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The 2023 EU-Taiwan Seminar on Standard Essential Patents a Success Thanks to Everyone's Participation and Support!

The Taiwan Intellectual Property Office (TIPO) has partnered with the European Economic Trade Office (EETO) and the European Business & Regulatory Cooperation (EBRC) to host the 2023 EU-Taiwan Seminar on Standard Essential Patents on April 25th, 2023, at the International Conference Hall, Tsai Lecture Hall, College of Law, NTU.

The Seminar featured prominent speakers, including Anneli Andresson, Policy Officer at DG TRADE of the European Commission; John Eastwood, Co-chair at ECCT Intellectual Property Rights Committee; Hu Zu-shun, Director of the Department of Planning at the Fair Trade Commission; and Lai En-shang, a Patent Examiner at TIPO. They shared their insights on various topics such as the Development of Standard Essential Patents of EU, Standard Essential Patents and Anti-Suit Injunctions, Standard Essential Patents & Its Relationship with Competition Law, and Standard Essential Patents and Information Transparency: Assessing the Essentiality of Judgement Standards of SEPs.

This seminar brought together 168 participants from the private sector, government agencies, and academia to exchange perspectives with experts from Taiwan and Europe, providing a valuable platform for active discussions and knowledge-sharing.

The Highest Honor in the Field of Patents-The Awards Ceremony for the National Invention and Creation Awards

To encourage industry innovation and patent inventions, the MOEA tasked TIPO and the Department of Industrial Technology (DOIT) with organizing the National Invention and Creation Awards and the National Industrial Innovation Awards respectively. The awards give recognition to organizations, teams, and individuals from the industrial, academic, or research spheres that have created added value for technology through incorporating innovation or commercializing invention patents. The hope is that through public recognition, we can encourage domestic businesses, research institutions, and individual inventors to value technological innovation and prompt exchange between the industrial, academic, and research spheres – contributing to the effort of furnishing greater innovation for Taiwan’s industries and technologies.

The joint award ceremony for the 2022 National Invention and Creation Awards and the 8th Annual National Industrial Innovation Awards was held on May 15, 2023. Awards were given to 23 organizations, 7 teams, and 16 inventors, as well as 43 patent submissions. The ceremony occurs only once every two years. Vice Premier Cheng Wen-tsan and Economic Minister Wang Mei-hua were in attendance and personally handed out the awards to recipients. A total of almost 300 attendees, including recipients and reporters, came from various industries and bore witness to how innovation prospers within Taiwan industries.

Winning entries from the 2022 National Invention and Creation Awards will be featured at the 2023 Taiwan Innotech Expo (TIE) Outstanding Inventions Pavilion between October 12 and 14. All who are interested are welcome to attend the 2023 TIE and view the winning entries for themselves.

1. The Executive Yuan Approves the Partial Draft Amendments to the Trademark Act

Two partial draft amendments to the Trademark Act aimed at re-establishing an efficient and professional remedy system for trademarks passed in the Executive Yuan on March 9, 2023. The amendments will reduce the time and cost of trademark remedies, facilitate early resolution to the disputes, and create a friendlier IP environment for industry development. A mechanism to manage trademark agents and ensure greater protection for trademark applicants has also been set up. A summary of the key points of the draft amendment are as follows:

- I. Partial Draft Amendments to the Trademark Act to Re-establish a Remedy System
 - i. Establish an independent segment to handle reexaminations and disputes

Following the example of foreign trademark remedy systems, trademark reexaminations and disputes will be handled by an independent Trial and Appeal Board operating under the competent authority.
 - ii. Re-establish a professional, efficient, and rigorous review system

To strengthen the procedural safeguards and ensure timely processing of trademark dispute cases, a review panel of 3 or 5 examiners, designed by TIPO, will be established to review and decide on each reexamination or dispute case. The review process is also more rigorous as it shall include oral hearings, preliminary procedures, and appropriate disclosure of evaluation and notification of the conclusion of the review.
 - iii. Abolish the current process to administrative appeal review decisions

Provided that the decision of any reexaminations or disputes were made by the competent authority through a deliberation process of the highest rigor and professionalism, ensuring procedural safeguards for the parties, parties not satisfied with the review decision may skip the current administrative appeals process and initiate legal proceedings directly with the court.

iv. Establish special reexamination and dispute lawsuits

Review decisions made by the competent authority are procedure for making administrative decisions in cases of disputes over private rights. Any parties Any parties disputing rights should file a “dispute lawsuit” against the other party (the defendant), and civil, not administrative, litigation proceedings will apply mutatis mutandis. To simplify the remedy system, civil litigation proceedings, mutatis mutandis, shall hereon apply to reexamination cases. The court of final appeals, previously the Supreme Administrative Court, shall be the Supreme Court.

v. Legal representation is now mandatory for dispute litigation cases

Trademark dispute litigation cases require high legal expertise and must be represented by an agent.

vi. Abolish Trademark Opposition Procedures

Currently, 97% of trademark oppositions are disputes based on relative ground, which overlaps considerably with grounds for invalidations. Therefore, the amendments will abolish the trademark opposition procedure. In addition, the grounds for absolute refusal of trademark registration will be expanded to allow “any person” to apply for invalidations, and third-party opinions can be accepted during the application examination to effectively eliminate the need for trademark opposition as a public review mechanism.

