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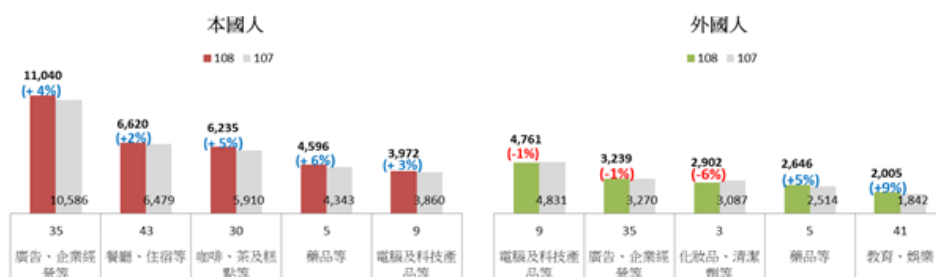
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In trademark, the number of applications (86,794 cases) hit a record high in 19 years (2001). This was due mainly to a 3% increase in resident applications (61,928 cases).

Of residents' trademark applications, Nice class 35 (advertising and business management and so on) topped the list with 11,040 cases, followed by class 43 (restaurants and lodgings and so on) and class 30 (coffee, tea, and pastry and so on). Applications filed by the top 5 classes all saw a growth by 2% to 6%. Among resident company applicants, UNI-PRESIDENT ranked first with 432 cases, followed by TAICHUNG CITY GOVERNMENT (360 cases).

Of non-residents' trademark applications, class 9 (computer and technology products and so on) championed with 4,761 cases, followed by class 35 (advertising and business management and so on) and class 3 (cosmetics and detergents and so on). Among non-resident company applicants, HUAWEI led with 166 cases, followed by LINE with 138 cases.



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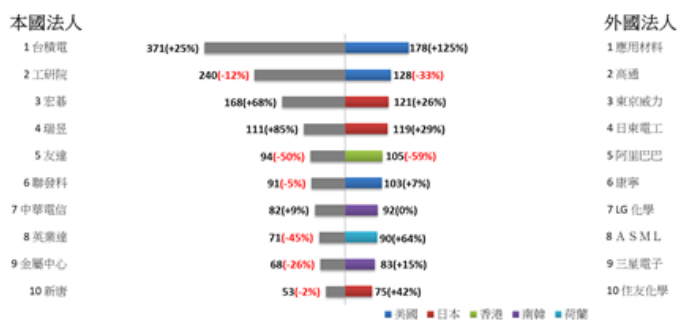


TIPO releases IPR statistics in the fourth quarter of 2019

In Q4, 2019, TIPO received a total of 20,141 applications for invention, utility model, and design patents, marking a 2% increase from the same period last year. Of these, design patent applications increased by 14%, while trademark applications hit a new quarterly high since 2003 with 22,533 cases. The number of design patent applications filed by Taiwanese nationals showed a significant 28% year-on-year increase. Foreigners on the other hand projected a salient 21% increase in terms of utility model patent applications. TSMC and Applied Materials respectively filed the most invention patent applications as domestic and foreign applicants.

Among invention patent applications, by citizenship of applicants, 5,506 applications were filed by Taiwanese nationals, while 7,726 were filed by foreigners. The number (13,232) was roughly the same as that of the same period last year. As to design patent applications (2,281), 1,216 were filed by Taiwanese nationals including individuals and companies, marking a significant 28% increase.

As to invention patent applications by domestic companies, the Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) came top with 371 applications, followed by the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) (240) and Acer Inc. (168). In terms of applications by foreign companies, Applied Materials Inc. sent the most invention patent applications (178) and Apple Inc. sent the most design patent applications (54).



The number of new applications for trademark registration (22,533) showed a 4% year-on-year increase. Among them, 16,233 applications were filed by Taiwanese nationals, marking a 7% increase from the same period last year; 6,300 were filed by foreigners, representing a 2% decrease from the same period last year. In terms of applicant nationality, Mainland China topped the list with 1,395 applications, followed by Japan (1,264); respectively, the number reduced by 7% and 4%.

