publishes Compilation of Administrative Dispute Cases regarding Utility Model Applications

By looking at administrative remedies filed by utility model applicants after their applications were rejected, TIPO picked out some of the cases and compiled them into a book, entitled *Compilation of Administrative Dispute Cases regarding Utility Model Applications* (2004-2016). The book is divided into several sections in accordance with the subject matter of the administrative disputes, including types of subject matter of the utility models; cases with incomplete forms of disclosure; cases whose description, claims, or drawings fail to disclose essential matters or the disclosures are obviously unclear; and cases whose amendments obviously extends beyond the scope of content disclosed in the description, claims or drawings as original filing. Rulings and decisions for each case are included in the book, along with detailed explanation. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/lp.asp?CtNode=7837&CtUnit=3873&BaseDSD=7&mp=1>



TIPO publishes The Chronical of Amendments to the Patent Act

Since its first promulgation on May 29, 1944, and its first implementation on January 1, 1949, the Patent Act has been amended for 13 times. Its latest amendment was made on January 18, 2017.

Each and every amendment to the Patent Act and relevant systems plays a part in the formation of Taiwan's patent legal regimes and policies. Some of the major amendments include: the introduction of the priority right and the early publication of invention patents; the adoption of substantive examination; the abolishment of the opposition system; the adoption of the formality examination for utility models; the decriminalization of patent infringement; adjustment to patent terms; the introduction of the reinstatement of rights; as well as the acceptance of partial designs, computer generated icon (Icon) and graphic user interface designs(GUI), and a set of articles as designs.

As such, TIPO has compiled relevant amendments into *The Chronical of Amendments to the Patent Act*, which has detailed changes made to the Act over the years. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=650980&ctNode=7127&mp=1>



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During November 14-16, 2017, TIPO's patent and trademark trial examiners met their JPO counterparts in Taipei for an exchange program. During the event, JPO participants shared their oral proceedings regarding the invalidity of patents as well as their trial practices regarding the opposition system. In the meantime, TIPO's participants shared their guidelines governing patent infringement determination and their latest examination guidelines for patents. The two sides also exchanged views on quality management in the trademark trial system as well as issues of mutual concern. The exchange program has allowed both sides to gain a deeper understanding about the trial practices regarding patent and trademark matters in both Taiwan and Japan, paving the way for the development of future trial-related practices.



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