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2023 Taiwan Innotech Expo (TIE) in October Showcase Latest Tech!

The 2023 Taiwan Innotech Expo (TIE) took place from October 12 to 14 at the TWTC (Taipei World Trade Center) Exhibition Hall 1. The virtual exhibit runs from October 6, 2023 until March 6, 2024. With border restrictions lifting after the pandemic, the number of participating foreign countries this year has exceeded that of the previous three years, with a total of 20 countries and over 500 companies or inventors participating, showcasing nearly 1,100 innovative technologies.

This year, exhibiting areas include three theme pavilions (Future Tech, Innovation Pilot, and Sustainability) and the Invention Area. Works displayed will cover topics that concern the general public, including AIoT smart applications, precision health, semiconductors, carbon reduction and exchange, digital security, and more. Additionally, the Invention Area featured winners of the prestigious National Invention Awards to showcase domestic invention talent.

2023 Taiwan Innotech Expo: <https://www.inventaipai.com.tw/en/index.html>

Amendment to the Regulations Governing the Determination of Patent Term Extension Come into Effect on July 1, 2023

TIPO previously required applicants seeking to extend patent terms on pharmaceutical products or manufacturing methods to submit documentation for the duration of all domestic and/or international clinical trials. Documentation was then sent to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of the Ministry of Health and Welfare (MOHW), the central competent authority, to confirm the clinical trial period required for issuing a drug license.

On November 2, 2021, the MOHW announced an amendment to the Form for Data Exclusivity and Domestic and International Clinical Trials. The amendment included clinical trial data required for issuing a drug license within the scope of examination. To streamline administrative procedures and improve the efficiency of patent examinations, TIPO announced amendments to the Regulations Governing the Determination of Patent Term Extension on June 28, 2023, which came into effect on July 1 in the same year.

According to Article 4 and Article 10 amendments, if the FDA has confirmed the examination data (regarding the period of domestic and/or international clinical trials required for issuing a drug license) submitted by the applicant, then TIPO is no longer required to send the same data in question to the aforementioned authority.

1. TIPO's Q3 2023 IPR Statistics Report

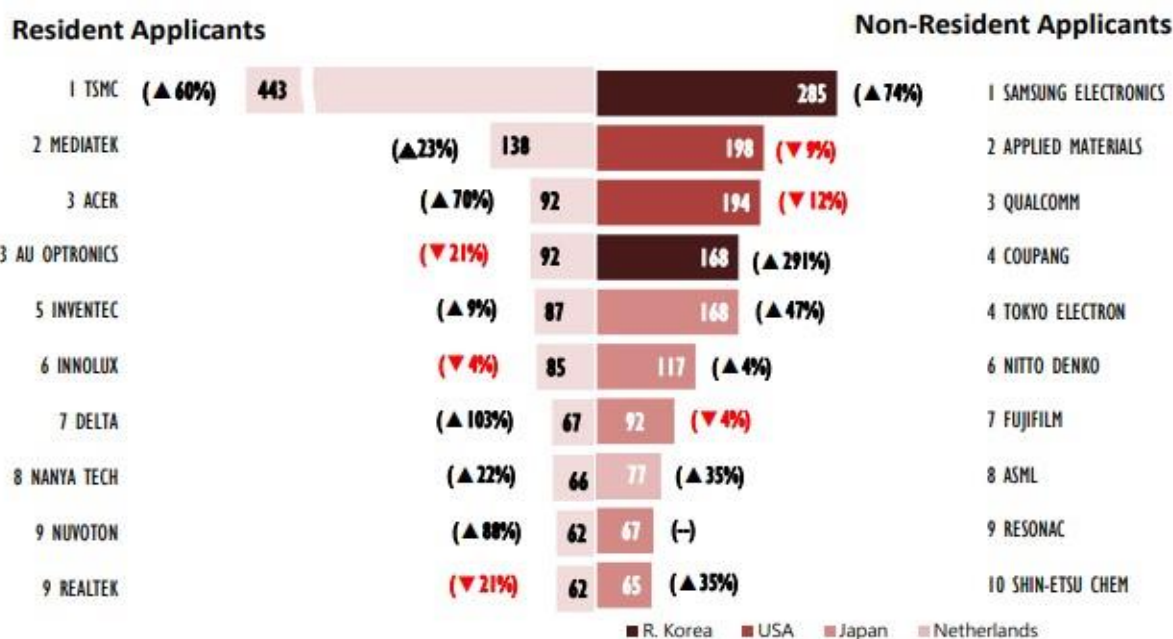
In Q3 2023, TIPO received a total of 18,310 patent applications (including invention, utility model, and design patents). The resident applications for invention patents went up by 1% and non-resident applications for overall patents grew by 1% to 14%.