II. Amendment of Certain Articles of the Trademark Act with Regards to Regulating Trademark Agents

- i. Added a mechanism to accelerate examination in response to urgent demands from the public to obtain trademark rights.

- ii. The competent authority for trademarks is given the authority to manage agent registration and establish relevant management regulation and establish relevant management regulations in order to provide a more comprehensive set of requirements for trademark agent qualification and ensure the interests of trademark applicants.
- iii. Relaxed regulations by expanding the eligible trademark applicants, simplifying the application process for trademark registration revocation, and removing the requirement that the proprietor of a trademark to come to the customs to identify infringement.

Partial Draft Amendments to the Trademark Act Passed at Taiwan Executive Yuan Meeting No.3846 (Mandarin): <https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/cp-87-920152-38b75-1.html>

2. Revisions to the Enforcement Rules of the Patent Act Shall be Enacted on May 1, 2023

Draft revisions to the Enforcement Rules of the Patent Act to meet patent examination needs and increase examination efficiency were promulgated on March 24, 2023. The revisions will take effect on May 1, 2023. A summary of key points are as follows:

- I. To determine whether any amendments are made in divisional applications, TIPO shall carefully review whether their subject-matter has extended beyond the content of the earlier application as field. Applicants are required to attach a marked document indicating differences/changes in the application, with added parts underlined and deleted ones struck through, along with a relevant explanation of any and all alterations made, thus improving efficiency in the examination of divisional applications.
- II. In accordance with Article 27 of the Patent Act, if a biological material has been deposited in a depository designated by a foreign country in its territory with which

Taiwan recognizes the effects of deposits based on reciprocity, and the certificate(s) of deposit issued by said foreign depository is submitted within the time period prescribed, the applicant is exempted from the requirement of making a deposit in Taiwan. Presently, foreign depository institutions that have been reciprocally recognized by Taiwan are international depository authorities under Article 7 of the Budapest Treaty. These authorities shall issue documents that include certificates of deposit and viability statements, a practice that Taiwan also adopts. In order to promote mutual recognition of biological material deposits between Taiwan and other countries, documents issued by depositories not acquiring the status of international depository authority must include a viability statement.

Revisions to Article 17, 28, and 90 of the Enforcement Rules of the Patent Act (Mandarin): <https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/cp-87-920152-38b75-1.html>

1. Translation Requirements for XML Serialization have been Relaxed in Compliance with WIPO ST.26 Standards-With the Changes Effective Immediately

TIPO has implemented the WIPO ST.26 standard since August 1, 2022. In order to enhance the convenience of preparing Chinese translations of XML sequences and expedite the application process, we have relaxed the Chinese translation requirements for XML sequences, effective immediately. Only the invention title, applicant, and inventors need to be translated into Chinese. Other specific limited term contents are no longer required to be translated. For applications notified by TIPO of any missing Chinese translations in the XML sequence, if they meet the criteria of the relaxed requirements, they will also be applicable for the changes.

TIPO suggests that patent applications in languages other than Chinese, which include nucleotide or amino acid sequences, should also include a separate XML English sequence listing. This recommendation aims to facilitate the identification of the date on which the necessary documentation is complete and the following examination. The Implementation of WIPO ST.26 Standard Q&A had been revised accordingly.

Implementation of WIPO ST.26 Standard Q&A (Mandarin):

<https://topic.tipo.gov.tw/patents-tw/dl-284078-474c9306ffc642589565fe94d6fb0c93.html>

2. Registration was Open for the 2023 Taiwan Innotech Expo!

The 2023 Taiwan Innotech Expo (TIE) is slated for October 12-14 and will be

held at the Taipei World Trade Center (TWTC) in Exhibition Hall 1. Eleven major government departments will showcase over 1,600 cutting edge technologies in Taiwan. TIE is a platform that features landmark innovations and creations from Taiwan, and the high-profile event attracts over 50,000 attendees every year.

This year's TIE will feature 3 theme pavilions and 1 section. The Invention Competition Section will be divided into several categories: "Domestic Inventions," "Foreign Inventions," and "Campus Inventions," to welcome all inventors from far and wide working in the industry or academia to showcase their outstanding innovations. Almost 600 submissions are showcased each year, and TIPO will select entries with the greatest innovation and market potential and provide them with matchmaking opportunities.

