

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023



Optimizing Patent and Trademark Examinations

- The average first office action pendency and the average disposal pendency for invention patents were **8.9** and **14.4** months, respectively.
- The average first office action pendency and the average disposal pendency for trademarks were **6.2** and **7.5** months, respectively.
- Average first office action pendency of AEP applications was **2.11** months.
- AI assisted review, speeding up review efficiency: the Patent Specification Error Detection System was launched online in **September**, and the trademark image search function was completed in **November**.

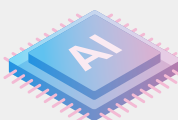
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Bolstering the IPR Regime

- Amendments to the Standards for Compensation for Fair Use of Works in Paragraph 3 of Article 47 of Copyright Act were promulgated in **February**.
- Amendments to the Trademark Act passed: accelerated examination program for trademark applications introduced in **May**.
- Revising the Regulations Governing the Determination of Patent Term Extension in **July**
- The Substantive Examination Guidelines for Invention Patents were amended in **July** for relaxation of Chinese translation requirements for XML sequence lists.

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Innovative Development of Industry IP

- Competition for Patent Portfolio Analysis launched in **April**. For the first time, companies participated in competition topics formulation, and initiated for aiding problem-solving talents acquisition for businesses.
- **IP Consultations for Core Industries in April**: Building Patent Portfolios in Precision Health, Offshore Wind
- Comparative Analysis of Taiwan's Green Trademarks Industry in the Last Ten Years was published in **July**.
- **Patent Analysis for Key Industries in November**, i.e. semiconductor industry waste treatment, AI chatbots, etc.

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Digital Services and Patent/Trademark Searches

- The percentages of online patent and trademark applications were **90.3%** and **90.6%**, respectively.
- The percentages of online delivery of patent and trademark documents were **91.3%** and **85.9%**, respectively.
- The cumulative issuance of e-receipts exceeded **360,000**.
- The patent and trademark e-certificates service launched in **January**, utilization rate reached nearly **40%**.
- In **December**, the Global Patent Search System (GPSS) has introduced new functionalities for patent family merging and optimization of statistical charts.

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Expanding International IPR Collaborations

- Electronic Exchange of Priority Documents (PDX) for Design Patents between Taiwan and South Korea in **July**
- Taiwan-US MOU on the Secure Exchange of Patent Data in **November**
- Exchanges with Germany's DPMA in **November**

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