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USPTO Chief Policy Officer and Director for International Affairs Visits TIPO

On February 25, 2014, Ms. Shira Perlmuter, USPTO Chief Policy Officer and Director for International Affairs, visited TIPO to deliver a speech on "The Green Paper on Copyright Policy, Creativity, and Innovation in the Digital Economy" and shared her views on the topic

with TIPO staff, copyright experts and right holders. Later in the afternoon, Ms. Perlmutter was joined by DG Wang and TIPO executives in a roundtable on current TIPO-USPTO ties and potential areas of cooperation in the future.



1st Coordination Meeting on IPR Protection 2014

On February 21, 2014, the 1st Coordination Meeting on IPR Protection 2014 was held by the Ministry of Economic Affairs where representatives from the Executive Yuan's Council of Agriculture and TIPO respectively reported on "Cross-strait Plant Variety Working Group: Exchanges and Progresses Made" and "Copyright Act Amendments." The participants also reviewed implementation of the IPR Action Plan 2013.



Hon Hai and Apple Topped Patent Application in 2013

According to TIPO's statistics on patent applications and granted patents in 2013, domestic applications totaled 50,714, down 3.43% from 2012. Among domestic applicants, Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., Ltd. (3,086) continued to take the lead, followed by Wistron Corp. (598) and the Industrial Technology Research Institute (584). In patent approval, Hon Hai (2,167) topped the chart, leading ITRI (931) and AU Optronics Corp. (822). Also, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Ltd. (433), up 106.19% from a year earlier, is worthy of the attention. In foreign applications (32,497), the number fell slightly (0.19%) from 2012. Apple Inc. (581) jumped seven slots and landed on top, followed by Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. (458) and Samsung Display Co., Ltd. (425). Applications by these top-notchers showed marked growth (70.82%~144.92%), underscoring their proactive patent portfolio. As to patent approval, Qualcomm Inc. (597) came in first, followed by Sony Corp. (471) and Tokyo Electron Ltd. (367). Breakdown of patent applications by display industry and portable device industry indicates increased competition. In the former, Samsung Display topped foreign filing companies with 425 inventions (+77.82% from 2012) in 2013 whereas Taiwan's AU Optronics concluded with 342 applications. In the latter, Apple (410, +50.18% from 2012) came second in foreign filing whereas HTC Corp. closed with 225 applications. Among top filing domestic research institutes, ITRI (584) took the lead, outstripping Metal Industries Research & Development Centre (127) and Institute for Information Industry (90). As to filings by colleges and universities, about thirty of them entered top 100. Of these, Far East University (346), ranked 8th among domestic corporations, came in first, targeting mostly at utility model (316). Second-placed Southern Taiwan University of Science and Technology, whose filings centered mostly on invention, concluded with 255 applications. In 2013, those that entered top 100 in domestic patent filing included 30 universities and colleges and 6 research institutes; corporate applications (mostly by mega corporations) took up two thirds. Compared to 2012, however, patent filings by the top 100 slumped 2.83%, where corporate applications (10,961) dropped 2.38% and invention applications (8,902) fell by 3.58%. This slump may be attributed to Taiwan's recent industrial transformation and domestic corporations' shifting portfolios overseas.



2014 Seminar on Invention Patent Examination Guidelines and Patent Application Trends in E-commerce

On February 10-14, 2014, five sessions of the 2014 Seminar on Invention Patent Examination Guidelines and Patent Application Trends in E-commerce were held by TIPO in Taipei, Hsinchu, Taichung, Tainan and Kaohsiung, respectively. The objective of this seminar was to increase people's knowledge of the Examination Guidelines for Software Related Inventions (published January 2014) and related guidelines governing "two applications filed separately in respect of the same creation," as well as to give an overview of patent application trends in e-commerce. A total of 320 professionals attended the seminar. TIPO hopes that the said event would strengthen people's understanding of the changes in examination guidelines. The views of participants from different sectors will be used as reference to future practices and amendments to guidelines.



TIPO Launches “Integrated Search Platform for Musical Works of CMOs”

The “Integrated Search Platform for Musical Works of CMOs” launched by TIPO is now available to the public. This platform enables simultaneous search for the latest copyrighted works of music administered by Music Copyright Society of Chinese Taipei (MÜST), Music Copyright Association of Taiwan (MCAT) and Music Copyright Intermediary Society of Taiwan (TMCS). The public is welcomed to use this convenient and efficient search tool now available at: <http://www.tipo.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=334083&CtNode=7563&mp=1>



TIPO Launches “Online Copyright Management Prototype Database”

The “Online Copyright Management Prototype Database” launched by TIPO enables radio station proprietors and CMOs to create, search and compare entries of musical composition. This database also allows radio station proprietors to carry out input/output of information on their usage of copyrighted works of music. A training session designed to educate radio station proprietors in central and southern Taiwan on the use of the database was held in late February 2014. The database currently houses entries from three CMOs of musical works and two CMOs of sound recordings in Taiwan; the number of entries in both categories is expected to exceed 820,000. Radio station proprietors across Taiwan are encouraged to use the database to facilitate market transparency for copyright licensing and to establish a fair royalty mechanism. The “Online Copyright Management Prototype Database” is now available at <http://tipo.ltc.tw/music>



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