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### **2024 Taiwan Innotech Expo Concludes Successfully, Attracting Over 50,000 Visitors from 77 Countries!**

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The 2024 Taiwan Innotech Expo (2024 tie) concluded successfully on October 19, 2024. This year's event hosted 431 exhibitors from 20 countries, occupying over 1,200 booths. Over the three-day period, more than 50,000 buyers and representatives from academic and research institutions from 77 countries attended the expo.

The expo is divided into four main sections: the Innovation Pilot Pavilion, the Future Tech Pavilion, the Sustainability Pavilion, and the Invention Area. The exhibits will showcase cutting-edge global technologies, including precision healthcare, sustainable green energy, net-zero transformation, smart living, and generative AI—topics of great interest to the public. For the first time, TIPO is also setting up the Taiwan Patent GO section within the expo, displaying award-winning patents to demonstrate Taiwan's strong capacity for innovation and research.

Participation in this year's Invention Competition Awards has increased from last year since the pandemic subsided, receiving a total of 565 entry submissions. The international section of the Invention Area attracted teams from South Korea, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Hong Kong, with a total of 81 submissions, marking a 25% increase from the previous year.

After rigorous evaluations, including written and live assessments, a total of 356 winning entries were selected, comprising 12 Platinum Awards, 106 Gold Medals, 102 Silver Medals, and 136 Bronze Medals. Additionally, to enrich the awards, TIPO invited TCI, LITEON, Micro-Star International (MSI), and Foxconn to select 17 outstanding entries with the most collaboration and market potential, presenting them with corporate-selected Special Awards.

The list of award-winning works has been published on TIPO's website for public reference.

List of Winning Entries (Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/dl-287498-37428864361141d48606daf2436097c3.html>

2024 Taiwan Innotech Expo: <https://www.inventaipai.com.tw/en/index.html>

## **Legal Amendments**

### **1. TIPO Announces Directions for Deferral of Substantive Examination of Invention and Design Patent Applications, Effective January 1, 2025**

To provide patent applicants with more comprehensive and flexible options for utilizing invention and design patents, thereby supporting enterprises in patent portfolio management and commercialization, TIPO will implement the Directions for Deferral of Substantive Examination of Invention and Design Patent Applications starting January 1, 2025. Key revisions include:

- (1) Consolidation of the current Guidelines for Deferral of Substantive Examination of Invention Patent Applications (as announced on March 23, 2015) and the Guidelines for Deferral of Substantive Examination of Design Patent Applications (as announced on June 28, 2018, and later revised on September 1, 2023) into a single set of Directions.
- (2) Expansion of eligibility, allowing applicants to defer substantive examination for re-examination applications, provided the notification of examination results (first office action) has not yet been served.
- (3) Inclusion of divisional applications, which will now also be eligible for deferred substantive examination.
- (4) Addition of a restriction stipulating that applications under accelerated examination are not eligible for deferral of substantive examination.

Directions for Deferral of Substantive Examination of Invention and Design Patent Applications (Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/cp-85-982199-ca1e2-1.html>

### 1. TIPO's Q4 2024 IPR Statistics Report

In Q4 2024, TIPO received a total of 19,977 patent applications, including 14,107 invention patents, 3,888 utility model patents, and 1,982 design patents. Resident invention patent applications totaled 5,546, with 4,259 applications filed by enterprises. The top ten applicants for invention patents were led by TSMC, with 360 applications. The others in the top ten included ITRI (243), AU Optronics (128), Nanya Technology (121), Hon Hai (109), Realtek (103), MIRDC (86), Innolux (81), Acer (74), and Inventec (72) (Figure 4). Notably, TSMC has ranked first for two consecutive years since the fourth quarter of 2023, while Hon Hai saw a remarkable 160% increase in applications compared to the previous year.

Resident design patent applications totaled 938, with the top five applicants led by L&F Plastics, which filed 43 applications. The other top applicants included B'In Music (24), Godmiracle (19), Matsushita Electric (14), and Coplus (13).