Most of the top 10 resident applications for invention patents saw double-digit growth. TSMC filed 443 applications, outnumbering other resident applicants for eight consecutive years. Delta (67 applications) saw the highest growth rate with 103%.

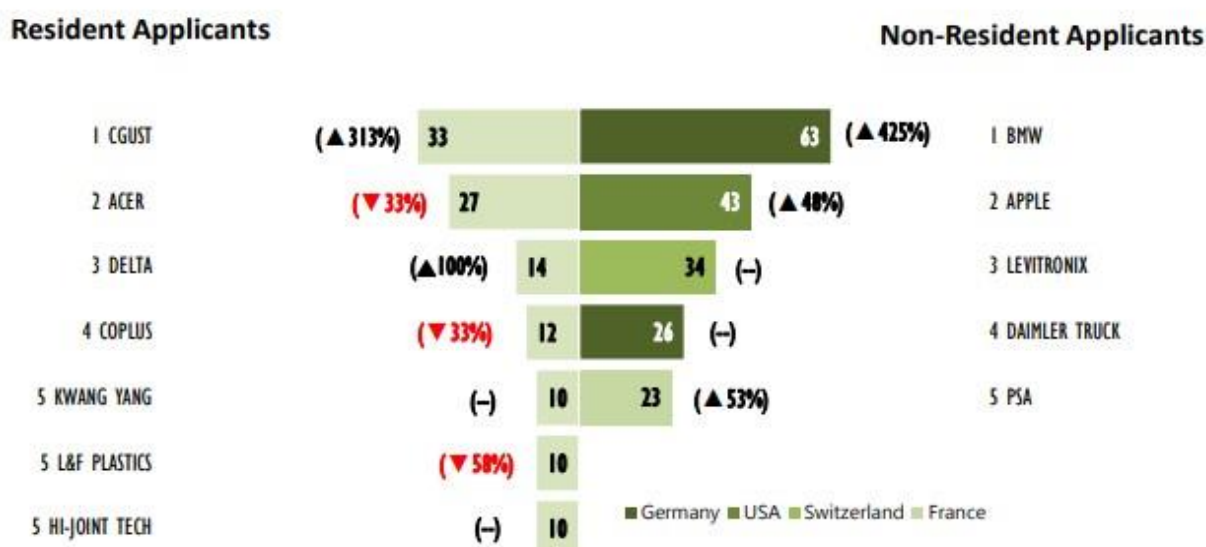
In terms of resident applicants for design patents, CGUST (33 applicants), the only university in the top 5 applicant list, claimed the top spot for the first time. Delta (14 applications) rose rapidly by 100%.

The number of invention patent applications filed by foreign applicants (7,840) increased by 1%. Of these, Japan filed the most with 3,100 applications, and R. Korea saw the highest growth of 28%. Among the top 10 applicants, Samsung Electronics (KR) leapt the top spot with 285 applications. The applications from Coupang soared by 291%, the highest growth rate among all non-resident applicants. As for non-resident applicants of design patent filings, the number of applications filed by all the top 5 applicants showed positive growth. Of these, BMW (DE) came out on top with 63 applications.