Registration for this year's Invention Competition was open from June until July 21. Businesses were also welcomed to register for booths within the expo area featuring patent products and supporting services.

TIE Official Site: <https://www.inventaipai.com.tw/en/index.html>

3. TIPO Publishes IPR Trends for First Half of 2023

For the first half of 2023, TIPO processed a total of 34,611 patent applications (all three types) and 44,653 trademark applications, a slight reduction of 0.4% and 4% respectively, compared to the same period last year.

The majority of patent applications were for invention patents (24,256), with only a slight reduction of 0.2%. Design patents (3,508) grew 2%, mainly due to a 9% increase in resident applications.

Taiwan enterprises applied for 7,635 invention patents, for a slight growth of 2% compared to the same period last year. Top ten resident applicants for in-

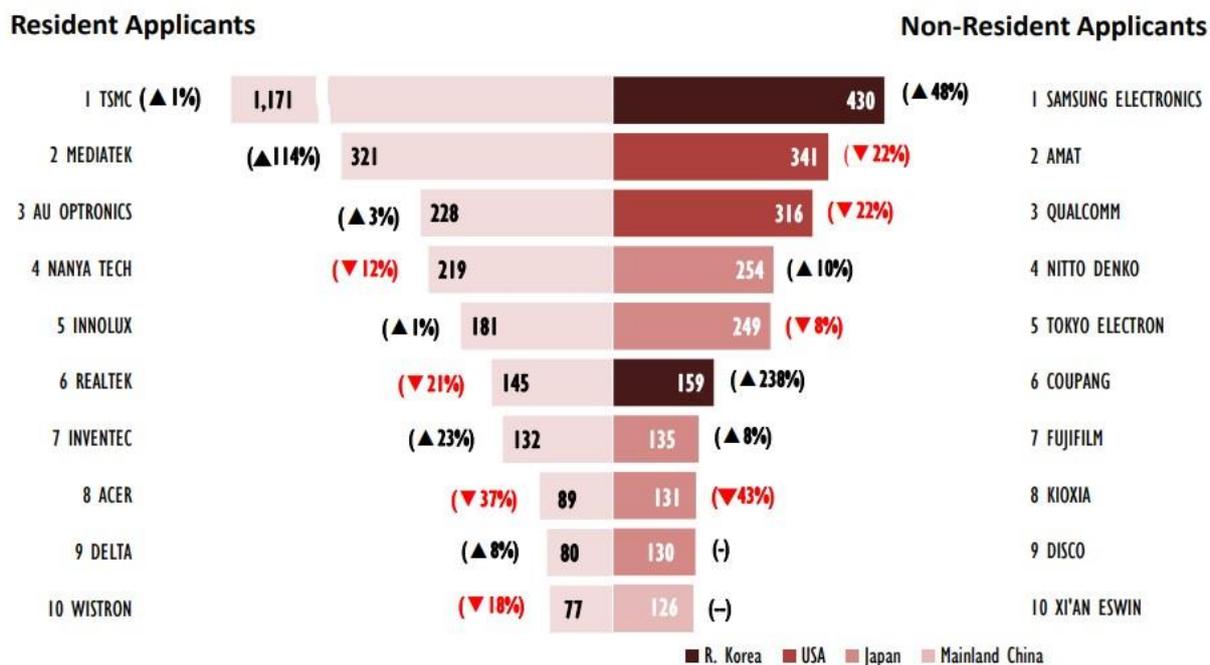
-vention patents include TSMC (1,711), which has topped the list for the seventh consecutive year in a row. MediaTek (321) broke its highest record since 2016 by filing over 300 applications for the first time. It grew by 114%, marking the largest increase. For the top five resident applicants for design patents, Acer topped the list by making 55 applications, and L&F Plastics (44) experienced the largest growth at 76%.

Non-resident patent applications were mainly invention patents (14,866). Japan topped the list of the top five filing countries (regions) with 6,216 applications, and Mainland China (1,683) and Korea (1,263) both saw nearly 20% growth in the number of applications. TIPO also received 1,779 non-resident design patent applications, with Japan topping the list at 449.

