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## The first 2014 Taiwan-EU Economic and Trade IPR Working Group Videoconference

The first 2014 Taiwan-EU Economic and Trade IPR Working Group Videoconference was convened on April 22 and jointly hosted by TIPO's Deputy Director General Lee Mei and Laurent Bardon, Policy Officer of Trade Relations with the Far East, DG Trade, European Commission. Attendees were from Taiwan government agencies including Judicial Yuan, IPR Corps, Council of Agriculture, Department of Prosecutorial Affairs of Ministry of Justice, Customs Administration of Ministry of Finance, Bureau of Foreign Trade of Ministry of Economic Affairs, and TIPO. The representatives from EU were Mr. Benoit Lory, Mr. Rene-yves Andrau and Ms. Camille Auvret, Policy Officers of IPR as well as Ms. Isabel Mancuso, Policy Officer of EEAS. Ms. Viktoria Lövenberg, Deputy Head of EETO, also attended this video conference. Both sides exchanged views on the updated IPR legislative change and enforcement, the DUS Reports of Phalaenopsis and Doritaenopsis as well as the cooperation in the future.



## TIPO and JPO to Modify PPH Pilot Run into PPH Mottainai for Three Extended Years



The TIPO-JPO Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program was modified to PPH Mottainai and extended for three years starting May 1, 2014. This modified pilot allows for greater conveniences to applicants and further accelerates patent examination at both offices. As of the end of March 2014, TIPO had received 817 requests for expedited examination since the launch of the TIPO-JPO PPH pilot in May, 2012. Request form and other related information are now available at TIPO website <http://www.tipo.gov.tw/lp.asp?ctNode=6716&CtUnit=3227&BaseDSD=7&mp=1> or JPO website [http://www.jpo.go.jp/torikumi\\_e/t\\_torikumi\\_e/japan\\_taiwan\\_highway\\_e.htm](http://www.jpo.go.jp/torikumi_e/t_torikumi_e/japan_taiwan_highway_e.htm)



## Public Hearing for Draft Amendments to Copyright Act

On April 23, 2014, TIPO held a public hearing for draft amendments to Copyright Act. The general public made an active participation and so did other attendees from relevant industries and non-governmental organizations. The points discussed included adjustments to intangible right of the author's economic rights in response to technological development and digital convergence; modifications to moral rights to encourage circulation and use of copyrighted work; clarification to distribution right of economic rights for a harmonized market; adjustments to protection for performer and sound recording; modifications to limitations on economic rights and reasonable scope; additions to compulsory licensing on orphan works; amendments on border measures; and reviews on out-of-date criminal liabilities.



## 2014 Workshop on how to build a solid patent portfolio

TIPO planned to hold a series of "Workshop on How to Build a Solid Patent Portfolio" in order to assist enterprises with patent application and developing trend in selected technology fields, as well as quality-oriented patent applications and a clearer picture of international patent litigation. Patent related courses will be provided to the selected fields such as telematics, green energy, biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries to make enterprises more competitive. Through the said measure, along with the examination manpower from TIPO and the source from a variety of associations of industries, domestic enterprises can then well develop and transform. On April 22, 25 and 28, TIPO co-hosted information meetings with Taiwan Internet and E-Commerce Association (TIEA), Taiwan Electrical and Electronic Manufacturers' Association (TEEMA) and Green Energy & Environment Research Laboratories respectively aiming at e-commerce, telematics and green energy industries. In accordance with the request from associations, the

designed courses include introduction of patent, litigation practice of patent dispute, and patent application development in specific technology field. A number of 200 people took part in the three information meetings.



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