Top 10 Invention Patent Applicants in Q3 2023

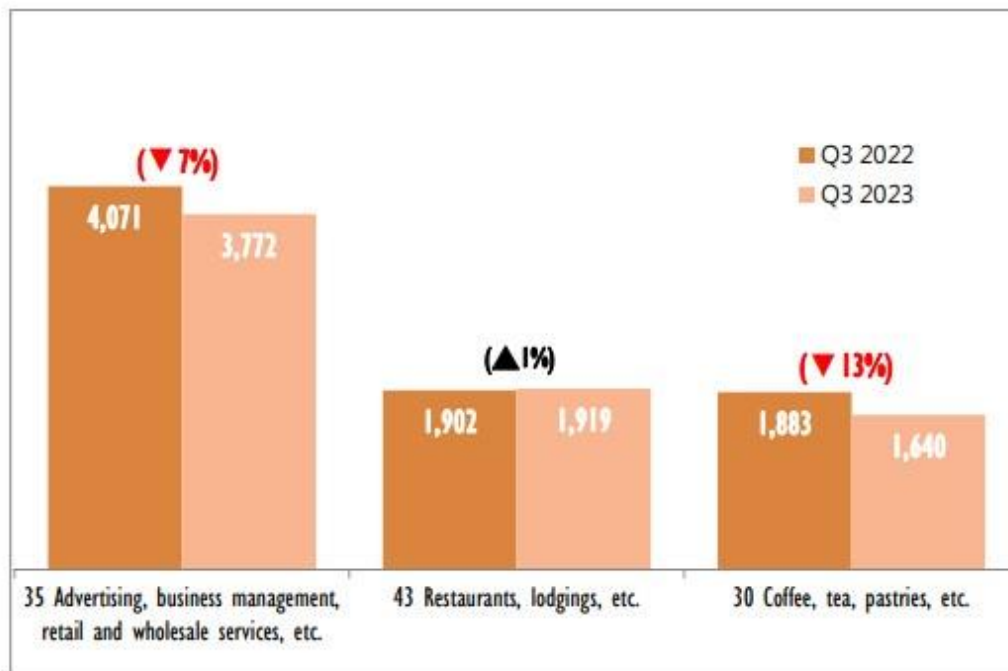


Top 5 Design Patent Applicants in Q3 2023



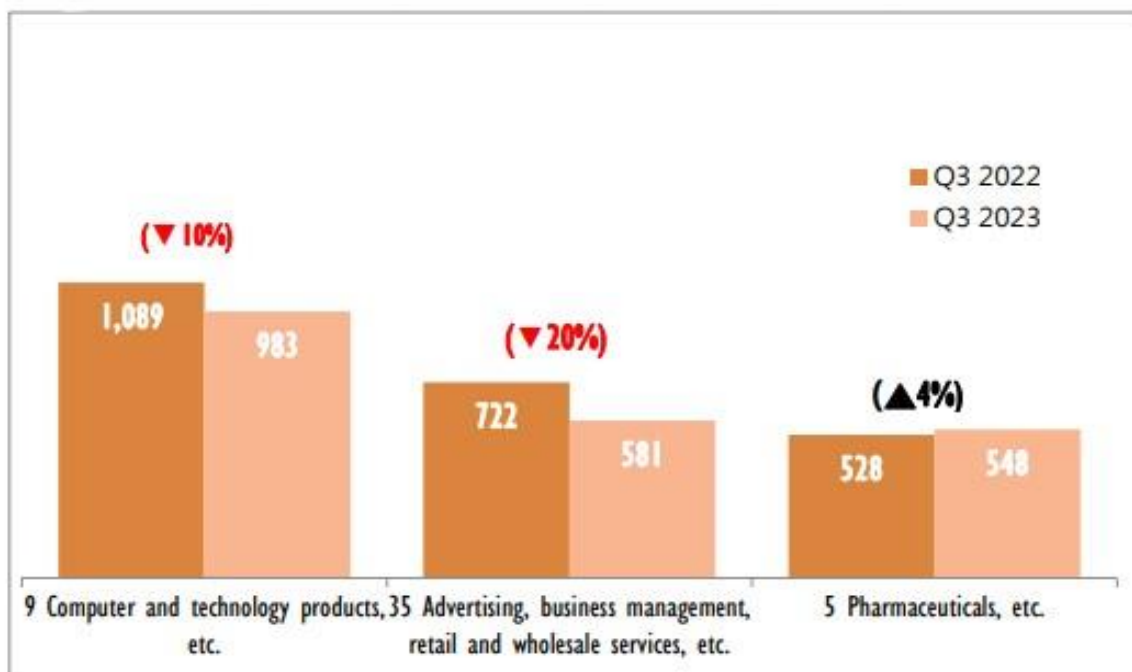
Compared to the same period last year, trademark applications reached 23,632 (covering 29,478 classes). There were 18,790 applications filed by residents. Most of the top 10 resident applicants saw positive growth. Taishin filed 264 applications, outnumbering all other applicants. A breakdown by Nice classification shows that most applications (3,772) were filed under Class 35, “Advertising, Business Management, Retail and Wholesale Services, etc.”

