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2024 New Southbound Intellectual Property Conference Gathers Experts from Seven Countries to Aid Industry in Market Expansion

TIPO, in collaboration with the Taiwan Patent Attorneys Association (TWPAA) and the Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA) Taiwan Group, co-organized the 2024 New Southbound Intellectual Property Conference from June 18 to 19, 2024, at the Tsai Lecture Hall, College of Law, National Taiwan University. The event featured representatives from the IP Offices and leading patent professionals from seven countries: Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, and India, who shared the latest developments and practical trends in their respective patent systems. The conference attracted over 210 participants from industry, government, and academia, fostering extensive and lively exchange of views with experts from Southeast Asia and India.

Southeast Asian countries and India commonly contend with issues such as lengthy patent examination times and backlog. Through recent amendments to patent laws, these countries hope to improve the efficiency and quality of patent examination processes. TIPO Director General Dr. Cheng-Wei Liao noted that Taiwan faced similar challenges a decade ago, with examination times reduced from 47 months to the current 14 months. Taiwan is willing to share its experience in clearing patent backlogs and is open to discussing the establishment of Patent Prosecution Highways (PPH) with other countries to alleviate the examination burdens on patent offices.

TIPO is grateful for the support and cooperation of the Taiwan Patent Attorneys Association (TWPAA) and the Asian Patent Attorneys Association Taiwan Group (APAA Taiwan), which is instrumental in bringing together experts and industry

professionals from Southeast Asian countries and India for exchange and discussion. Through introductions to legal systems and practical analyses, the conference provided a comprehensive understanding of the latest developments and trends in patent laws and practices in Southeast Asia and India. This will serve as a valuable reference for Taiwanese enterprises in applying for patents and planning their market strategies, fostering better industrial development.

Legal Amendments

1. Draft Amendments to the Trademark Act Will Come into Effect on May 1, 2024

In response to industry and trademark examination practice in Taiwan as well as to ensure a comprehensive regulatory environment and make relevant adjustments where necessary, draft amendments to the Trademark Act were promulgated in May 24, 2023 and took effect on May 1, 2024. Amendment highlights include:

- I. Established a mechanism for the registration and management of trademark agents.
- II. Introduced mechanism for accelerated examination.
- III. Clearly defines eligibility for trademark applicants.
- IV. Clarify the scope of rights for a trademark while part of its reproduction with functional aspects.
- V. Clarify nominative fair use, prior good-faith use, and exhaustion of rights that are not bound by trademark rights, in accordance with the application of judicial practices.
- VI. Loosen the requirement for trademark proprietors to identify infringement at Customs.

1. TIPO's Q2 2024 IPR Statistics Report

I. Overall Trends in Patent and Trademark Applications

In the second quarter of 2024, TIPO received a total of 17,683 applications for three types of patents, representing a 2% increase compared to the same period last year. This includes 11,988 invention patents, 3,766 utility model patents, and 1,929 design patents (Figure 1). The share of patent applications from resident applicants was 51% while non-resident applicants accounted for 49%. Compared to the same period in 2023, the number of patents filed from resident applicants decreased by 2%, while the number from non-resident applicants increased by 6%. Overall, there was a 2% increase in the total number of patent applications in this quarter, showing a slight rise in the number of all three types of patents in the second quarter over the past two years.

In the second quarter of 2024, a total of 23,885 trademark registration applications were received (covering 29,387 classes), representing a 3% increase compared to the same period last year (Figure 2). Among these applications, 77% were filed by resident applicants and 23 % by non-resident applicants. The number of applications has turned to positive growth, compared to the same period over the past year.

II. Overview of Patent Applications Filed by Residents

A. Top Ten Invention Patent Applicants

Residents filed 4,699 invention patents, of which 3,734 were filed by corporations. Among the top ten applicants, TSMC ranked first with 308 applications, followed by Nanya Technology (136), AU Optronics (114), Inventec (90), Innolux (80), Acer (74), Realtek (70), UMC (65), MediaTek

(49), and Delta (45) (Figure 4). TSMC has maintained the top position for eight consecutive years since the second quarter of 2017.