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TIPO releases 2019 PPH program statistics

In recent years, the number of patent applications has seen a significant growth, due to rapid economic developments around the world. Thus, the globe's IP offices are all actively signing Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) programs to share examination results, thereby ultimately reducing the patent backlog. At this moment, TIPO has been in PPH cooperation with six countries: the United States (effective since Sept. 1, 2011), Japan (effective since May 1, 2012), Spain (effective since Oct. 1, 2013), South Korea (effective since April 1, 2015), Poland (effective since August 1, 2017), and Canada (effective since Feb. 1, 2018), to help applicants acquire patent examination results sooner.

As of end of 2019, Taiwan-US and Taiwan-Japan applications have taken up the largest proportion of the total PPH applications, at 3,007 and 3,529 respectively. In 2019 alone, the number was 455 and 427 respectively. On average, in 2019, it took 47.4 days for an applicant

to receive an Office Action (OA) and 118.5 days to receive examination results of a PPH case. PPH has truly reduced the time needed in comparison with invention patent applications which requires 258.3 days for an applicant to receive an Office Action (OA) and 407.7 days to receive examination results, and thus beneficial to patent applicants in terms of acquiring their rights in the contracted countries. TIPO will actively formulate PPH cooperation frameworks with international counterparts. Through this mechanism, TIPO looks forward to assisting applicants in expanding their patent portfolios around the world, in addition to improving patent examination efficiency.

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Registration welcome for the 2020 TIPA classes designed for IP professionals

In an age of knowledge economy, intellectual property right is the key to getting ahead of the game and grasping opportunities quickly. To strengthen IP professionals' capabilities at work, TIPO entrusted the Taiwan Intellectual Property Training Academy (TIPA) under the Graduate Institute of Interdisciplinary Legal Studies, College of Law, National Taiwan University to run training courses for them. Registration starts now and the courses will begin in February onwards. Those who are interested are encouraged to take part.

TIPO investigated into corporate IP professionals' needs and designed courses for patent and trademark certification exams for IP professionals. TIPA provides the following eight classes: (1) IPR Basics, (2) Drafting Patent Specifications, (3) Patent Examination Guidelines, (4) Patent Application Formality Management for Patent Engineers, (5) Patent Search and Analysis, (6) Trademark Application, Management, and, Enforcement, (7) IP Litigation – Basic, and (8) IP Litigation– Advanced.

All of the aforementioned classes are lectured by the best scholars and experts from universities, the government and industry, who are eager to share their professional knowledge and hands-on experiences. The training courses are expected to significantly increase one's professional IP capabilities if he or she wishes to join the IP industry, to learn about IP practices, or simply to learn a bit more about IP.

Also, TIPO will hold certification exams for intellectual property professionals in July and August. With a major focus on the practice, this is the first certification exams designed to test the professional capacity of IP practitioners in Taiwan. Both IP professionals and aspiring talents are encouraged to join the exams.

TIPA has conducted a survey among previous participants, too. As many as 80% of the participants thought the training courses were helpful for gaining more professional knowledge and skills. More than 70% also believed that, after the training, they would be able to effectively resolve challenges at work and to improve work efficiency. The survey result shows that the training was well received.

Registration for the 2020 courses is open now. All interested members of society are encouraged to book their seats at the TIPA website.

For more information (in Mandarin), please visit:

[Course information](#)

[IP certification exam information](#)



Activities of the 2020 IPR Service Group will kick off at end of March

To advocate intellectual property rights (IPR) protection, TIPO gathers up IPR experts and scholars to form the IPR Service Group, which gives lectures across Taiwan throughout a year to fulfill society's needs. As long as there are 30 attendants or more, any school or institution can ask TIPO to give a two-hour lecture for them. For companies, a minimum of just 20 attendants are required. The date of lecture and the issues to be discussed may be decided by the applicant, and all this is free of charge. For the latest updates, please visit the TIPO website.



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