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The “Guidelines for procedural examination of trademark dispute cases” was published on October 30, 2017 and took effect on November 1 of the same year. For more detail, please go to: <https://www.tipo.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=646736&ctNode=7452&mp=1> ◦



Announcement of change to email address for reporting IPR infringement

The Criminal Investigation Brigade of the Second Special Police Corps of National Police Agency of the Ministry of the Interior announced on October 6 that the original email address yell@tipo.gov.tw for reporting IPR infringement had been closed and changed to 0800016597@iprp.sps.gov.tw. Any person wishing to report IPR infringement may use the new email address or call toll-free at 0800016597. The reports will be handled by specialist personnel.



Executive Yuan passed draft amendment to Copyright Act on October 26

In response to the advanced development in digital technology and the Internet, on October 26, the Executive Yuan passed the draft amendment to the Copyright Act, which is composed of 145 articles. The draft amendment has been sent to the Legislative Yuan for further review. The key revisions are:

Definitions for “public broadcasting” and “public transmission” were adjusted. New provisions on the “right to simultaneous further communication to the public” were added.

New provisions were added that performers whose performances are fixated on audiovisual fixations such as DVDs may enjoy the same rights currently stipulated as singers whose performances are fixed on phonograms.

Provisions on fair use of copyrighted works by the general public were adjusted.

Provisions on compulsory licensing of works of unknown economic right holders were added.

Outdated provisions on criminal liability were amended.

This draft amendment to the Copyright Act is the largest-scale modification in nearly twenty years. After the amendment, the Copyright Act will increase protection of right holders, effectively deter infringement, as well as appropriately harmonize social interests so as to guarantee the public's rights to legally use copyrighted works, to facilitate growth in domestic cultural industries, and add values to creativity. All of these will ultimately add to Taiwan's competitive advantage.

For an overall description of the draft amendment to the Copyright Act and a concordance table for amended articles, please go to: <https://www.tipo.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=646449&ctNode=7123&mp=1> ◦



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On October 30, Director Cristian Roberto Martínez Morales, Ministry of Development, Industry and Trade of Nicaragua, visited TIPO to exchange views on cooperation between the two offices.



A JIPA overseas research group visited TIPO on October 26

On October 26, a JIPA overseas research group totaling 12 people visited TIPO to exchange views on patent application, invalidation, and legal regimes in Taiwan.



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TIPO sent four patent examiners for a visit to the JPO (Oct 16-20) to exchange experiences in patent examination practices in relevant technical fields of mechanics, electronic components, chemistry, and electronics.



The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies visited TIPO on October 2

On October 2, a team of 17 people comprising Prof. Hideo FUKUI, Prof. Yuji TARUMI, and Associate Professor Hiroshi OKAZAWA of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies visited TIPO to exchange views on Taiwan's IP legal regime and organizations, patent application trend, policies for IPR protection, IP strategies, and patent examination.



TIPO publishes IPR application trends of Q3 2017

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Patent applications

1. There were 18,765 new applications for patent, up by 4% from Q3 2016. Of these, inventions were up by 7% with 11,631 applications. However, applications for utility model (4,937) and design (2,197) were down by 2% and 1%, respectively.
2. In invention patent, Taiwan and foreign nationals filed 4,718 and 6,913 applications, up respectively by 16% and 2%.
3. By nationality of applicants of foreign origins, Japan topped the list with 3,162 applications, followed by the US (1,476), South Korea (520), mainland China (484), and Germany (289).

Trademark applications

1. In trademark, there were 22,168 new applications, up by 12% from Q3 2016.
2. Of these, 16,230 and 5,938 applications were filed by Taiwan and foreign nationals, up respectively by 12% and 11%.
3. By nationality of applicants of foreign origins, mainland China topped the list with 1,197 applications, followed by the US(991), Japan(974), South Korea(499), and Hong Kong(404).



TIPO organizes information sessions on “Design patent application strategies and examination practices”

On September 27, October 3 and 6, TIPO organized a series of information sessions on “Design patent application strategies and examination practices” in Taipei, Taichung, and Tainan to enhance professional knowledge and capability of patent attorneys, patent agents, patent engineers, and personnel in related fields. These sessions focused on analyzing examination practices and there were lively discussions between attendees and TIPO's representatives. The events drew over 280 people in attendance.



TIPO organizes the “2017 master lecture series”

In September and October, TIPO organized a series of five “2017 master lectures” where foreign experts had been invited by the office to exchange thoughts on topics such as practical experiences in building patent portfolios, innovation of IoT in the industrial sector, patent and innovation, the “Industrie 4.0,” as well as using big data and IoT to facilitate smart manufacturing, management, and services. These lectures were well-received by over 600 people from domestic tool machine industry, leading corporations in aerospace industry, IP field, relevant industries, universities, and research institutes.



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