B. Top Five Design Patent Applicants

Residents filed 855 design patent applications. The top five applicants were: Shu-Te University with 22 applications, followed by L&F Plastics (16), Compal (15), Tong Yah (14), and Delta and Vanung University (both 13) (Figure 5).

III. Overview of Patent Applications Filed by Non-Residents

A. Top Ten Invention Patent Applicants

Non-residents filed 7,289 invention patent applications. Among the top ten applicants, Applied Materials from the US ranked first with 208 applications, returning to the top position. The remaining top applicants were: Samsung Electronics (202) from R. Korea, Qualcomm (191) from the US, Tokyo Electron (128) from Japan, Coupang (108) from R. Korea, Screen Holdings and Nitto Denko (both 90) from Japan, Shin-Etsu Chemical (73) from Japan, Lam Research (69) from the US, and ASML (67) from the Netherlands (Figure 4).

B. Filing Countries (Regions) of Invention Patent Applicants

The top five countries (regions) for invention patent applications are Japan with 2,726 applications, followed by the US (1,696), mainland (864), R. Korea (677), and Germany (255) (Figure 3). Of these, applications from mainland China and Germany have grown by over 10%, indicating rapid growth.

C. Top Five Design Patent Applicants

Non-residents filed 1,074 design patent applications. The top five applicants were led by Zhejiang Smart Intelligence from mainland China with 72 applications, followed by Ford Global Technologies (48) from the

US, BMW (34) from Germany, Molex from the US and China Wonderland from mainland China (both 29) (Figure 5). Of these, Zhejiang Smart Intelligence has entered the top five for the first time.

D. Filing Countries (Regions) of Design Patent Applicants

The top five countries (regions) for design patent applications are Japan with 248 applications, followed by the US (234), mainland China (223), Switzerland (97), and Germany (75) (Figure 3). Notably, the number of applications from the US has surpassed those from Switzerland and mainland China, moving up to the second position.

IV. Overview of Trademark Registration Applications

A. Top Ten Resident Applicants for Trademarks

The top ten applicants for trademark registrations are led by Shen-Bian Matzu Temple with 131 applications, followed by Farglory Dome (100), Goli Power (95), Tsai Ho Want Enterprises and Uni-President (both 78), Kao, Jia-Yu (54), First Commercial Bank and Pou Yuen Ji Global (both 50), Mitac Information (44), and Nan I Book (40) (Table 1).

B. NICE Classification of Resident Applications

Among the top three categories of trademark applications by resident applicants, Class 35 (advertising, business management, retail and wholesale services, etc.) led with 3,518 applications, followed by class 43 (restaurants, lodgings, etc.)(1,779), and class 30 (coffee, tea, pastries, etc.)(1,631) (Figure 6). This indicates that trademark applications filed by resident applicants are predominantly concentrated in business management, as well as in consumer services and goods.

C. Top Ten Non-Resident Applicants for Trademarks

The top ten non-resident applicants for trademark registrations are led by Full Comfort from the British Virgin Islands with 68 applications. They

are followed by Huawei (62) from mainland China, Zhejiang Kayou Culture Communication (33) from mainland China, Tencent Holdings (32) from the Cayman Islands, Zhejiang Tucson Custom from mainland China and Abercrombie & Fitch from Switzerland (both 30), Nanyang Hongfeng Electrical (28) from mainland China, Blue Origin (26) from Singapore, Onefifteen (22) from Hong Kong, and Shiseido (21) from Japan (Table 2).

D. Filing Countries (Regions) of Non-Resident Applications

The top five countries (regions) for trademark applications are led by mainland China with 1,528 applications, followed by Japan (905), the US (726), R. Korea (438), and Hong Kong (344) (Figure 3).

E. NICE Classification of Non-Resident Applications

Among the top three categories of trademark applications by non-resident applicants, Class 9 (computers and technology products, etc.) led with 1,021 applications, followed by Class 3 (cosmetics and detergents, etc.) and Class 35 (advertising, business management, retail and wholesale services, etc.) (both 634), and Class 5 (pharmaceuticals, etc.) (507) (Figure 7). Notably, Class 9 is the major category for trademark applications for protection by non-resident applicants in Taiwan.

