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## TIPO-AmCham Luncheon Meeting

On July 16, 2013, TIPO's Director General, Ms. Wang, Mei-hua, attended a luncheon upon invitation by AmCham to give a talk on Internet border control measures, the Copyright Act and future revisions and other relevant issues. While there, DG Wang exchanged views and shared experiences with many attending US business representatives who all recognized TIPO's efforts and objectives in carrying out legislative amendment to protect Internet copyright. TIPO in referencing how other countries deal with their Internet copyright issues and international development trends will evaluate the information received and formulate appropriate protection measures.



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## Signing of the ANZTEC

On July 10, 2013, Taiwan and New Zealand under the WTO framework signed the Agreement between New Zealand and the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen, and Matsu on Economic Cooperation (ANZTEC). The ANZTEC contains 25 chapters that cover a wide array of topics including Trade in Goods, Rules of Origin, Customs Procedures and Cooperation, Cross Border Trade in Services, Investment, Government Procurement, Dispute Settlement, Technical Barriers to Trade, Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, Electronic Commerce, Competition, Intellectual Property, Institutional Provisions, General Provisions (Preamble, Definitions, General Exceptions, and Transparency), Labor, Environment, Indigenous Issues, and Film and TV Co-production. The chapter on Intellectual Property aims to deepen bilateral exchanges in respect of IPR protection and well-functioning of IPR regimes, whereby more specific forms of cooperation can be formulated.



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## Informational Meeting on Legal Use of Software by SMEs

An informational meeting on the legal use of software by SMEs was held by TIPO in Taipei on August 21, 2013 to strengthen SMEs' copyright awareness regarding computer programs and modes of software licensing and to carry out IPR protection.



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## Seminar on Patent Database Search and Application

A seminar on patent database search and application is held by TIPO to help the industries increase values for innovation and boost their competitiveness. Slated for July 30 in Taipei, August 16 in Hsinchu, August 23 in Taichung, August 27 in Tainan and August 28 in Kaohsiung, the seminar covers issues including patent search tools and techniques, contents of patent search database, case studies, along with the sharing of practical experiences relating to IPR.



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## IPR Symposiums

A total of five IPR symposiums were held by TIPO in June and July 2013 in Taipei, Taichung, Tainan, Kaohsiung and Hsinchu to solicit opinions from different sectors on the recent changes to patent and trademark affairs. The 43 issues including "patent procedural examination," "revised provisions of the newly-amended Patent Act," "correction of translation errors and other amendments," "principle for reinstatement of trademark rights" and "issuance of electronic office notices on patent and trademark" etc.) raised during the symposiums have been promptly addressed to, compiled and are now available at: <http://www.tipo.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=464972&ctNode=6963&mp=1>.



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## Statistics on Invention Patent Applications Invoking the Grace Period

A total of 247,413 patent applications for invention were filed between 2008 and 2012. Of these, applications invoking the grace period totaled 3,082 (1.25%). The majority of applicants requesting for the grace period are universities and research institutes while the minority are private companies or individuals. The pie chart below shows the proportion (%) of all applicants in different categories:

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