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Workshop on Trade Secrets Practice

TIPO held the 1st session of trade secrets practice workshop at Hsinchu Science Park (HSP) on May 23, 2014. A total of 50 attendees were judges from Judicial Yuan, Intellectual Property Court, all district courts, and representatives from Ministry of Justice and Investigation Bureau. This workshop was expected to enhance the communication between law enforcement agencies and private sectors with a mutual understanding of future investigation on trade secret. Upon this basis, the investigation, indictment and trial can have better efficacy; the amended criminal liabilities shall take effect. The protection of trade secrets and the strategic goal of increasing industry competitiveness can be strengthened as well. A guided tour to visit HSP companies was arranged to share experience in topics related to product, manufacturing process and service. Two more workshops will be held in Central Taiwan Science Park and Southern Taiwan Science Park on July 11 and September 5 respectively.



2014 Symposium on “Search and Application on Patent Database” Successfully Concluded

On May 16-29, three symposiums of “Search and Application on Patent Database” were held by TIPO in Taipei, Taichung and Tainan respectively. Mr. Chen Sheng-San, Associate Professor at National Taipei University of Technology and Mr. Cheng Y.C. at IP Academy of Singapore were invited as speakers. Both shed lights on patent search tool and technique. In assisting industrial innovation, an in-depth analysis regarding practical patent cases in various aspects was performed such as intelligent personal assistant on mobile, energy-saving industry and telematics industry. A total of 288 participants from Japan Interchange Association, patent firm, private sector, university, research institute, Bureau of Standards of Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) and Institute of Nuclear Energy Research (INER) attended this symposium.



2014 Seminars on Trademark Regulation Successfully Concluded

Underlining the trademark use, four sessions of 2014 trademark regulation seminars were arranged at TIPO's Kaohsiung Branch Office, Taichung Branch Office, NTU's Tsai Lecture Hall and National Tainan Living Art Center respectively on May 16, 20, 21 and 23. The concept of trademark use was presented; rendered judgments relating to trademark protection and infringement on free gifts were shared and analyzed. The seminar also discussed the issues including furnishing evidence during examination of trademark revocation and the determination of similarity of goods or services. Four sample cases of trademark revocation were demonstrated for the said issues. A total of 254 people took part in the seminar.



Workshop on “How to Build a Solid Patent Portfolio”

In order to help local enterprises in strengthening their patent portfolios, TIPO and major industry associations co-hosted a series of workshops on “How to Build a Solid Patent Portfolio” as follows. On May 5, TIPO and Taiwan Medical and Biotech Industry Association held a workshop elaborating on filing strategy for patent, accelerated examination procedures and patent search strategy. A total of 17 people from 10 enterprises attended the workshop. On May 15, TIPO and Chinese Industrial Designers Association (CIDA) held a workshop elaborating on practices of application and examination for design patent, as well as analyses of patent litigation cases. A total of 31 people attended the workshop. On May 16, TIPO and Taiwan Electrical and Electronic Manufacturers' Association (TEEMA) held a workshop elaborating on disputed patent litigation practices in telematics field. A total of 20 people attended the workshop. On May 16, TIPO and Taiwan Transportation Vehicle Manufacturers' Association held a workshop elaborating on practices of filing for design patent. The workshop also analyzed patent portfolio in Taiwan's motorcycle industry. A total of 17 people attended the workshop. On May 28, TIPO and Taiwan Bio Industry Organization held a workshop elaborating on filing for biotechnology and pharmaceutical patents. The workshop discussed sample cases and issues relating to filing procedure and examination practices on biotechnology patent application. A total of 103 people attended the workshop. The attended enterprises highly complimented on the workshops. This is an indication that TIPO's efforts to strengthen industrial connection and assist enterprises with building solid patent portfolios were greatly rewarded.



Discussion Meeting on “Online Copyright Management Prototype Database”

Radio station proprietors, CMOs and information technology representatives were invited by TIPO to join the discussion meeting of “Online Copyright Management Prototype Database” held on May 15, 2014. The meeting discussed user comments received during pilot run, which radio stations can use to improve the database. The transaction records can also help CMOs in reviewing royalty rate and enhance transparency of market in the future.



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