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Taipei Representative Office in the UK and British Trade & Cultural Office jointly signing an MOU on IPR cooperation

On September 17, an MOU on IPR cooperation between Taipei Representative Office (TRO) in the UK and British Trade and Cultural Office (BTCO) was signed by TRO Representative, Dr. Shen Lyu-shun, and jointly witnessed by TIPO's Director General, Ms. Wang Mei-hua, and UKIPO Chief Executive Officer and Comptroller General, Mr. John Alty. The areas of bilateral cooperation include: a) Exchange of views between IPR competent authorities on IPR issues of international concern, legislative changes and practices; b) Expansion of cooperation areas by way of joint working project under mutually agreed-upon conditions; and c) Experience sharing and discussion on tangible issues via DVCs, reciprocal visits by relevant officials and reports on practices and research. The signing of this MOU is expected to further bilateral IPR exchange and cooperation.

On September 19, Director General Wang and INPI Director General, Mr. Yves Lapierre, cohosted the 10th Taipei-France Industrial Property Meeting, where DG Wang reported on TIPO's relevant practices and results. The two sides exchanged views on GI protection, plain cigarette packaging, patent e-filing system and SMEs guidance mechanism, exploring possibilities for future cooperation in these areas.



TIPO and SPTO jointly signing an MOU on PPH on September 20

On September 20, DG Wang and SPTO's Director General, Ms. Patricia Garcia-Escudero Márquez, jointly signed an MOU on PPH (Patent Prosecution Highway) cooperation that would allow both offices to speed up patent examination.

Starting October 1, 2013, the TIPO-SPTO PPH Mottainai Pilot Program will undergo a two-year trial period and be jointly evaluated after its expiration. Request form and other related information may be obtained from TIPO's or SPTO's website at

<http://www.tipo.gov.tw/lp.asp?CtNode=6714&CtUnit=3225&BaseDSD=7&mp=1> (Chinese version)

For Spanish and English versions, please go to

http://www.oepm.es/cs/OEPMSite/contenidos/PPH/PPH_en.htm



2013 Taipei International Invention Show and Technomart Successfully Concluded

Co-organized by the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Education, Ministry of National Defense, National Science Council and Council of Agriculture, the 2013 Taipei International Invention Show & Technomart took place at Taipei World Trade Center Exhibition Hall 1 on September 26-29. This year's event showcased over 2,000 patented inventions and technologies by 658 enterprises and institutes from 23 countries (regions). Nearly 92,000 visitors were drawn to the event's 1,000 booths to learn more about the inventions or explore possible business opportunities. In the Invention Area, a total of 499 inventions selected from 1,000 entries of 19 countries were awarded (Gold: 146; Silver: 148 and Bronze: 205). In addition, 16 INST Platinum Awards were conferred to inventors of outstanding inventions that had won the highest scores in each category of the competition. The award ceremony would later be held on September 28. The Technomart Area featured 13 pavilions set up by the industries, government agencies, academic and research institutes showcasing outstanding R&D technologies under government subsidies. During this four-day event, a total of 11 meetings on technology transaction were simultaneously held. To provide counseling service on patent industrialization and commercialization, TIPO and Industrial Development Bureau co-organized the Joint Counseling Area, coordinating professional resources from the Ministry of Education, Council of Agriculture, National Science Council, MOEA's Bureau of Energy, Small and Medium-sized Enterprise Administration and Department of Industrial Technology. A total of 11 informational meetings on guided joint projects were also held to help people learn about the government's guidance measures for innovation. The attending enterprises all agreed that the active participation of buyers and the general public helped boost business opportunities.



2013 Informational Meeting on Legal Use of Copyrighted Software by SMEs Successfully Concluded

To help SMEs (small and medium-sized enterprises) cultivate correct concept regarding computer software copyright and to introduce techniques of identifying genuine software and modes of software authorization, TIPO on September 16 held an informational meeting on the Legal Use of Software by SMEs, where lawyers Mr. Dick W.C. Lai and Ms. Wen-yi Tsai were invited to give lectures on the topic. Representatives from among 53 local enterprises that included Broadcasting Corporation of China, Far Eastern A-mart Co., Ltd., and Taiwan Tobacco & Liquor Corporation attended the event, expressing appreciation for the in-depth look at copyright licensing, free software, protection of computer programs and copyright protection, as well as techniques of identifying generic holographic labels on genuine software products.



Seminar on Application and Licensing Practices of Patented Biological Materials

The Seminar on Application and Licensing Practices of Patented Biological Materials under TIPO's "Project on Application and Promotion of Patented Biological Materials" was respectively held on September 26, October 3 and 4 in Taipei, Kaohsiung and Taichung, covering

topics on the rights and obligations involving deposit of biological material, limitations on the use of furnished material, drafting material transfer agreement, patent licensing and commercialization of biological material. A total of 146 people attended the seminar in Taipei, 104 people in Kaohsiung and 107 people in Taichung.



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