Top 3 Classes for Resident Trademark Applications

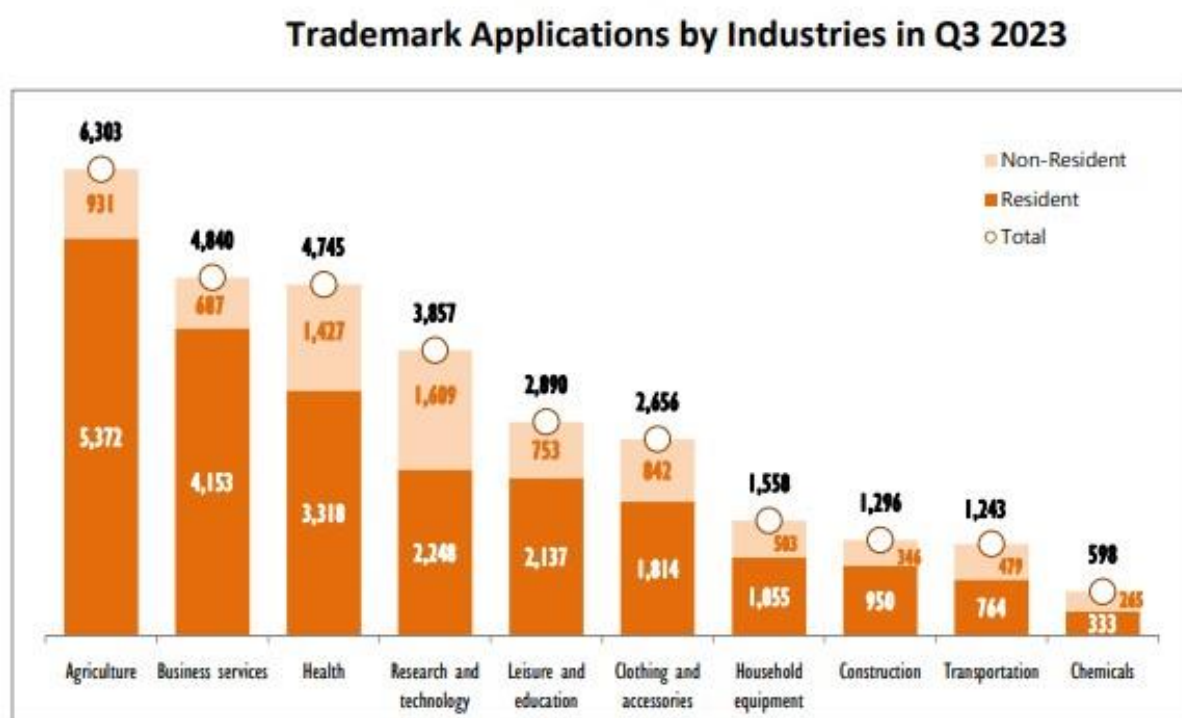


Mainland China filed the most non-resident applications (1,246). Most of the top 10 non-resident applicants also experienced positive growth. Of these, Tencent (KY) topped the list with 38 applications. A breakdown by Nice classification shows non-resident applicants filed the most applications (983) in Class 9, “Computer and Technology Products, etc.”.

Top 3 Classes for Non-Resident Trademark Applications



The top 3 industry categories for trademark applications were “Agriculture” (6,303 applications), “Business Services” (4,840 applications), and “Health” (4,745 applications). Most residents filed applications under “Agriculture” (5,372), the majority of which were for the restaurant and accommodation industries. On the other hand, most non-resident applications were filed under “Research and technology” (1,609).



Note 1: The top ten industry categories are based on the Nice Classification defined in the *World Intellectual Property Indicators 2020* published by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

Note 2: “Research and technology” include devices and instruments, audio/video equipment, telecommunication services, technological services, and related designs for the purpose of scientific research.

TIPO’s Q3 2023 IPR Statistics Report:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/en/dl-285495-e1435af037a34dc994d2210d1a8c7bd5.html>

2. New Green Trademark Analysis Report Reveals Uni-President’s Top-Ranking Performance

To help businesses better understand trends in green trademark registration in Taiwan and promote carbon reduction efforts, TIPO has compiled an analysis report on green trademark industries in Taiwan in the past decade, which examines green trademark application trends across major product classes in

Taiwan. Uni-President Enterprises Corp. (“Uni-President”), Apple Inc., and Alibaba Group Holding Limited, a company based in the Cayman Islands, in particular, are some of the top applicants for green trademarks.

Trademarks identify the source of goods and services and can serve as indicators of market trends and economic direction. As the world strives to preserve the green planet from rising temperatures, IP trademarks are just as important as technology in the race towards net zero emissions – appealing to many major corporations to take action and reduce carbon emissions.

TIPO’s report references EUIPO’s research into green trademarks in the EU, filtering trademarks with the Nice Classification listed on applications and further categorizing them into nine major categories of green products: energy products, transportation, energy saving, reuse/recycle, pollution control, waste management, agriculture, environmental awareness, and climate change. This was further subdivided into 35 categories. The report details the proportion of green trademarks in each category, in hopes of helping businesses establish green trademark portfolios, respond to climate change, and formulate net zero carbon emissions strategies.

The report also revealed that in the past decade, green trademarks in Taiwan accounted for approximately 15% of total trademark applications. Overall observations show consistent growth, with the average proportion being around 12.41% from 2013 to 2015, 14.72% from 2016 to 2019, and 15.87% from 2020 to 2022. It is evident that businesses are placing greater emphasis on establishing green trademark portfolios.