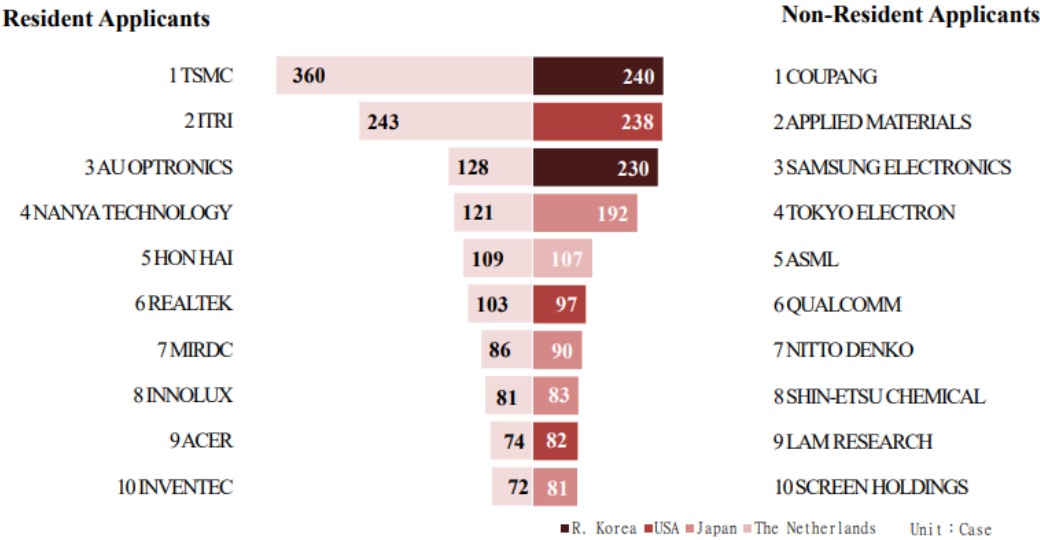
Non-resident invention patent applications totaled 8,561, with the top five countries/regions led by Japan, which filed 3,194 applications. The other top countries/regions included the US (1,837), R. Korea (1,100), mainland China (1,009), and Germany (303). Among these, Japan and R. Korea have experienced positive growth for two consecutive years. Particularly, R. Korea has seen growth rates of 16% and 14% over the past two years, demonstrating a highly active patent strategy in Taiwan.

Among the top ten non-resident applicants for invention patents, Coupang from R. Korea ranked first with 240 applications, followed by the Applied Materials (238) from the US, Samsung Electronics (230) from R. Korea, Tokyo Electron (192) from Japan, ASML (107) from the Netherlands, Qualcomm (97) from the US, Nitto Denko (90) from Japan, Shin-Etsu Chemical (83) from Japan, Lam

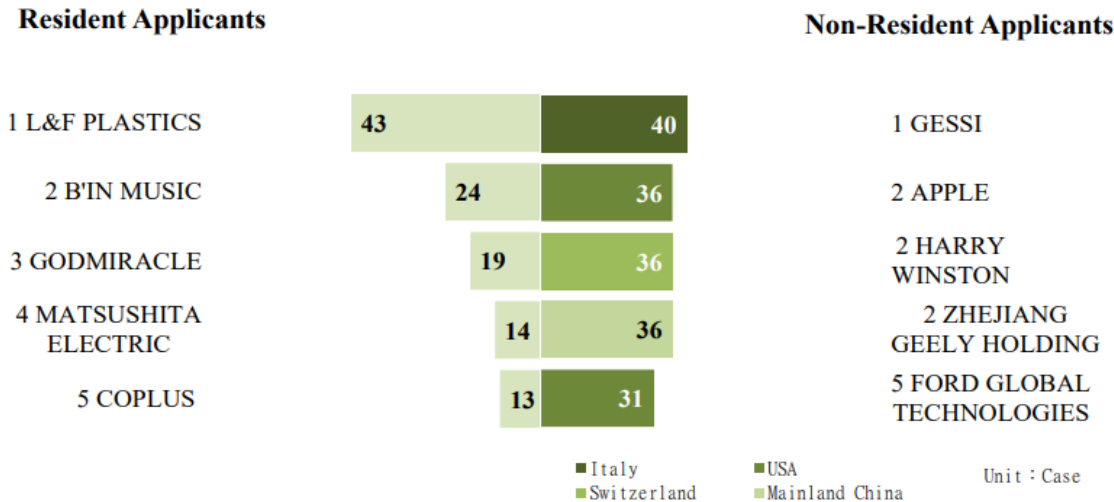
Research (82) from the US, and Screen Holdings (81) from Japan. Coupang, Tokyo Electron, and Shin-Etsu Chemical reached record application numbers, with Coupang becoming the top non-resident applicant for the first time.

Non-resident design patent applications totaled 1,044, with the top five countries/regions led by mainland China, which filed 221 applications. The other top countries/regions included Japan (198), the US (175), Switzerland (106), and Italy (68). Notably, mainland China surpassed Japan and the US this quarter, ranking first.