F. Analysis of Applications by Industry

Most trademark applications were classified under "Agriculture" with 6,172 applications, followed by "Health" (4,728), and "Business Services" (4,661) (Figure 8).

Among the top three industries for trademark applications, resident applicants are concentrated in "Agriculture" with 5,096 cases, primarily for trademarks related to restaurants and accommodations. Non-resident applicants have the highest number in "Research and Technology" with 1,065 cases. Additionally, both resident and non-resident applicants have

seen growth in the number of cases related to "Health," and the number of non-resident applications for "Clothing and Accessories" has increased by 27%.

Note: The above statistical data is based on the “first applicant” of the applications when referencing applicants and nationalities.

TIPO’s Q2 2024 IPR Statistics Report:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/en/dl-287247-4142eadfdefd45819df55759358a9444.html>

2. TIPO Shares 13 Strategies for Managing Trade Secrets with Academic and Research Institution

TIPO helps businesses establish trade secrets protection mechanisms, recognizing that industry innovation relies on robust R&D support. R&D results produced as a result of academic and industry collaboration can also be considered as trade secrets.

Given the culture of open sharing among, and the sheer scale of, academic and research institutions, on April 12, TIPO published the Practical Guidelines for Managing Trade Secrets in Academic and Research Institutions. The guidelines are tailored specifically to these institutions and outline 13 practical strategies to gradually establish a management approach suitable for their internal culture. By understanding their internal management systems, personnel, resources, and research areas, these institutions can develop a robust network of trade secret protections that support R&D capabilities and outcomes, bolstering both academic and industry development nationwide.

Practical Guidelines for Managing Trade Secrets in Academic and Research Institutions (Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/dl-286069-e744280f6f0b4c78a82e9a1041d3536a.html>

3. TIPO Introduces New AI “Search by Image” Function

TIPO released a new AI "Search by Image" feature on March 25, which allows the public to upload trademark images and quickly verify whether identical or similar trademarks have already been registered or applied for.

The newly launched AI "Search by Image" feature allows users to obtain AI-pre-filtered approximate trademarks without entering any other information. This enables quick comparison with previous cases, reducing the risk of confusingly similar to other trademarks and increasing the chances of successful trademark registration.

The feature is still in the beta testing phase, and supplements the current image search system. The public is advised that before the official version is launched, search results should still be based on the current “Graphical Similarity Search” with filters of “Graphic path,” “Goods or Services Name,” or “Group of Similar Goods or Services.”

To improve the detection rate of graphical similarities, especially for trademarks combining text and graphics, users are advised to clearly mark the graphical area of the trademark before conducting a search. Additionally, users can combine the current graphical path search method to ensure the comprehensive retrieval of potential trademarks that may constitute graphical similarities.

“Search by Image” Feature on the Trademark Search System (Mandarin):

<https://cloud.tipo.gov.tw/S282/S282WV1/>

4. Promoting National Innovation with “Taiwan Patent Go” at Major Expos

This year (2024), TIPO launched Taiwan Patent Go, a platform designed to give greater exposure to award-winning patent technologies with potential through diverse displays and promotional activities at professional exhibitions. The platform not only connects these technologies with professional buyers, but also

provides face-to-face business matchmaking opportunities to facilitate commercialization and create new market opportunities. The initiative aims to achieve the goal of "Invent in Taiwan. Create for Business."

Taiwan Patent Go set up dedicated patent pavilions in April at the Taipei International Automobile & Motorcycle Parts & Accessories Show (Taipei AMPA) and Designed Giftionery Taiwan (DG Taiwan), offering free patent consultation services. In May, the platform was featured at the Young Designers' Exhibition (YODEX), where it organized lectures on IP protection for design patents and provided free consultation services. These initiatives help participating students and professional designers develop a solid understanding of IPR and encourage them to protect their designs and products through the patent system.

Furthermore, the Taiwan Patent Go platform also was featured at the Taiwan Innotech Expo from October 17 to 19.

5. 2024 Competition for Patent Portfolio Analysis to Feature New Format: “Corporate Challenges x Talent Solutions”

The 2024 Competition for Patent Portfolio Analysis has officially begun. For the first time ever, the competition will be run via a brand new format "Corporate Challenges x Talent Solutions." Companies will present questions based on real-world industry-specific challenges and focuses, and participants then devise strategies and submit patent analysis and portfolio reports to address these challenges, fostering a win-win scenario that links industry needs with relevant talents.

