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Convening the 2013 Cross-strait Trademark Forum

The 2013 Cross-strait Trademark Forum was held in Taipei on April 16. Mr. Shuangjian, Fu, vice Minister of the State Administration for Industry & Commerce (SAIC), led a delegation composed of 52 people from Mainland China attended the forum. A total of 250 representatives from the Industries, Official and Academies of both side participated in the forum. The issues focused on the amendment to the PRC Trademark Act, including the practices of Trademark Office; the practices of Trademark Review and Adjudication Committee;

Trademark Protection and Remedies for Trademark Infringement. In addition, judges from the two sides exchanged views and experiences on trademark infringement and remedies to enhance mutual understanding of each other's legal system.



Convening the 2013 Cross-Strait Working-Level Meeting on Trademark

To enhance the exchange of cross-strait trademark agencies under the "Cross-strait Agreement on IPR Protection and Cooperation," a working-level meeting on trademark was held on April 15. Both sides conducted reviews on the results of Trademark Implementation Mechanism for Collaboration, Coordination, Disposition and Consultation by the end of March 2013, as well as exchange opinions on annual project, exchange of trademark examination practices and documents exchange.



Convening the 2nd Taiwan-Italy IPR Conference

On April 22, 2013, the 2nd Taiwan-Italy IPR Conference was held at TIPO. Ms. Simona Marzetti, Head of Unit for IP Promotion and International Affairs, Italian Patent and Trademark Office, attended the conference. Both sides shared and exchanged valuable experiences and opinions on EU's unitary patent system, promotion of IPR, enforcement and mechanisms for combating counterfeiting and piracy.



The 1st 2013 EU-Taiwan IPR Working Group Videoconference Successfully Concluded

The 1st 2013 EU-Taiwan IPR Working Group Videoconference was held on April 11, 2013 and co-chaired by TIPO's Chief Secretary, Ms. Sherry Hong, and European Commission's Policy Officer of Trade Relation with the Far East, Mr. Laurent Bardon. During the conference, both sides gave updates on IPR legislative changes, the status of IPR enforcement and exchanged views on geographical indication (GI) and bilateral cooperation on IPR.



2013 World IP Day Exposition Successfully Concluded

In celebration of this year's World IP Day, TIPO organized the 2013 World IP Day Exposition at the square of Tamsui Mass Rapid Transit station on April 27. Award-winning entries of schools in Taiwan and International Invention Exhibitions have been displayed on-site. In light of inventors' experience sharing and their demonstration of operation, visitors realized the process from a single idea of creativity to a finalized invention. These activities intended to encourage young people become active in artistic creation and promote IPR protection. Around 1,000 people participated in the event.



A new official website of TIPO launched for trial operation on April 12, 2013

To improve the effectiveness of public service, TIPO's new website (<http://www2.tipo.gov.tw/>) has been launched since April 12, 2013. We welcome friends from all sectors to explore. New features are included as the following: 1. The website provides versions of traditional-Chinese language, English language and a mobile-friendly interface. 2. The English web pages have been restructured in compliance with the accessibility of information, usability and ease of navigation for foreign applicant(s), agent(s) and examining authorities. 3. The

design of mobile-friendly website corresponds to the tablet-based user experience, optimizing the usability. 4. The new website has a full integration of multimedia, images, video and audio for visualizing the diversity and prosperity of TIPO's data, information and administrative performance. The existing portal of TIPO will continue to provide service during a transitional period. The new website shall commence into full implementation as a main official portal of TIPO (www.tipo.gov.tw) when users become familiar with the updated features, whereas the old portal will become a second official portal (www2.tipo.gov.tw).



Welcome to attend the 2013 Informational Meetings on Internet Copyright

To enhance the public better understand the regulations governing Internet copyright, online blogs, sales involving copyright, as well as how music, movies and photos may be legally used online, three informational meetings have been scheduled on May 22, June 6 and September 12 respectively in Taipei, Taichung and Tainan. All sectors of society are welcome to attend the meetings. For enrollment information, please contact Ms. Chen of the National Association of Small & Medium Enterprises R.O.C. at (02) 23660812 Ext. 222 or by Fax: (02) 23672005 and email: shih_ying@nasme.org.tw



Welcome to attend the 2013 Informational Meetings on Copyright System in Mainland China

To help people in the cultural and creative industries better understand mainland China's copyright system, three informational meetings have been scheduled on May 28, July 30 and August 27 respectively in Taipei, Taichung and Tainan. We welcome cultural/creative industries and those who are interested in copyrights for enrollments. For those interested in enrolling, please contact Ms. Chen of the National Association of Small & Medium Enterprises R.O.C. at (02) 23660812 Ext. 222 or by Fax: (02) 23672005 and email: shih_ying@nasme.org.tw



Enrollment for the 2013 Taipei International Invention Show & Technomart Begins on April 20

The 9th Taipei International Invention Show and Technomart will be held from September 26-29, 2013, at Taipei World Trade Exhibition Hall 1. The event expects participation by over 25 countries, 810 domestic and foreign inventors and manufacturers as well as 100,000 prospective buyers and visitors. For manufacturers interested in taking part of the exhibition, please register by June 30, 2013. The event also aims to showcase new invents and to facilitate exchange among inventors and enterprises regarding technology transaction. The Invention Competition Section, for instance, expects participation by 650 inventors and related organizations. To improve the innovation of entries, the registration of works requires being effective patents within the last 4 years (issued after Sept. 29, 2009) or inventions, which have filed patent application and obtained application numbers. This year's show will be expanded to set "Academic R&D Area" to highlight their R&D results. A total of 13 halls specially designed for the Technology Transaction Section will be set up by the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Ministry of National Defense, Ministry of Education, National Science Council, affiliated research institutes of Council of Agriculture, and other foreign and domestic industries and academic institutes. It is estimated that a total of 160 agencies will attend and showcase over 1,000 research deliverables. Furthermore, to facilitate international cooperation, advanced academic institutes and technology transfer agencies from the United States and Japan will be invited to take part in the event. For those who are interested in attending please contact Taiwan External Trade Development Council, TAITRA at (02)2725-5200 Ext. 2672. For more information, please e-mail to: invent@taitra.org.tw or visit the official website at <http://www.inventaipai.com.tw>.



A Meeting on "The Feasibility of Making Provisions for the Blockage in Overseas Infringing Websites"

With respect to the concerns of rights holders on blocking access to foreign websites suspected of major infringement, TIPO invited rights holder groups, ISPs and experts to a meeting on "Combating Overseas Infringing Websites" on March 18 2013. TIPO also invited

Judicial Yuan, Ministry of Justice and other relevant government agencies to further negotiate on April 24. During the meeting, participating parties exchanged views on the nature of site-blocking order, remedy procedures, criteria for determining the status of severity for foreign infringing website, the burden of proof of copyright holders, the time for bringing a judicial review, and the remedial measures and compensation for erroneously blocked website.



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