For green trademark proportions across the nine major categories, the top three (in descending order) were energy saving, pollution control, and energy products – collectively accounting for over 80% of applications. This is clear indication that industry trademark portfolios focus mainly on these three areas.

In terms of the nationality of green trademark applicants, Taiwan ranks number one, followed (in order) by Mainland China, Japan, and the US. Mainland China has had impressive performance in transportation, energy saving, pollution control, and waste management. Japan ranks in the top three across all major categories except for energy saving and climate change. The US has had outstanding performance in energy products, energy saving, reuse/recycle, environmental awareness, and climate change.

Taking a look at the top three applicants across the nine major categories reveals that Uni-President, Apple Inc., and Alibaba Group Holding Limited from the Cayman Islands are consistently included within the rankings-making them major green trademark applicants in Taiwan. Uni-President and Apple Inc. dominated energy products, energy savings, and waste management, snagging either number one or number two. Uni-President in particular, has made it to the top three in all major categories except transportation and agriculture-a testament to the company's commendable resolve to grow with Taiwan and strive for net zero emissions.

Environmental factors have become increasingly important for businesses and consumers alike. To achieve net zero emissions goals, businesses need to bring new products to market and/or make existing products more sustainable. Green trademarks increase brand visibility and showcases the business' dedication to sustainable values. TIPO recommends that businesses implement green trademark strategies as soon as possible to take full advantage of the benefits of having green trademarks, as well as market opportunities.

The Green Trademark Analysis Report (Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/dl-284215-a99b7c50bfbf43b2b33fd00de9a2c8b5.html>

3. TIPO Annual Report 2022 Showcases Taiwan's Latest IPR Advancements

TIPO published its Annual Report 2022 in late June 2023, highlighting signifi-

-cant progress in Taiwan's IPR development over the past year. Despite the challenges posed by local COVID-19 outbreaks, TIPO, alongside our dedicated colleagues, successfully implemented strategic initiatives to overcome the pandemic and meet annual performance goals. The past year saw notable achievements in areas such as patent and trademark examination, IPR legal regime, e-service improvements, promotion of IPR innovation, and international IPR cooperation, contributing greatly to the continuous enhancement of service quality provided by TIPO.

TIPO's Annual Report 2022:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/dl-284474-2f1e1b9afd9443618b25925faa29a2c4.html>

4. TIPO Offers New Examination Services for Design Patents

TIPO has expanded the range of examination services for design patents, including options for accelerated examination and simultaneous adjustment of the deferred examination period for design patents:

- I. Accelerated Examination: To combat design infringement and assist design competition winners and new startups obtain rights to their design creations as quickly as possible, TIPO began accepting applications for accelerated examination of design patents from September 1. Applicants that meet one of the following criteria are eligible to receive examination results within two months of submitting a complete applications:
 - i. Third party commercial exploitation
 - ii. Design has been recognized by prestigious international or national design awards. TIPO recognizes the following design awards as prestigious: Taiwan's Golden Pin Design Award, Germany's iF Design Award, Germany's Red Dot Design Award, Japan's Good Design Award, and the United States' International Design Excellence Awards (IDEA).

- iii. Applications from new startup enterprises.
- II. Deferred Examination: To accommodate the commercialization timelines for foreign designs in Taiwan, TIPO has also amended regulations for the deferred examination period for design patents. Regardless of whether priority rights are claimed, the deferred examination period will now uniformly be set within one year from the application date. Applicants are welcome to make greater use of this provision.

Relevant Links (Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/cp-85-925650-1fdcd-1.html>

5. TIPO Publishes English Version for Part II Chapter 1 of the Patent Examination Guidelines

TIPO has completed the English version of Chapter 1 of Part II Substantive Examination for Invention Patent of the Patent Examination Guidelines: “Written Description, Claim, Abstract and Drawing,” which has been made available to the public.

Chapter 1 of Part II Substantive Examination for Invention Patent of the Patent Examination Guidelines: <https://www.tipo.gov.tw/en/lp-293-2.html>

6. TIPO held Training Seminar on the Patent Application Document Assistance and Error Detection System

To help reduce the number of typos on applications, TIPO set up the Patent Application Document Assistance and Error Detection System, which checks the words on the application in accordance with the Patent Act and advises applicants of any errors to ensure the application abides by the proper regulations. The system also further enhances the quality and efficiency of submitting applications and reduces bureaucratic volley with TIPO – greatly easing the workload for both applicants and TIPO alike.

To quickly familiarize applicants (or agents) with the system, TIPO offered two

training seminars in the afternoon at 2pm on September 13 and 27.