A total of 15 companies are participating in the competition and have proposed 26 themes across diverse technological fields including electronics, information and communication technology, biotechnology and pharmaceuticals, precision machinery, and green technology. During the competition, participating teams may interact with companies to better understand industry needs and analysis

targets. TIPO is also offering courses and workshops for step-by-step practical training, which will be led by experts in patent analysis and strategy. Instructors will teach participants how to master patent search, data analysis and industrial strategy development to enhance practical skills.

TIPO has announced that the competition offers a total prize pool of NT\$300,000. Teams advancing to the semi-finals will receive personal mentoring from intellectual property experts. An awards ceremony will feature an exhibition area where semi-finalist teams can interact with industry professionals. For detailed information regarding the updated competition format, please visit the official website.

Competition for Patent Portfolio Analysis Official Site (Mandarin):

<https://gpss.tipo.gov.tw/gpsskm/competition2024>

6. TIPO Encourages Businesses to Utilize iPKM for Greater Innovation & R&D

TIPO released the Industrial Patent Knowledge Platform (“iPKM”) in 2017 to help SMEs in Taiwan develop capacities for R&D and innovation. The site offers a variety of information and smart services, including News, Columns, Patent Trends and Stats, Patent Regimes in Other Countries, Videos, and Recommended Patents, etc.

In particular, iPKM News is further categorized into subtopics like Intellectual Property News, Events, and Economic & Trade Info, etc. Users can access the latest government information on intellectual property by browsing, subscribing, and searching through iPKM.

iPKM also offers Industry Patent Trends and Recommended Patents, which provides analysis on tech trends and literature on patents to help businesses keep abreast of the latest patent developments across the world.

Since 2018, TIPO has also been promoting the iPKM platform and its use to

SMEs in select key industries, helping companies develop a basic understanding of intellectual property and become more familiar with operating and using the platform. As of 2023, a total of 162 businesses have benefitted from these services.

Additionally, TIPO collaborated with the NTU Innovation and Incubation Center and the NTUST Business Incubation Center in 2023 to provide 221 IP consultations to startups. An overview of the benefits that iPKM has provided to businesses that use the platform has been published on TIPO's official website for public reference.

iPKM, Industry Patent Knowledge Platform (Mandarin): <https://ipkm.tipo.gov.tw/>

7. TIPO Updates URLs for Certain Website Services Starting April 8, 2024

To enhance information security and provide more reliable public services, TIPO has updated the links for the following systems as of April 8, 2024. Old links were no longer available beginning May 1, 2024. For the following services, please access the provided links below:

TIPO's Patent Specific Terminology Bilingual Glossary Search:

<https://tiponet.tipo.gov.tw/IPOTechTerm/login.jsp>

Goods & Services Bilingual Glossary Search:

<https://tiponet.tipo.gov.tw/IPOTMGoods/login.jsp>

TIPO's Library Search System: <https://tiponet.tipo.gov.tw/opac895/login.aspx>

Link to Download Open Data from DATA.GOV.TW:

https://data.gov.tw/datasets/search?p=1&size=10&s=_score_desc&cgl-3=453

8. The Latest Version of the *Copyrights Inside the Library* Has Been Released on TIPO's Official Website for Public Reference

The *Copyrights Inside the Library* explains copyright issues related to library operations and usage in a simple and easy-to-understand manner, with Q&A

sections addressing common copyright problems encountered in library practices. The publication has become recommended reading for library managers and staff and readers alike.

In response to the digitalization needs of libraries, Article 48 of the Copyright Act was amended on June 15, 2022, allowing the National Library to digitize its collection to prevent loss or damage of works, thereby ensuring the complete preservation of contemporary works. The amendment also allows the National Library, as well as general libraries, to provide online reading services to readers within certain restrictions, helping libraries provide digital services.

