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MOEA Convenes 2nd IPR Protection Interagency Meeting of 2014

On August 26, the Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA) convened the "2nd IPR protection Interagency meeting of 2014," with attendance of representatives from the Judicial Yuan, Mainland Affairs Council, Fair Trade Commission, Council of Agriculture, Council of Indigenous Peoples, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Education, Customs Administration of the Ministry of Finance, National Police Agency, and MOEA's Joint Optical Disk Enforcement Taskforce (JODE). At the meeting, the Ministry of Justice and MOEA's SME Administration respectively reported on "strengthening trade secret enforcement" and "implementation and results of IPR value-added services to SMEs"; the representatives also exchanged views regarding implementation of the "IPR Action Plan: January-June."



Cross-Strait Copyright Exchanges of 2014



On August 16, 2014, TIPO delegation attended the “7th Cross-strait seminar on copyright protection,” held in Yinchuan, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region of mainland China, and exchanged dialogues with copyright officials from China’s National Copyright Administration. The seminar, jointly held by the Chinese Commercial & Industrial Coordination Society and mainland China’s Copyright Society, saw attendance of approximately 35 Taiwan scholars and experts from TIPO, the Ministry of Culture, National Palace Museum, the Straits Exchange Foundation, and private sectors, as well as 100 people from China’s National Copyright Administration, State Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film and Television, Taiwan Affairs Office of the State Council, and copyright bureaus and associations of provinces, municipalities, and autonomous regions. This seminar primarily focused on “development in amendments to copyright laws across the Strait” and “development in copyright industry and their protection across the Strait,” featuring ten talks delivered by officials, scholars, and corporate representatives of both sides regarding experiences and direction in amendments to copyright laws across the Strait, operation of copyright CMOs, and development in copyright protection of cultural and communications industries, audiovisual industry, and television industry. At the working group meeting, attending officials of both sides exchanged views on dispute disposition and copyright authentication for audiovisual works, as well as issues concerning respective amendments to copyright laws. The Taiwan side elaborated on strengthening copyright protection of online Taiwan TV programs and pop music, copyright infringement involving media boxes made in China, fairness in copyright registration and authentication, as well as copyright protection in the cultural industries under the Cross-strait Agreement on IPR Protection and Cooperation. In turn, the Chinese officials responded to the issues addressed with sincerity and good will.



Prices for 15 Items in the TW Patent Data Subscription to Remain 50% off for Another Year

To encourage value-added use of the TW Patent Data Subscription by domestic industries, TIPO will again be implementing a 50% reduction in the prices for 15 items (Items 1-4 and 7-17 of Article 3 of “Price Standards for Patent Data Subscription”) starting November 1, 2014 until October 31, 2015.



Seminar on Part-Time Examiner Examination Practices of 2014

To help part-time patent examiners improve examination quality and efficacy, TIPO on August 7-8 held a “Seminar on part-time examiner examination practices of 2014” that highlighted the following issues: “case analysis of examination practices for invention patents,” “case analysis of patent administrative litigation,” and “digitization of patent examination.”



Database of CMO-Administered Works

As of July 2014, TIPO’s “Database of CMO-administered works” recorded uploading activities by 55 radio stations (e.g. Broadcasting

Corporation of China, Taiwan Radio, and Police Broadcasting Service). This database, winning acclaims from users and radio station proprietors and so far having been accessed 4,127 times, houses 133,680 entries of musical works and 693,161 entries of recording works. It is hoped that the database can effectively help users create and manage their lists of use and provide useful reference for user-CMO negotiations over fair and reasonable royalty rates. This database is accessible not only to radio station proprietors and CMOs but also to the general public conducting searches of music ownerships, thereby making it easy for different sectors to negotiate and obtain copyright licenses. To access the "Database of CMO-Administered Words," go to <http://tipo.ltc.tw/Music>.



Chinese-English Machine Translation of Patent Specifications now Available at Taiwan Patent Search

On August 4, 2014, TIPO launched a new Chinese-English online translation service at Taiwan Patent Search in order to stay abreast of international IP community and facilitate the flow of patent information. This new service uses Google Translate to provide instant Chinese-English translation of patent specifications and help applicants across borders to quickly gain a preliminary understanding of their patent search. To access Taiwan Patent Search, go to <http://twpat.tipo.gov.tw/#>.



TIPO Establishes "Online Repository of Certification Marks"

The "Online repository of certification marks" has recently been established by TIPO to protect consumer rights and interests and to increase awareness of all sectors regarding registered certification marks, such as "Taiwan Food GMP Development Association Certification," "Taiwan-made Product MIT Smile Logo," "Taiwan Excellence" mark, and "Energy Label." Currently, the repository holds up to 170 marks grouped in nine categories: "food products," "agricultural, livestock, dairy, and fishery products," "industrial products," "energy conservation and environmental protection," "buildings and building materials," "wines and spirits," "lodging or holiday accommodation," "commercial services," and "geographical certification marks." Users of this repository not only can access reproductions of certification marks and basic information of certification mark owners and their certification, but also the handbook on use of certification marks and links to official websites of these marks. To access the "Online repository of certification marks," go to <http://www.tipo.gov.tw/lp.asp?CtNode=7652&CtUnit=3748&BaseDSD=7&mp=1>.



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