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TIPO on June 16, 2014 began the first patent appellate officer exchange and received two JPO officials, Chief Administrative Judge Masaaki Kurano and Deputy Director Yukio Ono of Trial and Appeal Department. While here, officials of both offices exchanged ideas regarding Taiwan's Patent Act amendment and shared experiences in invalidation and re-examination practices.



JPAA's Shunju Kai Taiwan IPR Study Group Visits TIPO

On June 6, 2014, a team of 37 people forming the Shunju Kai Taiwan IPR Study Group of Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) attended a workshop at TIPO and exchanged ideas regarding Taiwan's recent amendments to Patent Act and Trademark Act, as well as related current practices



Public Hearings on Draft Amendment to Copyright Act

TIPO conducted a series of public hearings to solicit feedback on the following issues regarding draft amendment to Copyright Act: 1. The second hearing on May 30 addressed issues concerning adjustment to limitations on economic rights (e.g. rights of producers of phonograms and of performers), prohibition on parallel import of genuine goods, and assigning criminal liability to copyright violations. 2. The third hearing on June 9 addressed issues concerning adjustment to moral rights, copyright ownership of works made for hire and audiovisual works, and whether the term of copyright protection should be extended. 3. The fourth hearing on June 23 addressed issues concerning fair use rules in education settings, libraries, and nonprofits, and blanket fair use exemption. 4. The fifth hearing on July 9 addressed issues concerning fair use rules for distribution of information and new provisions on fair use of snapshots and parody of original work. These public hearings, however, led to general misunderstandings about certain provisions given the complexity involved in this comprehensive draft amendment. In the face of uncertainty among sectors, TIPO would resume subsequent hearings after further review and discussion of disputed provisions with relevant agencies, industries, rights holders (e.g. songwriters), scholars, and experts have been conducted.



Vice President Receives Gold Medalists of Major Invention Exhibitions of 2013

Vice President Wu Den-yih, accompanied by MOEA's Vice Minister Shen Jong-chin, TIPO's Deputy Director General Chu Hsin-hua, and Secretary General Wang Zuo-tai with the Ministry of Education, on July 4, 2014 met with 243 inventors winning gold medals in major international invention exhibitions of 2013.



Patent FAQ and Flowcharts on Patent Examination and Administrative Remedy now Available in English at TIPO Website

In line with the January 1, 2013 implementation of the amended Patent Act, the English versions of "Patent FAQ" and "Flowcharts on Invention, Utility Model, and Design Patent Application Examination and Administrative Remedy" have been updated and are now available (starting June 11, 2014) for public access at TIPO's English website. Users of the new "Patent FAQ" can have access to a total of 71 questions arranged in seven major categories including "General Questions," "Invention Patent," "Utility Model Patent," "Design Patent," "Patent Right," "Patent Search" and "TIPO-JPO PDX." The new Flowcharts, in addition, enable users to gain a better understanding of the procedures involving patent application and administrative remedy. Patent FAQ <http://www.tipo.gov.tw/lp.asp?CtNode=7117&CtUnit=3599&BaseDSD=7&mp=2> Flowcharts on Patent Examination and Administrative Remedy <http://www.tipo.gov.tw/public/Data/4669223171.pdf>



"Kuso i" Video Shorts Competition now Solicits Works of Creative Minds

The "Kuso i" Video Shorts Competition is part of TIPO's 2014 "Originality in e-Creation" online campaign that aims to strengthen people's copyright awareness. This Competition now solicits copyright-themed video shorts of 10-15 seconds by creative minds that voice strong support for copyright through this art form. Anyone wishing to have their creations seen and heard should send their works between

June 16 and August 17, 2014. Those having uploaded eligible works onto YouTube and completed registration (https://www.copyright2014.com.tw/vote_02.php) will have their works evaluated (August 18-September 21) by online viewers. Contenders whose works enter the top ten will be awarded with a prize; online viewers will also have opportunities to win prizes for their participation. "Kuso i" website: <https://www.copyright2014.com.tw/about.html> "Kuso i" on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/copyright.com.tw?ref=hl>



Taiwan Patent Search System Now Adds Three New Search Functions

The Taiwan Patent Search System was upgraded in 2013 with three value-added industrial service functions. These include "subscription on specific topics," "assisted reading device," and "case analysis." Starting July 1, 2014, the system's three new functions ("references," "cited references," and "cited reference calculator") are now available to help the public learn more about the latest technical developments. Users using the "cited reference calculator" can set up their search parameters, learn about which technical fields are among the most popular based on search results, and then quickly narrow in on their search for key patents. The "references" and "cited references" functions can also help users better understand the relevance between two or more patents and their technical connections.



2014 Symposiums on IPR Practices

A series of symposiums on IPR practices were held by TIPO on June 23 in Taipei, June 25 in Taichung, June 30 in Tainan, July 1 in Kaohsiung and July 7 in Hsinchu. These symposiums drew a total of 194 people and were aimed at soliciting public feedback on patent legislation and future improvements in patent, trademark and digitization practices.



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