7. TIPO Held Annual IPR Seminars on July 24, 2023

TIPO offered the 2023 IPR Seminars at Taichung, Hsinchu, Tainan, Kaohsiung, and Taipei on July 24, July 26, July 31, August 1, and August 8 respectively. The seminars were attended by 354 persons.

This year's seminars explored five topics:

- I. Introduction to New Design Patent Regulations: Revisions to the Design Patent AEP (Accelerated Examination Program) and Deferred Examination Program.
- II. Metaverse Patent Trends and Application Considerations.
- III. Analysis of Disputes Regarding the Interpretation of Patent Claim Construction.
- IV. Introduction to Trademark Agent Management Mechanisms and Accelerated Examination Programs.
- V. Reminders on Patent and Trademark Affairs.

The seminars also included panel discussion, and participants asked a total of 41 questions regarding seminar topics and TIPO's services. TIPO has responded to these questions and provided updates, which are published on TIPO's official website for public reference.

2023 IPR Seminar FAQ (Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/cp-85-925646-cdcab-1.html>

8. TIPO Publishes the 2022 Compilation of Selected Court Rulings on Trade Secret Cases on Official Website for Public Reference

To promote public understanding of the development of trade secret judicial practices in Taiwan, TIPO has published the 2022 Compilation of Selected Court Rulings on Trade Secret Cases. 19 cases were selected by sifting through

trade secrets-related rulings between January and December of 2022, and then examined and categorized based on key issues: the three elements of trade secrets (confidentiality, economic value, and reasonable confidentiality measures), trade secrets infringement, Trade Secrets Act and relevant regulations (confidentiality preservation order), etc. Court rulings were summarized, compiled, and have been published on TIPO's official website as of June 15, 2023 in the Trade Secrets section for public reference.

The 2022 Compilation of Selected Court Rulings on Trade Secret Cases (Mandarin): <https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/cp-12-923843-91018-1.html>

9. New Feature on IPKM-Reference Sign(s) of the Drawing(s) for Documents of Taiwanese Invention and Utility Model Patent

TIPO used text recognition technology to build a new function on IPKM that allows users to browse reference sign(s) of the drawing(s) for documents of Taiwanese invention and utility model patent. This will hopefully help users better grasp the relationship between reference sign(s) of the drawing(s) and description when perusing patent documents. A pilot test of the new feature is currently available to the public.

Main functions include:

- I. Side-by-side comparison: Clicking on a drawing will display the patent document and the drawing in a dual-column view, allowing for side-by-side comparison of the description and the drawing.
- II. Markings of reference sign(s) of the drawing(s): Reference sign(s) recognized in drawings will be highlighted in blue. Clicking on these highlighted markings will display their corresponding names.
- III. Find signs: Clicking on 'Reference Sign(s)' of the Drawing' below the drawing and selecting 'Show All Elements' will list all reference signs. Clicking on an element name will quickly jump to the corresponding drawing and display the reference sign's position.

Introduction to the New Feature of Browsing Reference Signs of the Drawings (Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/dl-284595-a70ea98594d14d5cbe3a53f5b15a610b.html>

10. TIPA held 2023 Trade Secrets Protection and Management Course

Due to globalization and internationalization, we are seeing finer division of labor and closer integration between the upstream and downstream sectors across industries. The frequency of technological and personnel transfer and communication among enterprises has increased, and employees are changing jobs more frequently. This has led to a higher occurrence of trade secrets infringement. The frequency, complexity, scope of infringement, and impact are all on the rise. Enterprises are now prioritizing trade secrets protection to safeguard their survival and continued operation.

In order to provide more training to IPR professionals in trade secrets protection and management, Taiwan Intellectual Property Training Academy (TIPA) offered two sessions of the Trade Secrets Protection and Management Course in September (Sept. 9 and 16) and October (Oct. 14 and 21). Each session ran for twelve hours and features experts at the top of their fields to discuss relevant issues and case studies. Expert instructors also shared their experience and touch on relevant industry practices, providing pragmatic and professional knowledge that would be useful in the future as well.

11. Ministry of Education's TANet Report Portal

The Ministry of Education (MOE) has established a mechanism to report suspected copyright infringement on college and university campuses. Hyperlinks directing to copyright-infringing foreign textbook websites can be reported through the dedicated TANet (Taiwan Academic Network) portal (abuse@moe.edu.tw). No cases of infringement were reported this quarter.

12. Implementation Overview of the Protection Act for the Traditional Intellectual Creations of Indigenous Peoples by the Council of Indigenous Peoples

Since the Protection Act for the Traditional Intellectual Creations of Indigenous Peoples took effect in 2015 and until September 2023, 150 applications for exclusive rights have been received and consolidated into 120 cases - of which 106 (89%) where review meetings have been convened, 3 (2%) are pending considerations, 9 (7%) have been withdrawn, and 2 (2%) have been dismissed. Of the 105 cases where meetings have been convened, 89 (85%) were granted exclusive rights, 4 (3%) were scheduled to be granted exclusive rights, 7 (7%) were reexamined, and 5 (5%) were rejected.