### Top Ten Invention Patent Applicants in Q4 2024



### Top Five Design Patent Applicants in Q4 2024

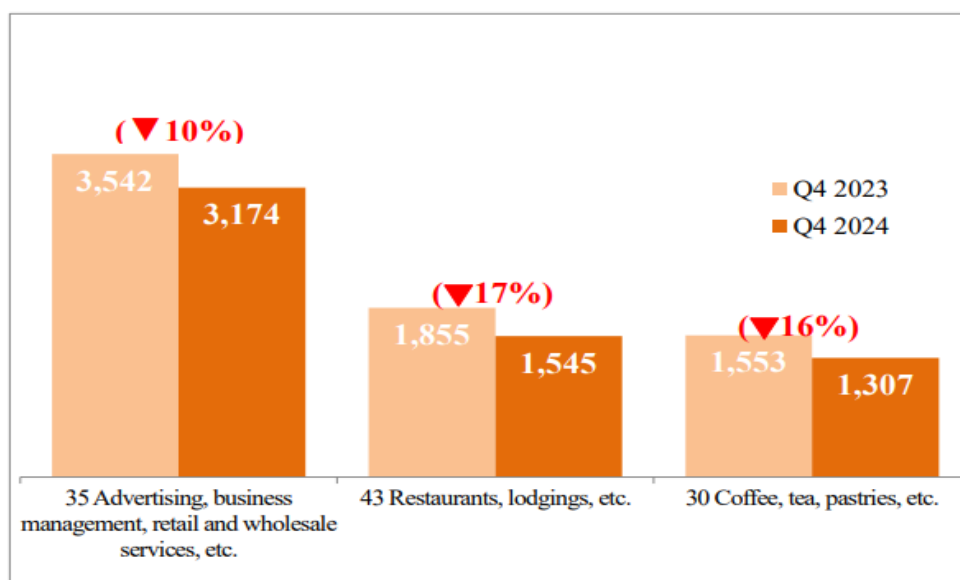


A total of 21,401 trademark registration applications (covering 26,961 classes) were filed, showing an 8% decrease compared to the same period last year. Among these applications, 76% were from residents and 24% from non-residents.

Resident trademark registration applications totaled 16,174, with the top ten applicants led by Momo.com, which filed 140 applications. The other top applicants included Gongtian Temple (104), Uni-President (82), Chin Yee Chemical (45), Lungyen Life (40), the ITRI (39), Xu, Yu-Jie (33), Wowprime (32), TaoYuan Long-De Temple (32), and TCI (29).

The top three categories of resident trademark applications are as follows: Class 35 (advertising, business management, retail and wholesale services, etc.) with 3,174 applications, Class 43 (restaurants, lodgings, etc.) (1,545), and Class 30 (coffee, tea, pastries, etc.) (1,307). This indicates that resident applicants primarily focus on business management, consumer-related services such as restaurants and accommodations, and products like coffee and pastries.

#### **Top Three Classes for Resident Trademark Applications**



Non-resident trademark registration applications totaled 5,227, with the top five countries/regions led by mainland China, which filed 1,363 applications. The other top countries/regions included Japan (919), the US (729), R. Korea (492), and Hong Kong (267). Except for the US, the other four countries/regio-

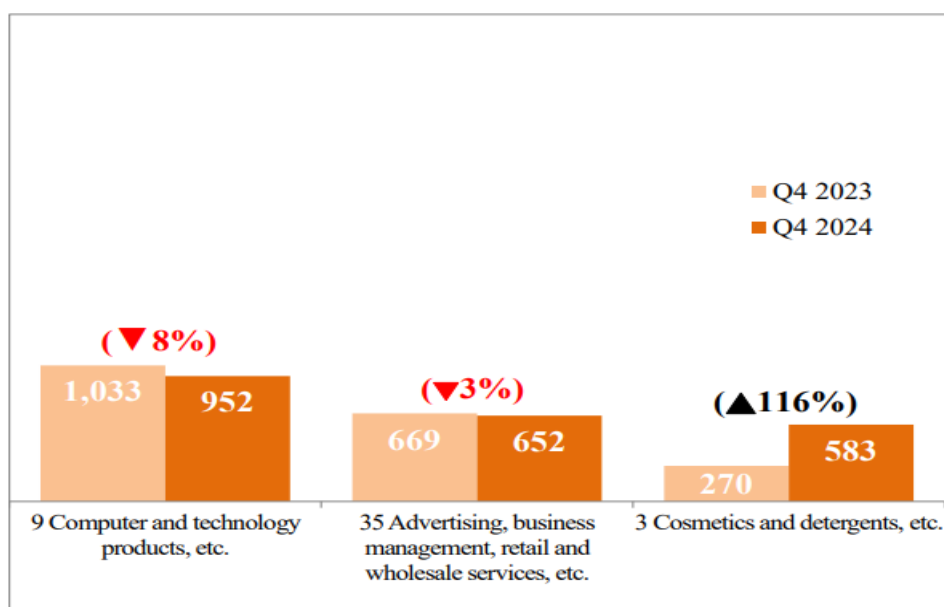


-ns showed positive growth in their application numbers.

Among Non-resident trademark applicants, the top applicant was Huang Cheng-Fang from mainland China, with 72 applications. The other top applicants were Toyota Jidosha (38) from Japan, Tencent Holdings (35) from the Cayman Islands, Kao (23) from Japan, Procter & Gamble (22) from the US, Celgene (21) from the US, and Bayer from Germany, Target Brands from the US, Kobayashi Pharmaceutical from Japan, and CompanionAI Networks from Singapore, each with 18 applications.

