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## IPOPHL Deputy Director General Mr. ALLAN B. GEPTY Visits TIPO



A delegation headed by IPOPHL Deputy Director General Mr. ALLAN B. GEPTY and Senior Deputy State Prosecutor SEVERINO HUNT GAÑA, JR. visited TIPO on November 13, 2013 to exchange views and share experiences regarding policies and measures for IPR protection. During their stay on November 12-15, Mr. Gepty and Mr. Gaña also visited the IPR Police Corps and the IP Court respectively to learn more about IP protection enforcement in Taiwan.



# TIPO Director General Wang Mei-hua Leading a Delegation to Attend the 6th Annual Cross-strait Patent Forum



On November 19, 2013, Director General Wang Mei-hua led TIPO delegates to attend the "6th Annual Cross-Strait Patent Forum" in Jinan, Shandong Province, mainland China. The delegates exchanged views with representatives from SIPO and private sectors on Taiwan's latest IPR development, changes in the design patent legal systems and key practices involving patent.



# IIPA Legal Advisor Michael N. Schlesinger Visits TIPO

Mr. Michael N. Schlesinger, legal advisor of International Intellectual Property Alliance (IIPA), visited TIPO on November 19, 2013 to exchange views on copyright-related laws and regulations as well as status of law enforcement.



# Trademark Division Director Attends the "Fujian-Taiwan Geographical Indication and Trademark Seminar"

On November 16-18, 2013, Trademark Division Director Lee Su-mei and Section Chief Liu Chen-lin attended the "Fujian-Taiwan Geographical Indication (GI) and Trademark Seminar" in Fujian Province, mainland China, to exchange views on cross-strait GI



# The Symposium of Research Project on Telecom Technology Patent Trends and Patent Litigation Analysis



The symposium of TIPO-commissioned NARLabs research project on Telecom Technology Patent Trends and Patent Litigation Analysis and a seminar on "Microreading Technology Function Matrix" took place on November 20 and 21, 2013, at NTU's Tsai Lecture Hall and at Einstein Hall, GIS HSP Convention Center, respectively. Also, an Elite Forum was held at NTU's Institute of Applied Mechanics on December 3-4. This year's project focuses on telecom technology patent trend and patent litigation in order to facilitate in-depth analysis of the trends in patented technologies and strengthen corporate capacity on patent strategic management. Specifically, the project analyzes the patent pool from selected telecommunications corporations in the Asian Pacific region. Also, patents held by NPEs are analyzed to help relevant industries better understand portfolios in the 4G LTE. In all, the said analysis aims to help domestic telecommunications industries locate their primary competitors, as well as the core patents, portfolio status of these competitors so as to identify gaps and make due improvements, while also providing guidance on future patent trends. In patent litigation analysis, the project focuses on 6 U.S. patent litigation cases (e.g. Interdigital v. Nokia) and 1 (Apple v. hTC) in the U.K. that were filed in the past five years. The project also helps participants gain relevant experiences through interviews with litigants and focus group training. A total of 850 field and corporate professionals attended these events where they gained knowledge on a complete analysis of the 4G LTE, which in turn may prepare them for subsequent patent portfolios.



#### 2013 Taiwan - Hong Kong "My Video" Competition Award Ceremony

To promote respect for IPR and foster creative culture, the Taiwan International Screen Foundation (Taiwan Foundation Against Copyright Theft, TFA©T) and the Hong Kong Intellectual Property Society, under the joint supervision of TIPO and Hong Kong Intellectual Property Department, co-organized the 2013Taiwan - Hong Kong "My Video" Competition. The award ceremony was held at Huashan 1914 Creative Park on the afternoon of November 30. The contending entries were produced by senior/vocational high school students, college/university students and the general public from Hong Kong and Taiwan on IPR-related topics such as "Say No to Internet Infringement," "Say No to Unauthorized Photocopying of Textbooks," "Promoting Cultural and Creative Industries," and "Say No to Pirated and Counterfeit Goods." These inspiring 30-second shorts were intended as joint efforts to raise the awareness of IPR protection. After a three-month period of preliminary screening and final review conducted by a judging committee composed of well-known professionals from the music, motion picture, animation industries and academia of both Hong Kong and Taiwan, a total of 15 entries in the three main categories (senior/vocational high school, college/university, and the general public) were selected to be awarded gold, silver, bronze and meritorious prizes.



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