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### AIT Economic Officer Kris Kvols Visits TIPO

The new American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) Economic Officer Mr. Kris Kvols visited TIPO and met with Deputy Director General Ms. Mei Lee on June 11, 2013 to exchange views on IPR protection.



### Deputy Director Kaname Matsumoto of JPO's First Regional Policy Section Visits TIPO

Mr. Kaname Matsumoto, Deputy Director of the First Regional Policy Section of JPO's International Affairs Division, visited TIPO on June 19, 2013 to exchange views on the current status of the TW-Support Using the PPH Agreement (TW-SUPA) examination program, development in the matters of employee invention and how ideas can effectively be communicated among Taiwanese and Japanese users, TIPO and JPO.



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### **Amendment to the TW-SUPA Examination Program Implemented on July 1, 2013**

The TIPO-USPTO and the TIPO-JPO PPH programs were implemented on September 1, 2011 and May 1, 2012, respectively. In view of the long examination pendency, TIPO on March 1, 2012 launched the TW-Support Using the PPH Agreement (TW-SUPA) examination program in order to step up efficiency in the sharing of search and examination results among patent offices and to encourage applicants making use of TIPO's examination results to request for expedited examination at foreign patent offices currently running PPH with TIPO. After more than one year of trial period, TIPO is now taking a step further to simplify application procedures and to relax on the number of requests. The new TW-SUPA examination program begins accepting requests from July 1, 2013. For more information, please go to: <http://www.tipo.gov.tw/public/Data/361817184971.pdf>



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### **Discussion on the Applicability of the Partial Amendment to Patent Act**

In view of the partial amendment to Patent Act (promulgated on June 11, 2013) and how it is to be implemented in actual practices, TIPO on June 19 invited experts from the academia and the industry to discuss the key points regarding the continuation of patent rights, two patent applications filed in respect of the same invention, as well as other follow-ups. The inquiries from different sectors concerning the applicability and the key points of the discussion have been compiled and are now available at: <http://www.tipo.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=465049&ctNode=7452&mp=1>



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### **2013 Informational Meetings on Legal Use of Software by Government Agencies and State-run Enterprises**

A total of three informational meetings on legal use of software by government agencies and state-run enterprises are organized by TIPO and slated for July 4 in Taipei, August 14 in Taichung and September 25 in Kaohsiung, respectively. The first half of the meetings focuses on the promotion of legal use of software by all levels of government and state-run enterprises, techniques in identifying counterfeit software frequently encountered in government procurement, as well as common types of software piracy and misleading modes of licensing. The second half highlights computer programs and copyright, legal use of computer software and regulations on licensing. These meetings are intended to urge government agencies and state-run enterprises to observe IPR regulations. TIPO welcomes registration from relevant agencies. For more registration information, please contact Ms. Chen of the National Association of Small & Medium Enterprises ROC at 02-23660812 (ext. 222), 02-23672005 (fax number) or email at [shih\\_ying@nasme.org.tw](mailto:shih_ying@nasme.org.tw).



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### **Copyright Camp 2013 Now Open for Registration**

To help students learn about IPR, TIPO organizes the Copyright Camp 2013 where popular creative masters share their ideas on creation and participants can get first-hand experience in creation on their trips to TV stations and cultural and creative parks. They can also enroll in special courses that focus on campus and Internet copyright to learn to protect their own creative rights while showing respect for other people's creations. Registration is now open to college, vocational/senior high school students, this free three-day/two-night Copyright Camp 2013 comes in two sessions and is slated for July 17-19 in Taipei and Aug. 14-16 in Taichung, respectively. For more registration information, please contact Mr. Teng of the National Association of Small & Medium Enterprises ROC at 02-25551749, 02-25551342 (fax number) or email at: [cobe\\_teng@nasme.org.tw](mailto:cobe_teng@nasme.org.tw).



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## Taiwan Patent Search System Now Provides Instant Patent Information

In order to establish a sound R&D environment and assist the industry in innovation and R&D, TIPO has added a number of advanced, value-adding services to the Taiwan Patent Search System, available starting from July 1, 2013. Users not only have free access to the latest patent information but can stay in the know regarding patent trend and the status in the technical field through the system's initial patent analysis. In addition, the system can, upon request, help users determine whether to engage in R&D or to commission IP agencies to conduct full-scale analysis of strategic portfolio, thereby reducing operating cost. The new value-adding services are featured as follows:

### 1. Topic Subscription

Users from the industry engaging in R&D for a new product can enter search terms which are automatically saved by the system that notifies the users when there is new patent information that matches the search queries. This can help users to stay in line with the latest technological information pertaining to R&D and to avoid wasting money on an R&D activity that has been carried out.

The system can also track targeted competitors and notify the users right after the laying-open of the competitors' patents. This enables the users to keep track of their competitors' technological moves and come up with prompt countermeasures.

### 2. Assisted Reader--Reading Patent Documents Made Easy

The Assisted Reader can highlight the search terms and phrases surrounding the terms and reveal the number and distribution of the search queries. By accurately narrowing down and selecting targeted information, the Reader can enhance efficiency in reading patent specifications and help users to quickly determine the validity of the search results and pick out relevant cases, thereby saving significant amount of time spent on reading.

### 3. Case Analysis

Case Analysis helps users to learn about the distribution of the queried patent cases in the International Patent Classification (IPC) or in the types of industry, the percentage distribution of the industry, as well as the increasing or decreasing trend regarding patent cases in respective years. The information thus provided can serve as reference for conducting patent portfolio analysis.



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