The top three categories of non-resident trademark applications are as follows: Class 9 (computer and technology products, etc.) with 952 applications, Class 35 (advertising, business management, retail and wholesale services, etc.) (652), and Class 3 (cosmetics, detergents, etc.) (583). Non-resident applicants primarily focused on registering trademarks for computer and technology products (Class 9) in Taiwan, while applications in cosmetics and detergents (Class 3) have been growing rapidly.

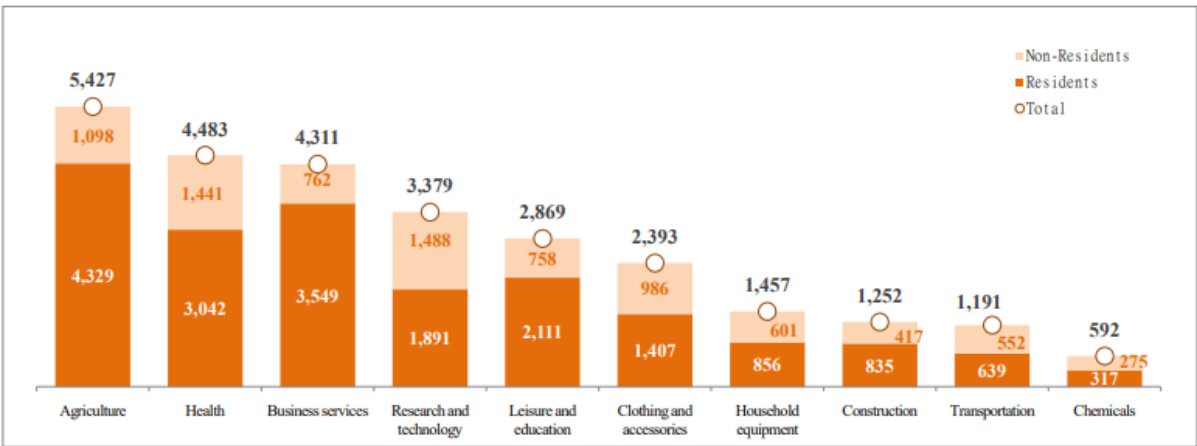
**Top Three Classes for Non-Resident Trademark Applications**



For resident applicants, "Agriculture" led with 4,329 applications, primarily from trademark applications related to restaurants and accommodations. For

non-resident applicants, "Research and Technology" topped the list with 1,488 applications.

**Trademark Applications by Industries in Q4 2024**



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.

Note: The above statistical analysis for type of applicant and applicant nationality is based on the first applicant.

TIPO's Q4 2024 IPR Statistics Report:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/en/dl-288220-a5ed5f2e5a8943488cc4ae76e47a9016.html>

**2. TIPO Releases 2023 Trends & Comparisons: Taiwan Invention Patent Applications and WIPO PCT Applications**

The 2023 Trends & Comparisons: Taiwan Invention Patent Applications and WIPO PCT Applications released by TIPO revealed that WIPO received an estimated 272,600 PCT invention patent applications in 2023, a 1.8% year-on-year decrease, ending a 13-year growth streak. In contrast, TIPO received 50,854 applications, marking a 1.2% increase.

In 2023, the top three technical fields for WIPO applications were Computer Technology (10.2%), followed by Digital Communication (9.4%) and Electrical Machinery, Apparatus, and Energy (7.9%). For TIPO, the top field was Semiconductors (15.0%), followed by Computer Technology (9.1%) and Elec-

-trical Machinery, Apparatus, and Energy (6.1%).

Under WIPO patent publications, mainland China's Huawei ranked first for the seventh consecutive year with 6,494 applications, followed by R. Korea's Samsung Electronics (3,924 applications) and the United States' Qualcomm (3,410 applications). For TIPO patent publications, TSMC (Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company) took the top spot for the fifth consecutive year with 1,582 applications, followed by Applied Materials (794 applications) from the US, Samsung Electronics (747 applications) from R. Korea, and Qualcomm (695 applications) from the US. Notably, both Samsung Electronics and Qualcomm were included among the top 10 applicants in WIPO and TIPO filings.

Samsung Electronics displayed contrasting filing priorities between WIPO and TIPO, with Digital Communication as the top field for WIPO and leading with Semiconductors for TIPO. Qualcomm, however, maintained Digital Communication as its highest-priority field across both WIPO and TIPO, demonstrating minimal variation in its filing strategy.