To help the public understand the latest regulations and practical issues related to library copyright, TIPO commissioned the original author Assistant Professor Chung-hsin Chang from Soochow University's Department of Law to compile an updated version. In addition to retaining the original content, it also addresses the impact of the amendment to Article 48 of the Copyright Law in 2022 on the use and operation of libraries. Copyrights Inside the Library has been published on TIPO's official website under "Copyright Topics" for public reference.

Copyrights Inside the Library (Mandarin):

<https://topic.tip.gov.tw/copyright-tw/dl-285811-79017d7b70e54a7fa990f7c8ff1955a9.html>

9. 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. Infringing links to foreign textbook websites can be reported on the dedicated TANet (Taiwan Academic Network) portal (abuse@moe.edu.tw). One case of infringement was reported this quarter.

10. 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 up until March 2024, 150 applications for exclusive rights have been received and consolidated into 120 cases - of which 105 cases have been completed, 13 cases have been withdrawn, and 2 cases have been dismissed. Of the 105 cases completed, 95 were granted exclusive rights, 2 were reexamined, and 8 were rejected.

Additionally, the Council has commissioned a law firm specializing in intellectual property and the protection of Indigenous peoples' traditional intellectual creations to carry out a legal services project. In the first half of this year, legal consultation services were provided 25 times, with the primary topics being licensing plans and collaboration details for traditional intellectual creations, adaptations of traditional works, and legal remedies for infringement. The firm also issued 11 legal opinions on topics such as clarifications of laws regarding traditional intellectual creations, licensing agreements for traditional works, corrections to the registration details of traditional creations, responses to prosecutor inquiries, and assistance to Indigenous peoples in sending cease-and-desist letters to infringers.

In the first half of this year, the project also assisted Indigenous peoples in handling six disputes involving infringement of exclusive rights to cultural creations, three of which were resolved through retroactive licensing.

Law Enforcement Results and Statistics

The National Police Agency of the Ministry of the Interior

Law Enforcement Results

Between April and June of 2024, a total of 254 cases involving 347 persons were investigated for violation of the Copyright Act, a total of 549 cases (399 persons) for violation of the Trademark Act, and 6 cases (14 persons) for violation of the Trade Secrets Act. A total of 659 cases involving 910 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
2024 Jan.-Jun.	1,120	1,494	653	879	455	593	19	12	22
2023 Jan.-Jun.	1,721	2,368	1,031	1,336	679	1,018	26	11	14
Percentage Change %	-34.92%	-36.91%	-36.66%	-34.21%	-32.99%	-41.75%	-26.92%	9.09%	57.14%

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

Taiwan High Prosecutors Office (THPO)

Law Enforcement Results

1. According to the data from all the prosecutors offices, a total of 364 suspects were involved in 323 concluded cases of IPR infringement between April and June, of which 142 persons involved in 110 cases were prosecuted according to regular procedures, 102 persons involved in 99 cases were granted summary judgment, 101 persons across 95 cases received deferred prosecution, and 19 persons across 19 cases were not prosecuted nor punished by the court's sua sponte motion. 200 persons were convicted by the courts between April and June, for a conviction rate of 96.62%.
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: 244 persons were prosecuted between April and June this year, marking a decrease of 43 persons (14.98%) compared to 287 persons in the same period in 2023; 200 persons were convicted between April and June, marking an decrease of 43 persons (17.70%) compared to 243 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												
		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	2024 Jan.-Jun.	480	378	116	0	2	1	239	20	0	21	2	79	0
	2023 Jan.-Jun.	613	470	163	2	1	0	287	17	0	42	5	95	1
	Percent Change %	-21.70 %	-19.57 %	-28.83 %	-100 %	100 %	- %	-16.72 %	17.6 5%	- %	-50 %	-60 %	-16.84 %	-100 %

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. From April to June, a total of 111 cases of trademark infringement related to imports and 1 case of trademark infringement related to exports were uncovered. A total of 183,763 infringing items were seized, including 144,000 counterfeit cigarettes.
2. Between April and June, the Customs Administration received 37 requests for advice protection on trademark rights, 43 requests for extending the terms for advice protection on trademark rights, and 22 requests for updating

/supplementing documents and other matters, adding up to a total of 102 requests.

