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1. Statutory time period

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- If the applicant who has appointed an agent fails to comply with the statutory time period due to the inconvenience of getting in contact with each other caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, he or she may file a written request for reinstatement accompanied by evidence thereof. In principle, such cases will be determined leniently on a case-by-case basis.

2. Specified time period

- The applicant who fails to comply with the specified time period due to the Covid-19 pandemic may still fulfill the requirements before a decision is rendered by TIPO. Considering the impact of the pandemic, the applicant who finds it necessary to extend the original specified time period could submit a written statement accompanied by evidence thereof. TIPO will follow the examination guidelines and have the cases determined leniently on a case-by-case basis.
- The applicant who is still unable to fulfil the requirements during the aforementioned extension of specified time period could submit a statement to TIPO with evidence thereof. In principle, TIPO will approve another one-month extension if it deems it

appropriate. However, if the evidence in the case shows that an extension of more than one month is needed, TIPO will then approve an appropriate period of time of longer than one month.



TIPO publishes the “Program for Hearing Patent Invalidation Cases” in English

TIPO has recently published the “Program for Hearing Patent Invalidation Cases” in English as part of its continuous efforts to improve services to foreign applicants. The English version is now available on the TIPO’s website.

[English version](#)



The 2020 National Invention and Creation Award now opens registration until June 30

The 2020 National Invention and Creation Award will select from the technologies that have been patented in Taiwan over the past six years (January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2019) and present trophies and cash prizes to inventors of the selected technologies for their extraordinary contribution.

According to past winners, the National Invention and Creation Award adds values to their patented creations and helps in terms of promoting and increasing sales of their products. Local inventors are welcome to register for competition.

The cut-off date of the registration is June 30. Inventors interested in the award should send the specified documents of their inventions via registered mail or submit in person at their earliest convenience to this address: 11F., No. 149, Sec. 3, Xinyi Rd., Da’an Dist., Taipei City 106, Taiwan.



For more information (in Mandarin), please visit:

[The National Invention and Creation Award](#)



The Seminar on IPR Concerning Traditional Intellectual Creations of Indigenous Peoples and the Cultural and Creative Industry—a Well-Attended Event with Lively Interactions

On May 29, TIPO and the National Taiwan Craft Research and Development Institute co-hosted the “Seminar on IPR Concerning Traditional Intellectual Creations of Indigenous Peoples and the Cultural and Creative Industry” in order to promote the awareness of IPR protection concerning indigenous people’s traditional intellectual creations and the cultural and creative industry.

The lecturers selected by TIPO and the Council of Indigenous Peoples addressed issues concerning IPR and protection of traditional knowledge that may be faced by the cultural and creative industry. The topics of their lectures included protection of design patents and cultural and creative products, an overview of the cases relating to trademark applications and indigenous peoples' cultural creations, must-know copyright concepts by cultural and creative industry operators, and practices of licensing exclusive right of using indigenous people's traditional intellectual creations. There were lively exchanges of opinions among participants.



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Between October 2019 and March 2020, TIPO had consecutively launched the new subsidiary websites featuring three primary subjects, namely patent, trademark, and copyright. The old websites were no longer in service as of May 25, 2020.



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