*The 2023 Trends & Comparisons: Taiwan Invention Patent Applications and WIPO PCT Applications: tables and graphs* (Mandarin):

<https://topic.tipo.gov.tw/patents-tw/lp-979-101.html>

### **3. Results Announced for the 2024 Patent Portfolio Analysis Competition**

On November 5, TIPO held the awards ceremony and results presentation for the 2024 Patent Portfolio Analysis Competition. For the first time, the competition adopted the innovative model of "Corporate Challenges x Team Solutions" to precisely align patent analysis with industry needs. A total of 15 companies participated, and the event attracted 50 teams to register. Throughout the competition, the participating teams engaged in in-depth exchanges with the challenge-setting companies, gaining a comprehensive understanding of industry needs and analysis objectives. This approach ensured that patent analysis and portfolio strategies were closely aligned with industry

trends. Ultimately, eight outstanding teams stood out and shared total prize money of NT\$300,000.

Additionally, the event showcased the patent analysis and portfolio strategies of 16 semifinalist teams. The Patent Search Center also presented two emerging technology trends: the "AI Rehabilitation Platform" and "Probiotics for Senior Nutrition." These insights provided valuable opportunities for participating teams and attendees to observe and learn, further strengthening the application of strategic patent portfolio management in businesses and fostering talent development in academic-industry patent strategy.

2024 Patent Portfolio Analysis Competition (Mandarin):

<https://tiponet.tipo.gov.tw/gpss3/gpsskm/competition2024/index.html>

#### **4. TIPO Publishes English Version of Patent Examination Guidelines, Part II: Substantive Examination for Invention Patents, Chapter 6 “Amendments”**

TIPO has released the English version of the Patent Examination Guidelines, Part II: Substantive Examination for Invention Patents, Chapter 6 “Amendments” to enhance the international IP community’s understanding of Taiwan’s patent examination process.

This chapter outlines the appropriate timing for proposing amendments and explains how admissibility is evaluated during the examination process. Moreover, it functions as a helpful tool for foreign applicants, enabling them to assess whether their patent applications meet specified Guideline requirements.

Patent Examination Guidelines, Part II: Substantive Examination for Invention Patents, Chapter 6 “Amendments” (English Version):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/en/cp-282-977631-10c63-2.html>

#### **5. TIPO Releases the By Article Interpretation of the Trademark Act (October 2024 Edition)**

In response to the implementation of amendments to certain provisions of the Trademark Act on May 1, 2024, as well as revisions to the Enforcement Rules of the Trademark Act and the Regulations Governing Trademark Agent Registration and Management, TIPO has updated the Article-by-Article Interpretation of the Trademark Act. This revision also takes into account updates to examination guidelines issued over the past three years, including:

- Examination Guidelines on Likelihood of Confusion,
- Examination Guidelines on Distinctiveness of Trademarks,
- Examination Guidelines on Disclaimers,
- Examination Guidelines on Certification Marks, Collective Trademarks and Collective Membership Marks.

The updated interpretation incorporates adjustments reflecting changes in judicial practices. It includes selected judicial rulings and examination practice insights of high reference value to enhance the completeness of the article-by-article interpretation. Stakeholders are encouraged to refer to this resource.

By Article Interpretation of the Trademark Act (Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/trademarks-tw/dl-287569-fb9814226e864e2296295a62777489bd.html>

## **6. TIPO Releases the *Patent Trends on Wastewater Treatment and Recycling Technologies in Semiconductor Industry Report***

In line with Taiwan's vision for the sustainable development of the semiconductor industry, TIPO has released the *Patent Trends on Wastewater Treatment and Recycling Technologies in Semiconductor Industry Report*. The report shares concrete case studies and offers an in-depth analysis of patent development and technology trends in this field, serving as a key reference for industry efforts in promoting green transformation.

The report highlights that over the past 20 years, there has been a significant

increase in global patent applications related to wastewater treatment and water recycling technologies, reflecting the strong focus of businesses on sustainability and ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) issues. Through advancements in wastewater recovery and water recycling technologies, the global semiconductor industry has made notable progress toward sustainable water resource management. As one of the world's major producers of semiconductor components, Taiwan has a well-established industry chain and technological foundation, with R&D achievements comparable to those of the US, Japan, and Europe. This contributes significantly to Taiwan's goal of achieving net-zero transformation by 2050.

*Patent Trends on Wastewater Treatment and Recycling Technologies in Semiconductor Industry* (Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/dl-287414-ae3baa26e92d4f87abe3e9dee7966484.html>

## **7. New System for Telephone Communication with External Examiners and Remote Video Interview Launched Officially on September 1**

Starting September 1, 2024, TIPO has introduced the Optimization Program for Telephone Communication and Remote Video Interviews with External Examiners on a pilot basis. Invention patent applicants can now use TIPO's three-way conference call system to facilitate real-time communication and exchange of opinions between the applicant or their representative, the external examiner, and TIPO examiners. For more complex cases or those requiring demonstrations, a remote video interview can also be arranged, allowing direct interaction with the external examiner and TIPO examiners. This initiative is designed to enhance the quality of patent applications and improve the efficiency of the examination process.

