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**TIPO's amendment to chapter on inventive step of Patent Examination Guidelines took effect on July 1, 2017**

TIPO amended Section III on inventive step of Chapter III on patentability of Part II on substantive examination of invention patents of the Patent Examination Guidelines. Effective on July 1, 2017, the amendment included additions and revisions to concept of inventive step, principle for examining inventive step, process of determining inventive step, determining inventive step of selection invention, as well as matters concerning examination.



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### **TIPO welcomes use of new trademark search database which began official test run on July 14, 2017**

On July 14, 2017, TIPO began official test run of its new trademark search database. The existing search functions were enhanced. These include: (1) Search options of “Boolean search” and “non-traditional trademarks” interfaces were made more comprehensive; and (2) Additions and revisions were made to the detailed statement of a single trademark entry. Specifically, the database enables single-page view of comprehensive information on a trademark, comprising basic data, TimeLine, history (general receiving record, dispute/administrative remedy), written disposition, and the trademark register. To access the new trademark search database, click on the URL on the current data search database webpage ([http://tmsearch.tipo.gov.tw/TIPO\\_DR/index.jsp](http://tmsearch.tipo.gov.tw/TIPO_DR/index.jsp)), or enter the URL (<https://twtmsearch.tipo.gov.tw>) and click go.



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### **TIPO’s compilation of the “goods and services of NCL (11-2017),” and “definitions and classification standards of emerging and specific goods/services of NCL (11-2017)”**

Taiwan has adopted the Nice Classification (NCL) for goods and services designated for trademark applications. Currently, the latest edition is NCL (11-2017). The NCL uses classification titles and explications as principles for classifying goods and services. It also provides notifications for distinguishing classifications of goods or services, as well as explications on the classification of specific and emerging goods or services. Such information is of extreme value in terms of accurately classifying goods and services, as well as fostering consensus on their classification. TIPO has compiled the “Explanatory information on every class of NCL (11-2017),” and “definitions and classification criteria on emerging specific goods/services of NCL (11-2017)” for easier reference.



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### **TIPO integrates CMOs’ royalty rates facilitating users to quickly access information thereof**

“How do I search for CMOs’ royalty rates? They seem pretty complicated.” This is what concerns the most to people supporting legally obtaining licenses for use of copyrighted works. Given the sheer number in the types of CMO-published rates, it can be quite difficult for people to immediately locate targeted rates online. To make searches more convenient, TIPO rearranged categories of existing CMO royalty rates from users’ perspectives according to the types of use and the industries. By simply clicking on the types of use and then types of industry, users can easily access relevant rates without having to search for them from one CMO to another. This newly-integrated search system saves time for users and welcomes use by different sectors. For more information, please go to: <https://www.tipo.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=454274&CtNode=7807&mp=1>.



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### **TIPO’s newly-revised “Patent Q&A” is now available online to the public**

TIPO revised its “Patent Q&A” to comply with the modified grace period provisions of the amended Patent Act, which took effect on May 1, 2017, new interview system, and changes to patent fee schedule. In “Patent Q&A,” a new chapter on “interviews” was added in addition to the revisions of existing chapters on patent basics, filing patent applications, grace period, requesting division of a patent application, changes in patent right, invalidation, corrections to a patent, as well as patent fees. For more information, please go to: <https://www.tipo.gov.tw/lp.asp?ctNode=7633&CtUnit=3732&BaseDSD=7&mp=1>.



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### **APAA Japan Group visited TIPO on June 29, 2017**

On June 29, 2017, a delegation of 11 people comprising Senior Vice President Hirohito KATSUNUMA and President Takao OCHI of APAA Japan Group, accompanied by President J. K. Lin and board members of APAA Taiwan Group, visited TIPO. The two sides exchanged thoughts on TIPO's patent and trademark examination practices.



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### **TIPO held information sessions on copyrights in libraries in Taipei on July 24 and Kaohsiung on August 7, 2017**

Library employees may be engaging in different types of use of copyrighted works when reproducing in paper or digitally, or when providing interlibrary loan or READncl-Remote Electronic Access services. To help library employees learn more about relevant copyright laws and regulations, TIPO held two information sessions on copyrights in libraries. The sessions looked not only at the basics of copyright laws (including scope of fair use) and provisions relating to libraries, but also responded to copyright FAQs.



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