Law Enforcement Results and Statistics

The National Police Agency of the Ministry of the Interior

Law Enforcement

Between July and September of 2023, a total of 475 cases involving 603 persons were investigated for violation of the Copyright Act, a total of 502 cases (644 persons) for violation of the Trademark Act, and 7 cases (12 persons) for violation of the Trade Secrets Act. A total of 984 cases involving 1,259 persons were investigated for various types of infringement. All the aforementioned persons were referred to the district prosecutor's offices for further investigation in accordance with the law.

Statistics for IP Infringement Cases by the National Police Agency, NPA

Unit : case/person

Year	Total		Trademark		Copyright			Trade Secrets	
	No. of Cases	No. of Suspects	No. of Cases	No. of Suspects	No. of Cases	No. of Suspects	No. of CDs Confiscated	No. of Cases	No. of Suspects
2023 Jan.-Sep.	2,705	3,627	1,533	1,980	1,154	1,621	27	18	26
2022 Jan.-Sep.	3,087	4,152	1,465	1,958	1,609	2,165	16	13	29
Percentage Change %	-12.37%	-12.64%	4.64%	1.12%	-28.28%	-25.13%	68.75%	38.46%	-10.34%

Source: National Police Agency (NPA), Ministry of the Interior

Taiwan High Prosecutors Office (THPO)

Law Enforcement

1. According to the data from all the prosecutors offices, a total of 462 suspects were involved in 419 concluded cases of IPR infringement between July and September, of which 141 persons involved in 118 cases were prosecuted according to regular procedures, 138 persons involved in 132 cases were granted summary judgment, 142 persons across 132 cases received deferred prosecution, and 41 persons across 37 cases were not prosecuted nor punished by the court's sua sponte motion. 227 persons were convicted by the courts between July and September, for a conviction rate of 95.78%.
2. A comparison to the same period in 2022 reveals the following regarding the number of prosecutions (including those who requested summary judgment) and convictions for cases of IPR infringement: 279 persons were prosecuted between July and September this year, marking a decrease of 57 persons (16.96%) compared to 336 persons in the same period in 2022; 227 persons were convicted between July and September, marking an increase of 38 persons (14.34%) compared to 265 persons in the same period in 2022.

Statistics for Final Court Decisions on IP Cases Brought by Various District

Prosecutors Offices

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Categories	Year	Results of Court Rulings												
		Total	Sentence							Sentence Remitted	Acquitted	Not to Prosecuted	Case Rejected	Others
			Subtotal	Under 6 Months	6-12 Months	1-2 Year(s)	Over 2 Years	Detention	Fines					
Total	2023 Jan.-Sep.	898	696	241	4	1	0	421	29	1	52	6	142	1
	2022 Jan.-Sep.	968	780	271	6	12	1	457	33	0	37	1	149	1
	Percent Change %	-7.23 %	-10.77 %	-11.07 %	-33.33 %	-91.67 %	-100 %	-7.88 %	-12.12 %	- %	-40.54 %	-500 %	-4.70 %	0 %

Source: Taiwan Prosecutors Office

The Customs Administration

Law Enforcement Results

1. The Customs Administration of the Ministry of Finance has implemented various border protection measures in accordance with the Regulations Governing Customs Measures in Protecting the Rights and Interests of Trademark and the Operational Directions for Customs Authorities in Implementing Measures for Protecting the Rights and Interests of Patent and Copyright. A total of 22,892 infringing items (incl. 13,985 screen protectors for palm-held gaming devices) were seized from 72 import and 1 export cases suspected of trademark infringement between July and September.
2. Between July and September, the Customs Administration received 18 requests for advice protection on trademark rights, 25 requests for extending

the terms for advice protection on trademark rights, and 29 requests for updating/supplementing documents and other matters, adding up to a total of 72 requests.

3. The Taipei Customs intercepted 20 counterfeit LV sports footwear, 43 counterfeit LV leather wallets, and a total of 6 counterfeit HUBLOT and ROLEX wristwatches from air express consignments on July 4, July 25, August 7, and August 24. All items have been seized.
4. The Keelung Customs intercepted 15 counterfeit YSL, Chanel, and Gucci coin purses from maritime express consignments on July 17. All items have been seized.