FAQ on Telephone Communication and Interview Procedures for Invention Patent Examination (Mandarin): <https://topic.tipo.gov.tw/patents-tw/lp-1085-101.html>

## **8. TIPO Launches New Trademark Search System**

To improve usability and support mobile browsing, TIPO has launched a new Trademark Search System with simplified and advanced search features to meet the needs of different users. The new system also increases the number of displayed search results to 1,000 entries, reducing the need to repeatedly narrow search criteria.

The old system will no longer be available from March 2025. Users are encouraged to switch to the new system.

New Trademark Search System : <https://cloud.tipo.gov.tw/S282/S282WV1/>

## **9. TIPONet Expands Online Services for Changing Applicants' Representatives**

To facilitate changes for patent and trademark applicants and reduce the need for administrative correspondence between applicants and TIPO, TIPO has expanded the online services available through TIPONet. Starting October 15, 2024, applicants can now use the platform to change their representatives. After logging in to TIPONet, applicants or their patent agent can select the "Applying for a patent/Changing Online" feature to modify basic case information, including:

- (1) The name of the applicant's representative in Chinese and English.
- (2) The applicant and their patent agent's address in Chinese and English, phone number, and email address.

## **10. TIPO Launches the Senior Technology Promotion Platform with Industry Analysis Reports for Public Reference**

To support the development of critical technologies in Taiwan's senior technology industry, TIPO has established the Senior Technology Promotion Platform, now open for public access. This platform provides a wealth of resources, including industry news, patent documents, expert articles, and industry trend analyses. By integrating diverse information, the platform helps senior technology businesses quickly and effectively grasp emerging trends and



knowledge, thereby enhancing their R&D and innovation capabilities.

This year, TIPO has focused on the themes of "Empowering Senior Mobility" and "Senior Nutrition," offering four comprehensive industry analysis reports: Trend Analysis of Empowering Senior Mobility; Patent Portfolio Analysis of AI Rehabilitation Platforms; Trend Analysis of Senior Nutrition; and Patent Portfolio Analysis of Probiotics for Senior Nutrition.

Senior Technology Promotion Platform (Mandarin):

<https://ipkm-mobile.tipo.gov.tw/topic/1>

## **11. TIPO Publishes the Patent Annual Fee Handbook Online for Public Reference**

To help the public better understand how to maintain their patent rights, TIPO has compiled the Patent Annual Fee Handbook. This handbook addresses common questions about payment deadlines, amounts, and methods for paying annual patent fees, complemented by step-by-step process illustrations to assist patent holders effectively.

TIPO has compiled these common inquiries into a comprehensive guide. This handbook aims to provide patent holders with sufficient knowledge on annual fee payments, ensuring the effective continuation of their patent rights.

Patent Annual Fee Handbook (Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/dl-287577-de1a765fc57440be8eed598416c7e67b.html>

## **12. 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](mailto:abuse@moe.edu.tw)). Three cases of infringement were reported this quarter.

## **13. 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 came into effect in 2015, a total of 150 applications for exclusive rights have been submitted as of September 2024. Of these, 120 cases have been consolidated, with the following outcomes: 105 cases (88%) have undergone review, 13 cases (11%) were voluntarily withdrawn, 2 cases (1%) were rejected. Among the 105 cases reviewed, a breakdown of the outcomes are as follows: 95 cases (90%) were granted exclusive rights, 2 cases (2%) were returned for amendments and re-evaluation, 8 cases (8%) were denied approval.

To support this process, the council commissioned a law firm specializing in intellectual property and the protection of traditional intellectual creations of indigenous peoples to execute a legal services program. From October to December 2024, the program provided 14 legal consultations, focusing primarily on: licensing plans and cooperation details for traditional intellectual creations, cultural misappropriation, and legal remedies for infringement on indigenous exclusive rights.

The CIP also assisted the Indigenous Languages Research and Development Foundation (ILRDF) with examination of copyrights for indigenous language teaching materials and exclusive rights for traditional intellectual creations. Making a trip down to Orchid Island, the CIP provided relevant legal advice to the Amis at a meeting discussing the exclusive rights of traditional intellectual creations. This quarter, the CIP also issued 13 legal opinions, primarily addressing cases where exclusive rights were infringed upon. These included sending cease-and-desist letters to infringers, handling supplementary licensing arrangements, and confirming the payment of licensing fees.