3. On April 4, Taipei Customs seized 608 counterfeit Viagra tablets in an air express shipment. All aforementioned goods have been confiscated.
4. Keelung Customs seized 315 counterfeit Tom and Jerry trademark floor mats and 50 counterfeit Richard Mille watches in two separate maritime express shipments on April 16 and May 14, respectively. Additionally, on May 13, 144,000 counterfeit Lambert & Butler cigarettes were seized in a general import shipment. All aforementioned goods have been confiscated.

Ministry of Justice Investigation Bureau

Law Enforcement Results

In Q2, the Investigation Bureau referred a total of 22 cases of IP violations to district prosecutors offices for further investigation, including 4 cases involving 6 persons for violation of the Copyright Act, 12 cases (14 persons) for violation of the Trademark Act, and 6 cases (19 persons) for the Trade Secrets Act.

International Exchange and Cooperation

1. Taiwan High Prosecutors Office (THPO)

In April 2024, the Intellectual Property Branch of the Taiwan High Prosecutors Office visited the Technology Transfer Center at the National University of Singapore and the Singapore Ministry of Law. Both parties exchanged practical experiences on topics such as the protection of trade secrets, copyright, and trademark rights.

2. The Customs Administration

- (1) On June 14, the Customs Administration co-hosted the 2024 National Training Workshop on Protecting Intellectual Property Rights with the international organization REACT to enhance the professional expertise of customs officers in detecting infringements. Representatives from TIPO, the Criminal Investigation Bureau (CIB) of the National Police Agency (NPA), the Investigation Bureau of the Ministry of Justice (MOJ), and local prosecutors offices also participated in the event.
- (2) The Customs Administration continues to exchange and report intelligence on counterfeit goods with customs authorities in other countries. In the second quarter, intelligence on two instances of counterfeit goods were reported.

IPR Awareness Campaigns

1. Judicial Yuan

In the second quarter, the Judicial Yuan organized the Professional Workshop on Trade Secrets to enhance the intellectual property knowledge of specialized IP judges and relevant judicial personnel. The workshop aims to keep pace with the rapid developments in the IP field and ensure that litigation practices align with evolving regulations and international trends.

2. Ministry of Justice

- (1) The MOJ Taiwan High Prosecutors Office and the Central Taiwan Science Park Administration jointly organized the Trade Secrets Protection Forum: Trade Secret Enforcement Protection and Corporate Governance Under Amendments to the National Security Act on May 8. The event brought together representatives from the National Security Bureau (NSB), the MOJ Investigation Bureau, the Taichung City Police Department, the NPA Second Special Police Corps, the MOI NPA Criminal Investigation Bureau (CIB) Intellectual Property Rights Investigation Corps, the National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (NYCU) Institute of Technology Law, the Taiwan Association for Trade Secrets Protection (TTSP), the Allied Association for Science Park Industries, and representatives of companies within the science parks. Participants focused on the recent amendments to the National Security Act, practical issues in trade secret protection, and corporate governance, providing concrete suggestions for businesses from the perspectives of industry, law enforcement, and academia.
- (2) The Chiayi District Prosecutors Office, under the MOJ Taiwan High Prosecutors Office, held a seminar on trade secret protection for businesses on June 7, focusing on “An Overview of Trade Secret Protection and Criminal Liability for Businesses.” The semi-

-nar covered the investigation and analysis of cases involving violations of corporate trade secrets, as well as the legal regulations and practices related to the protection of national key core technologies. The event invited personnel from local companies, hospital legal departments, and other relevant participants, aiming to provide a legal foundation that supports the long-term and stable development of private enterprises through practical measures.

(3)The Investigation Bureau of the Ministry of Justice has incorporated trade secret violations into its anti-corruption efforts targeting businesses. From April to June, the Bureau conducted a total of 78 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 446 companies, with a total of 5,739 participants.

3. The Customs Administration

To strengthen outreach to relevant industries regarding intellectual property rights border measures and related regulations, the Customs Administration conducted interviews with businesses in Taichung on May 17 and 30. Additionally, on June 12, Taichung Customs held the first joint forum of 2024 with representatives from customs brokers, transportation companies, warehouse operators, and container freight stations. Kaohsiung Customs hosted its first joint forum of 2024 with industry representatives on May 16, while Taipei Customs organized the first bonded business forum for the Hsinchu Science Park on June 7.

4. Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has published several reports on Taiwan's efforts in intellectual property rights protection on the New Southbound Policy Portal and Taiwan Today:

(1)Taiwan participates in the Angoulême International Comics Festival in France, actively expanding the market for Taiwanese comics and facilitating copyright trans-

-action

English: <https://taiwantoday.tw/news.php?unit=18&post=247912>

Spanish: <https://noticias.nat.gov.tw/news.php?unit=98&post=247926>

Japanese: https://jp.taiwantoday.tw/news.php?post=247899&unit=151&mofa_login=true

(2) The Taiwan Creative Content Agency (TAICCA) partners with Xiang Ying Rong Chuang and meets with Japanese production companies to sign an MOU (in Japanese): https://jp.taiwantoday.tw/news.php?post=250625&unit=151&mofa_login=true

(3) The French edition of YAN has been released, with TAICCA collaborating with Mangas.io to help Taiwanese comics enter the European market (Japanese): https://jp.taiwantoday.tw/news.php?post=250917&unit=151&mofa_login=true

(4) Taiwan illustrator shines at 2024 Bologna Children's Book Fair

English: <https://taiwantoday.tw/news.php?unit=18&post=251083>

German: <https://taiwanheute.tw/news.php?unit=121&post=251191>

(5) On World Book Day (April 23), Taiwan Literature Base hosts Spring Literary Proposals, encouraging all to get moving and start reading (French): <https://taiwaninfo.nat.gov.tw/news.php?unit=62,183&post=251600>

(6) TAICCA hosts the Taiwan Cinema Night (French): <https://taiwaninfo.nat.gov.tw/news.php?unit=62,183&post=253017>

(7) Taiwanese IPs *Don't Cry*, *Dancing Girls* the Musical and *OPUS: Echo of Starsong* ventured to the Cannes Film Festival in France, with TAICCA supporting international efforts to expand the audiovisual adaptation market (French): <https://taiwaninfo.nat.gov.tw/news.php?unit=62,183&post=253080>

(8) Taiwan and France co-hosted a roundtable forum, exploring legal responses to AI developments (Japanese): https://jp.taiwantoday.tw/news.php?post=254287&unit=151&mofa_login=true

(9) MOEA invites Medtronic to Taiwan, partnering with domestic companies to co-create a new era of AI in healthcare (French): <https://taiwaninfo.nat.gov.tw/news.php?unit=53&post=254863>

5. Council of Indigenous Peoples

On June 15, the Council of Indigenous Peoples held a seminar at the Taoyuan Public Library Pingzhen Branch to promote the practical aspects of protecting traditional intellectual creations and related licensing matters. The Council continues to gather feedback from Indigenous communities, which will serve as the basis for interpreting and revising the regulations related to the protection of traditional intellectual creations.

6. Ministry of Education

On June 20 and 21, the Ministry of Education convened the 2023-2024 Academic Year Joint Meeting of Academic and Administrative Leaders from Universities and Colleges. The Ministry urged universities to continue implementing campus intellectual property protection action plans and to strengthen intellectual property education for faculty members. Teachers were encouraged to refer to a pamphlet on copyrights for college professors to help them better understand the copyright regulations related to the use of teaching materials.

7. TIPO

In this quarter, TIPO held various intellectual property promotion activities, including IPR Expert Service Group Seminar, promotional seminars, copyright-themed workshops, and online copyright awareness campaigns, attracting a total of 2,338 participants to date. The number of followers on the online platforms reached 57,000. In April, TIPO utilized the Executive Yuan's public digital billboards (LCDs) at 27 locations, including Taiwan Railways stations, highway service areas, and airports, to broadcast short videos promoting copyright awareness titled “Copyrights for Online Livestreaming.”

Additionally, on April 25 and June 17, TIPO hosted courses and workshops on Essential Trademark Protection and Application for Startups at the Asia Bay Innovation Park and Taiwan Startup Hub. These events aimed to actively promote intellectual property rights to startups. During the events, TIPO also provided three one-on-one consultation sessions,

which were well-received and helped startups gain a deeper understanding of intellectual property protection.