Ministry of Justice Investigation Bureau

Law Enforcement

In Q3, the Investigation Bureau referred a total of 20 cases of IP violations to district prosecutors offices for further investigation, including 2 cases involving 2 persons for violation of the Copyright Act, 11 cases (11 persons) for violation of the Trademark Act, and 7 cases (8 persons) for the Trade Secrets Act.

International Exchange and Cooperation

The Customs Administration

The Customs Administration continues to exchange information on counterfeiting cases with its global counterparts. A total of 7 counterfeit reports were made in Q3.

IPR Awareness Campaigns

1. The National Police Agency of the Ministry of the Interior

The Second Special Police Corps visited companies in various jurisdictions to provide information on relevant trade secrets regulations and assist in inspecting current protection measures. The Second Special Police Corps also organized 32 events, which were attended by 1,018 persons, to raise awareness for trade secrets and relevant regulations in Q3.

2. Ministry of Justice

Preventing trade secrets infringement is now included as part of the MOJ Bureau of Investigation's responsibilities to reduce corruption within enterprises. As such, the Bureau offered a total of 60 information sessions to various industrial districts, major industry and commerce organization, as well as corporations. The information sessions provided actual case studies to highlight the importance of trade secrets protection and were attended by 152 businesses or 3,588 persons.

3. The Customs Administration

- (1) The Customs Administration held four separate sessions of the Customs IP Border Measures Seminar between September 5 and 8 at the Keelung Customs, Taipei Customs, Taichung Customs, and Kaohsiung Customs. The purpose is to enhance the professional competence of customs officers in intellectual property border measures and legal regulations.
- (2) In an effort to strengthen the knowledge of companies whose operations involve customs and borders measures and IP protection laws, the Customs Administration interviewed customs brokers at the Taichung Customs separately on July 27, September 1, 8, and 25. Additionally, the Taipei Customs held the third seminar on Customs clearance procedures in 2023 for customs broker on September 21.

4. Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs published six articles on the New Southbound Policy Portal and in Taiwan Today, the subjects of which pertain to IPR protection in Taiwan:

- (1) Ten Years Honing a Single Sword: A Tale of Pears and Strawberries:

https://nspp.mofa.gov.tw/nsppe/news.php?post=240538&unit=410&mofa_login=true

- (2) Taiwan Comics Gain Exposure in France (French):

<https://taiwaninfo.nat.gov.tw/news.php?unit=183&post=239364>

- (3) Unveiling the Primary Visuals of 2023 Creative Expo Taiwan (French):

<https://taiwaninfo.nat.gov.tw/news.php?unit=62&post=241221>

- (4) COVID-19: Taiwanese Laboratory MVC Offers Vaccine Patent to WHO (French):

<https://taiwaninfo.nat.gov.tw/news.php?unit=56,59,65&post=241313>

- (5) 2023 Creative Expo Taiwan Opens Today for 10 Days (Japanese):

<https://jp.taiwantoday.tw/news.php?unit=151&post=242312>

5. Council of Indigenous Peoples

The Council of Indigenous Peoples held a review and advocacy meeting to discuss applications to obtain exclusive rights to traditional intellectual creations. The meetings were held on August 3 at the Saywalo Saysiyat tribe association (Miaoli County) and Cilangasanfakong (Fakong) in Fengbin Township, Hualien County. The purpose of this event was to enhance the understanding and practical aspects of the protection of traditional intellectual creations, laying the groundwork for the promotion of the Protection Act for the Traditional Intellectual Creations of indigenous Peoples. A total of 50 individuals participated in these events.

6. Ministry of Education

- (1) The MOE held a national conference on university student affairs between August 17 and

18, and a nation-wide meeting of deans of academic affairs from technical and vocational institutions on September 7. At the meetings, universities and institutions were called upon to continue promoting IPR protection on campus, as well as to raise awareness among professors of the importance of practicing IPR protection in their classrooms.

- (2) Via an official letter on September 5, the MOE asked universities across Taiwan to continue to raise awareness of IPR protection on campuses, and also remind students to promote the use of original or second-hand textbooks among students, as well as to discourage the illegally scanning, copying, downloading, and uploading of books and teaching materials to avoid copyright infringements. On the same day, another letter was sent out to all universities to promote the pamphlet on copyrights for college professors.

7. TIPO

A total of 6,676 persons have engaged with TIPO's IPR Expert Service Group Seminar, TIPO Campus IPR Protection Task Force, Copyrights workshops, information sessions, and online copyrights campaigns, etc. Our online following has also reached 53,000.

TIPO also held the 2023 Knowledge is King event this year. Students from middle school or higher educational institutions, as well as members of the general public, participated in the preliminary online, learning about important copyrights concepts through gameplay. The finals was held in person.