## **Law Enforcement Results and Statistics**

### **The National Police Agency of the Ministry of the Interior**

#### **Law Enforcement**

Between October and December of 2024, a total of 237 cases involving 328 persons were investigated for violation of the Copyright Act, a total of 315 cases (411 persons) for violation of the Trademark Act, and 5 cases (7 persons) for violation of the Trade Secrets Act. A total of 557 cases involving 746 persons were investigated for various types of infringement. All the aforementioned persons were referred to the district prosecutors 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
2024 Jan.-Dec.	2,324	3,083	1,337	1,768	967	1,281	19	20	34
2023 Jan.-Dec.	3,556	4,759	2,014	2,580	1,519	2,144	92	23	35
Percentage Change %	-34.65%	-35.22%	-33.61%	-31.47%	-36.34%	-40.25%	-79.35%	-13.04%	-2.86%

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 327 suspects were involved in 286 concluded cases of IPR infringement between October and December, of which 125 persons involved in 92 cases were prosecuted according to regular procedures, 65 persons involved in 63 cases were granted summary judgment, 109 persons across 104 cases received deferred prosecution, and 28 persons across 27 cases were not prosecuted nor punished by the court's sua sponte motion. 147 persons were convicted by the courts between October and December, for a conviction rate of 85.47%.
2. A comparison to the same period in 2024 reveals the following regarding the number of prosecutions (including those who requested summary judgment) and convictions for cases of IPR infringement: 190 persons were prosecuted between October and December this year, marking a decrease of 151 persons (44.28%) compared to 341 persons in the same period in 2023; 147 persons were convicted between October and December, marking an decrease of 41 persons (21.81%) compared to 188 persons in the same period in 2023.

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

## Prosecutors Offices

Unit: Person

Categories	Year	Results of Court Rulings												
			Sentence							Sentence Remitted	Acquitted	Not to Prosecuted	Case Rejected	Others
		Total	Subtotal	Under 6 Months	6-12 Months	1-2 Year(s)	Over 2 Years	Detention	Fines					
Total	2024 Jan.-Dec	935	719	245	4	10	0	426	33	0	56	3	156	1
	2023 Jan.-Dec	1,138	884	301	5	5	1	537	45	1	58	6	188	1
	Percent Change %	-17.84 %	-18.67 %	-18.60 %	-20 %	100 %	-100 %	-20.67 %	-5.71 %	-100 %	-3.45 %	-50 %	-17.02 %	0 %

Source: Taiwan Prosecutors Office

# The Customs Administration

## Law Enforcement Results

1. In accordance with the Regulations Governing Customs Measures in Protecting the Rights and Interests of Trademark, the Operational Directions for Customs Authorities in Implementing Measures for Protecting the Rights and Interests of Patent and Copyright, and other relevant border protection measures, the Customs Administration uncovered a total of 89 trademark infringements and seized 30,034 infringing items between October and December.
2. Between October and December, the Customs Administration received 30 requests for advice protection on trademark rights, 26 requests for extending the terms for advice protection on trademark rights, and 100 requests for updating/supplementing documents and other matters, adding up to a total of 156 requests.
3. On October 30, November 8, and November 20, the Taipei Customs intercepted 4 counterfeit AUDEMARS PIGUET watches, 1,042 La Mer and Lancome beauty products, and 165 boxes of JING TI's patented "Feeling Nature" vegetable & fruit enzyme tablets from air express shipments, all of which have been seized.
4. On December 13, the Keelung Customs intercepted 401 counterfeit APPLE converters and charging cables from maritime shipments, all of which have been seized.

## **Ministry of Justice Investigation Bureau**

### **Law Enforcement**

In Q4, the Investigation Bureau referred a total of 20 cases (38 persons) of IP violations to district prosecutors offices for further investigation, including 5 cases involving 13 persons for violation of the Copyright Act, 8 cases (8 persons) for violation of the Trademark Act, and 7 cases (17 persons) for the Trade Secrets Act.

### 1. TIPO

- (1) On October 4, 2024, TIPO, in collaboration with the Intellectual Property and Commercial Court (IPCC), organized the *2024 TIPA International Symposium: Due Process of Handling Technical Disputes in Patent Infringement Lawsuits* at the Tsai Lecture Hall of the NTU College of Law. The symposium was held via a hybrid format and invited speakers of the likes of Judge Tobias Pichlmaier (Legally Qualified Judge at the Unified Patent Court/ Presiding Judge at the Higher Regional Court Munich), Gary C. Ma (partner at Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner), Kenji Tosaki (partner at Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu), and Judges Ming-Huang Chang and Hung-Ying Peng (Division-Chief Judges at the IPCC), as well as Roger Chang (partner at Lee and Li Attorneys-at-Law). The event saw avid discussion from attendees on-site and online, attracting a total of 323 participants.
- (2) On September 5, 2024, TIPO invited Klaus Bacher, Presiding Judge of the Federal Court of Justice of Germany, along with patent attorneys and partners Dr. Heinz Goddar and Dr. Ute Kilger at Boehmert & Boehmert, to talk on topics such as the "German Federal Court of Justice Ruling on the DABUS Case," the "EU Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPC) and SPC Manufacturing Waiver," and the "2024 EU Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act." The talks featured lively exchange, contributing to a deeper understanding within TIPO of the differences in inventor determinations between Germany, the EPO, and the US, as well as insight into the EU's Pharmaceuticals Package amendment proposal and the AI Act, which will take effect on August 1, 2024, in the EU.
- (3) The 4th Canada-Taiwan Intellectual Property Policy Dialogue was held in Taipei on 3 December 2024. Both sides exchanged opinions on and discussed the following topics: Experience and Outcomes in Digital Transformation; Patent Grace Period; and Promoting IP Awareness.

