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between rightholders and ISPs". Experts specialized in related practices shared their experiences and had great interactions with attending scholars, government officials, and industry professionals, who raised a lot of questions.



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The 2015 Cross-Strait Patent Forum was held in Guangzhou on September 22-23. Over 200 people from the competent authorities and industries on both sides attended the forum. A total of 43 people from Taiwan were present at the forum, including TIPO's Director General Wang Mei-Hua, Chinese National Federation of Industries (CNFI) Secretary General Tsai Lien-sheng, IP Court Division-Chief Judge Chen Jhong-Sing, as well as experts from the government, industries, academia and research institutions. The mainland Chinese attendees include SIPO's Deputy Commissioner He Zhimin, Guangdong Province Vice Governor Chen Yunxia, and Guangdong Intellectual Property Office's Chief Executive Ma Xianmin, and industry representatives. At this forum, both sides had in-depth exchange and discussion on several issues, including the latest patent developments, updates on patent laws, as well as challenges to IP Court in regard to patent cases adjudication. Industrial representatives from both sides shared their practices and experiences on international patent portfolios and litigation management. These representatives include vice presidents and general counsels from Taiwan's HTC, Mediatek, and TSMC, as well as senior IP directors from mainland China's ZTE, Tencent, and Tasly. Through this patent forum, patent authorities from both sides had an in-depth understanding towards each other. Moreover, industry representatives from both sides also shared their international patent litigation experiences. It is expected that continuous exchanges could help create win-win cooperation for both sides in the near future.



TIPO Announces "Notice on Trademark Dispute Examination Procedures"

To accelerate the examination process of trademark dispute cases, TIPO promulgated the "Notice on Trademark Dispute Examination Procedures". TIPO stipulated the Notice to improve the examination procedures based on the situations commonly seen to delay the process in real practices. The improvement measures include directly entering into the substantive examination phase ex officio without going through the procedure of Cross-examination and hearing. The Notice comprises matters relating to shortened examination time and effective management. The related information was posted onto TIPO's website on September 1, 2015.



TIPO Holds 2nd Meeting of "Patent Examination Quality Advisory Committee"

TIPO held the 2015 2nd meeting of the "Patent Examination Quality Advisory Committee" on September 15. The topics include the handling of double patenting, comparison between PPH and TW-SUPA in terms of their current statuses and examination results, and management mechanism to prevent delays in invalidation proceedings. The topics were briefed to solicit the opinions from the committee advisors. At the meeting, TIPO firstly briefed on the current status of the dual filing of applications for invention patents and utility models, related practices, and particular features of the multiple filing of applications for invention patents and utility models for advisors to share their opinions. Later, TIPO presented the comparison between Taiwan-US and Taiwan-Japan PPH MOUs and TW-SUPA in terms of their current implementation and examination results. In addition, TIPO introduced six measures as regards the control mechanism to prevent delays in invalidation proceedings as follows: 1) perfecting the form of grounds for patent invalidation; 2) launching new procedures of pre-examination and examination work assignment for invalidation cases; 3) managing amendments, interviews, and

inspections; 4) enhancing interview efficiency; 5) making good use of Article 74 of the Patent Act to conduct invalidation proceedings; and 6) consolidating proceedings for multiple invalidation actions of a same patent. TIPO had a thorough communication and discussion on the above-mentioned topics with the committee advisors. They not only offered TIPO many valuable opinions but also affirmed the efforts that TIPO has made.



Mobile Web Page of Taiwan Patent Search System Officially Launched

To provide convenient services for mobile users to browse the Taiwan Patent Search System, TIPO launched the mobile web page of the system on September 10, 2015. Users may visit the web link <http://twpat-simple.tipo.gov.tw/tipomobilec/mobilekm> or go to the system's portal website to enter the mobile version. The mobile version provides two search options- Quick Search and Boolean Search. The search functions include patent search, file inspection and legal status data. The database of the mobile version is the same as that of the desktop version. The operations are adjusted based on the mobile users' habits. Meanwhile, the display of the search pages and search results is particularly designed to fit the screen sizes of mobile devices in order to provide more convenient and user-friendly search experience.



TIPO's IPR Protection Service Group Launches Awareness Campaigns

TIPO formed an "IPR Protection service group" of IPR experts and scholars in 2015. The purpose is to promote IPR protection awareness by giving lectures at various institutions, schools, and enterprises. A total of 11 campaigns were held in September, which attracted 645 participants. The campaigns aimed to enhance IPR awareness through bilateral interactions based on the audiences' needs. For example, universities like Tungnan University and Huafan University colleges expressed their preferences to learn more about on-campus copyright and related practices while corporations, such as Wunderman Group and Rainbow Family Life Education Association, said that they hope the topics could focus more on fair use of the Copyright Act and online copyright. According to survey results conducted after the campaigns, over 90% of the participants expressed that they gained more knowledge about copyright. Furthermore, they became to realize that photocopying a book in several different times for the entire book rather in one time is still considered as a copyright infringement act. These show that the campaigns have produced successful results.



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