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On the day of the event, the participants shared their views in regards to the content of the draft, in particular the difference between public broadcasts and public transmissions, the limitation of e-learning at schools, and criminal liabilities relating to copyright litigation. The participants also expressed their wish to know how to apply the amended regulations in the near future and the influences of such regulations. TIPO not only answered their questions on site, but arranged a Q&A sheet in written form afterwards and released it on March 6 on the office's website. The draft amendments to the Copyright Act may be adjusted according to more feasible ideas proposed by members of society soon.

The draft amendments to the Copyright Act were made to catch up with the latest trends in the digital age. Such amendments are expected to enhance protection of copyright holders, appropriately harmonize social interests as a whole, and boost growth in domestic cultural industry and add values of creativity, thereby increasing Taiwan's competitiveness.



For more information (in Mandarin), please visit:

[Notes on the public hearing on the draft amendments to the Copyright Act](#)



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## **New “Fast-Track” trademark examination mechanism to hit the road on May 1 for applicants to secure their rights quickly**

To encourage applicants to utilize TIPO's e-filing application system and to speed up trademark examination, TIPO will enforce a “Fast-Track” mechanism soon. From May 1, 2020 on, the trademark applicants who pay their fees duly and whose documents meet the following requirements at the time of application will find their cases examined two months earlier than others:

1. Only applications for plain trademark are eligible, excluding non-traditional trademark, certification mark, collective membership mark and collective trademark.
2. The names of the designated goods or services are exactly the same as the ones listed in TIPO's e-filing system.
3. The fees are paid through a designated bank account or an electronic payment sheet in printed form by the counter or via eATM.
4. A power of attorney should be presented if there is an agent or agents in power.

The system will determine whether a case is fit for the Fast-Track mechanism. If the case meets all of the aforementioned requirements, it will automatically enter into the mechanism without an additional application form or extra fee.

Once all requirements are met, this type of applications will be prioritized for examination. The applicant should expect to know whether his or her trademark can be registered 1.5 months earlier than the current average first action (FA) period. This will help the applicant use his or her trademark to expand business activities and build a portfolio sooner. Nevertheless, the “first-to-file” principle still applies here. That is, the applications which arrive at TIPO first will still be registered first, thus expelling late comers.

The qualified trademark applications cases will be noted as “Fast-Track cases” in a detailed form in TIPO's trademark search system about 1 month after e-filing, and its status will also be shown. Feel free to utilize the service!

For more information (in Mandarin), please visit:

[Fast-Track Q&A](#)

[About the Fast-Track mechanism](#)



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## **Information about the 2020 Seminar on Patent Laws and onsite Q&As are out**

Four sessions of the “2020 Seminar on the Points to Amendments to the Patent Examination Guidelines on Medical-related Inventions and Cases Relating to Emerging Technologies” were held in Hsinchu, Taichung, Tainan and Kaohsiung recently. Despite of COVID-19, attendance rate was an impressive 85% and the occasion was zealously embraced by the audience. The Taipei session was suspended

due to the pandemic, but all relevant information and the onsite Q&As are now available at TIPO's website. Please feel free to download the materials.



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## Online celebrations are held for World IP Day on April 26

In 2000, the World Intellectual Property Organization passed the proposal of designation for World IP Day on April 26-the day on which the WIPO Convention came into force in 1970, and have celebrated this special day annually since 2001. Many countries in the world have held various celebrations for this day in ways that are close to daily life, based on its theme of the year. This year's theme is "Innovate for a Green Future." Innovation and intellectual property right that supports such innovation being the core of a green future, these celebrative events explore how intellectual property right can boost green economies and strengthen the protection of nature, thereby attracting consumers with "green IP" in the globe's markets.

Celebrating the World IP Day with our global counterparts, TIPO has just published a series of feature stories on its Facebook page and held a Q&A contest with small prizes. TIPO hopes that the events will help people to learn the roles of IP in their daily lives. Feel free to check TIPO's news in April at <https://www.facebook.com/TIPO.gov.tw/>



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## Register for the honorable 2020 National Invention and Creation Award now

To promote innovation, encourage people to invent and create, and boost industrial development, TIPO is to hold the National Invention and Creation Award again in 2020 with NT\$8.8 million cash awards. By choosing top-quality patents and awarding excellent inventors, TIPO hopes to speed up the commercialization and industrialization of patents, thereby instilling new energy into the country's economy and helping it to grow.

There are two categories for the award: invention and creation. Both categories are open to inventors, creators or designers who have obtained an invention, a utility model patent, or design patent in Taiwan over the past six years. Other than receiving grants, certificates of merit, and trophies, the winners will be invited to display their works at the 2021 Taiwan Innotech Expo free of charge, thus winning more business opportunities!

To explain the selection process, TIPO will hold six information events throughout Taiwan, respectively in Hsinchu (May 4), Tainan (May 5), Kaohsiung (May 8), Hualien (May 12), Taichung (May 12), and Taipei (May 15). Please feel free to take part.



For more information (in Mandarin), please visit:

[The award website](#)

[Register online for the information event](#)



## Professional events for patent attorneys held by TIPO in 2020

To ensure applicants' rights and to improve the quality of services provided by patent professionals, patent attorney and patent agent should participate in the training related to Patent Attorney expertise every two years during practice; the required minimum number of hours is twelve. This year, TIPO will hold such events including 2020 Seminar on the IP Landscape in New Southbound Countries, Seminars on IP Affairs, and 2020 Seminar on the Global Patent Search System and Its Applications (see attachments). Those interested are welcome to take part. However, please be noted that the schedules for the aforementioned events may be adjusted depending on how the COVID-19 pandemic goes. For the latest updates, keep an eye on TIPO's website.

[More information \(in Mandarin\)](#)



## Feel free to use our new IPR e-portal in test run

To make its IPR e-portal easier to use, TIPO introduced new informational technology and web designs and the following five sections at the main page, "Case Application," "Payment," "Public Information," "Search," and "Support." Guidelines are available and the website offers a mobile version. TIPO hopes to make user navigation more convenient, while providing readily available services in an open environment.

Here are the features of the new portal site:

1. Inspired by recent web-design trends, the sections are shown in color blocks with a flat minimalist style. Responsive Web Design (RWD) is also applied to support browsing on mobile devices.
2. A mega menu is available. Users can more quickly find what they need via the aforementioned five main sections, case application, payment, public information, search, and support.
3. Customized menus are possible. If you are a member, log in and go to "settings" to make a menu of your own for regular uses.



TIPO hopes that the new portal can make its site more convenient to browse and use. Please feel free to utilize the service.

More information (in Mandarin)



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