## **IPR Awareness Campaigns**

### **1. Judicial Yuan**

In 2024 Q4, the Judicial Yuan offered a course on national security and trade secrets training to enhance the professional expertise of IP and Commercial Court judges and other judicial personnel. Additionally, the Judicial Yuan aimed to ensure that litigation and adjudication aligned with the rapidly evolving developments in the field of intellectual property and the latest changes in legal regulations and international practices.

### **2. Ministry of Justice**

The Investigation Bureau of the Ministry of Justice has incorporated trade secret violations into its anti-corruption efforts targeting businesses. From October to December, the Bureau conducted a total of 58 awareness sessions across industrial parks, major business associations, and corporate groups. Using real-life cases, these sessions emphasized the importance of protecting trade secrets. The events were attended by representatives from 100 companies, with a total of 4,262 participants.

### **3. The Customs Administration**

- (1) To better inform relevant industries about intellectual property rights (IPR) border measures and related regulations, the Taichung Customs conducted industry interviews on October 23 and 30, as well as December 13, and held the second Joint Seminar for Customs Brokerage, Transportation, Warehousing and Container Terminal Industries on December 5. The Taipei Customs organized the second Seminar for Import-Export Tariffs in Science Parks on November 22, and the Seminar on Express Cargo Clearance Operations on December, which were aimed at advocating to operators within their jurisdiction. The Kaohsiung Customs held the second Joint Seminar for Operators on December 16.
- (2) To foster the professional investigative capabilities of maritime customs officers,



TIPO held seven sessions of the Counterfeit Detection Course for Maritime Customs between December 10 and 13 at the following locations: Keelung Customs, Taipei Customs, Taichung Customs, and Kaohsiung Customs.

#### **4. Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs published the following reports on Taiwan's IPR development on the New Southbound Policy Portal and *Taiwan Today*:

- (1) Taiwan Innotech Expo Displays Domestic Research Capacity:

<https://nspp.mofa.gov.tw/nsppe/news.php?post=260307&unit=379>

<https://www.taiwantoday.tw/Economics/Top-News/260273/Taiwan-Innotech-Expo-displays-domestic-research-capacity>

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#### **5. Council of Indigenous Peoples**

As of now, the Council of Indigenous Peoples (CIP) has granted a total of 95 exclusive rights for Traditional Intellectual Creations of Indigenous Peoples. In collaboration with the Bureau of Cultural Heritage under the Ministry of Culture, CIP has been assessing categories of traditional intellectual creations that could potentially be recognized as cultural heritage assets. As of December 2024, 15 cultural heritage cases have been submitted to local governments.

Additionally, to help exclusive rights holders and indigenous community organizations gain a deeper and more concrete understanding of the Cultural Heritage Preservation Act and the Protection Act for the Traditional Intellectual Creations of Indigenous Peoples, CIP has engaged commissioned representatives from 16 indigenous groups. These representatives assist in promoting and disseminating information on cases that have been or will be submitted for recognition as cultural heritage assets and provide effective communication channels for resource integration and knowledge sharing.

## **6. Ministry of Education**

The Ministry of Education's 113th Academic Year Inter-Ministerial Advisory Committee Meeting on Intellectual Property Protection in Campuses, attended by academic experts, university administration, student representatives, as well as representatives from government and stakeholder organizations, was convened on December 13 to advocate the following:

- (1) Asking universities to enforce the use of legitimate textbooks on campus among students and faculty, and discourage the unauthorized download and distribution of books and teaching materials on social media or other open platforms to prevent copyrights infringement.
- (2) To prevent unauthorized circulation of teaching materials and resources (e.g., digital files, PowerPoint presentations, question sets, detailed explanations, and other materials that are provided with textbooks), faculty members are discouraged from providing said materials directly to students.

## **7. TIPO**

During this quarter, the TIPO conducted various outreach activities, including the IPR Expert Service Group Seminar, promotional briefings, copyright-themed workshops, and online copyright advocacy efforts. These activities attracted a total of 6,297 participants, while TIPO's official FB Page "Original Creation x I Support You" reached 57,000 online followers.

TIPO also continues to participate in the Industry Development Bureau's Branding Taiwan Project, agreeing with the project center to provide consultations to six businesses

for the year. Online or in-person consultations were provided starting on October 16, and corporate brand counseling finished in November.