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Following the signing of an MOU on PDX in the preceding month, TIPO and JPO officially implemented the program on December 2, 2013, allowing priority documents of invention and utility model applications to be exchanged electronically. The number of documents exchanged grew from the initial 23 to a monthly average of 650 starting this year. As of June 2014, a total of 3,354 copies of priority documents had been exchanged. With the success of this program, Taiwan applicants filing patents at JPO can benefit from such conveniences and both offices will definitely be seeing a marked improvement in examination efficacy. To encourage use of this PDX program, TIPO will not charge any fees for access code requests. Program details are now available online (<http://www.tipo.gov.tw>). For inquiries, please contact us at +886-2-8176-9009.



2014 Cross-Strait Trademark Forum and the 4th Cross-Strait Working Group Meeting on Trademark

TIPO's Director General Wang, Mei-hua led a delegation to the 2014 Cross-strait Trademark Forum and the 4th Cross-strait Working Group Meeting on Trademark held July 17-18, 2014 in Inner Mongolia, mainland China. This year's forum focused on China's new Trademark Law, with TIPO delegates reporting on Taiwan's trademark regime and sharing experiences in relevant examination. At the group meeting, both sides exchanged feedback on the implementation of a mechanism for trademark coordination and disposition, as well as addressed issues regarding enhancing "two-way notification for coordination and disposition of trademark cases" and "trademark examiner exchange program."



Draft Amendment to Patent Attorney Act Currently Under Review of Executive Yuan

On July 11, 2014, the Executive Yuan began its review of the draft amendment to the Patent Attorney Act. The Judicial Yuan, the Examination Yuan, the Ministry of the Interior, and the Ministry of Justice also took part in the review. Major revisions include "patent attorney may be employed by a corporation," "patent attorney shall partake in on-the-job training," and "adding types of punishment for acts committed in violation of relevant provisions."



IPR Trends Q2 2014: Patent and Trademark Statistics

Statistics released by TIPO show an 8.14% drop in overall patenting activities, brought down mainly by decrease in both domestic and foreign invention patent applications. This decrease (-10.81%) in invention applications may be due to a shift in corporate patent application strategies. In trademark, applications grew by 8.81%. Mainland China, of all the major trademark filing countries, came out on top for the first time. Thanks to TIPO's continuous efforts in implementing measures to expedite examination, the number of pending invention applications was down to 114,286. The average time for disposal in June 2014 was 34.18 months; pendency for first office action averaged 24.95 months.



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