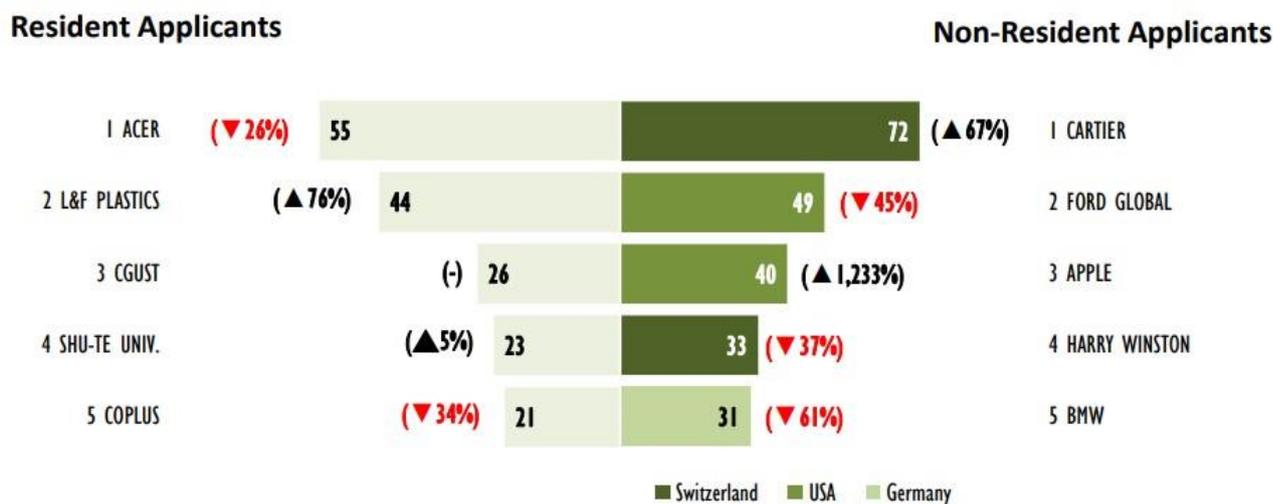
Among top non-resident applicants for invention patents, Samsung Electronics Co. from Korea leapt to the top of the list with 430 applications, breaking through 400 and their company record for the first time. Coupang exhibited the largest increase at 238%, filing 159 applications.

On the list of top five non-resident applicants for design patents, Cartier from Switzerland topped the list with 72 applications. This marked the company's highest number of applications, as well as its first time at the top of the list. Apple from the US filed 40 applications but saw the highest growth (1,233%) due to an extremely low baseline compared to the same period last year.

Top 10 Invention Patent Applicants in the First Half of 2023



Top 5 Design Patent Applicants in the First Half of 2023

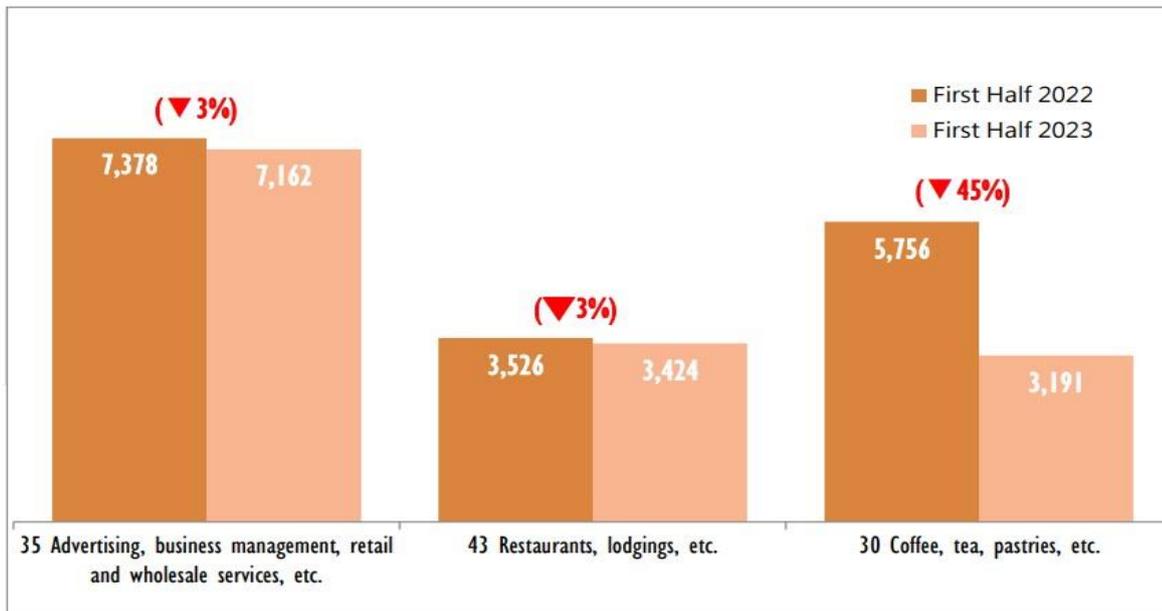


In the first half of 2023, TIPO received a total of 44,653 trademark applications in 56,198 classes, marking a decrease of 4% compared to the same period last year.

Residents filed a total of 35,169 trademark applications in the first half of 2023, with a majority (7,162) in Class 35 “Advertising, Business Management, Retail,

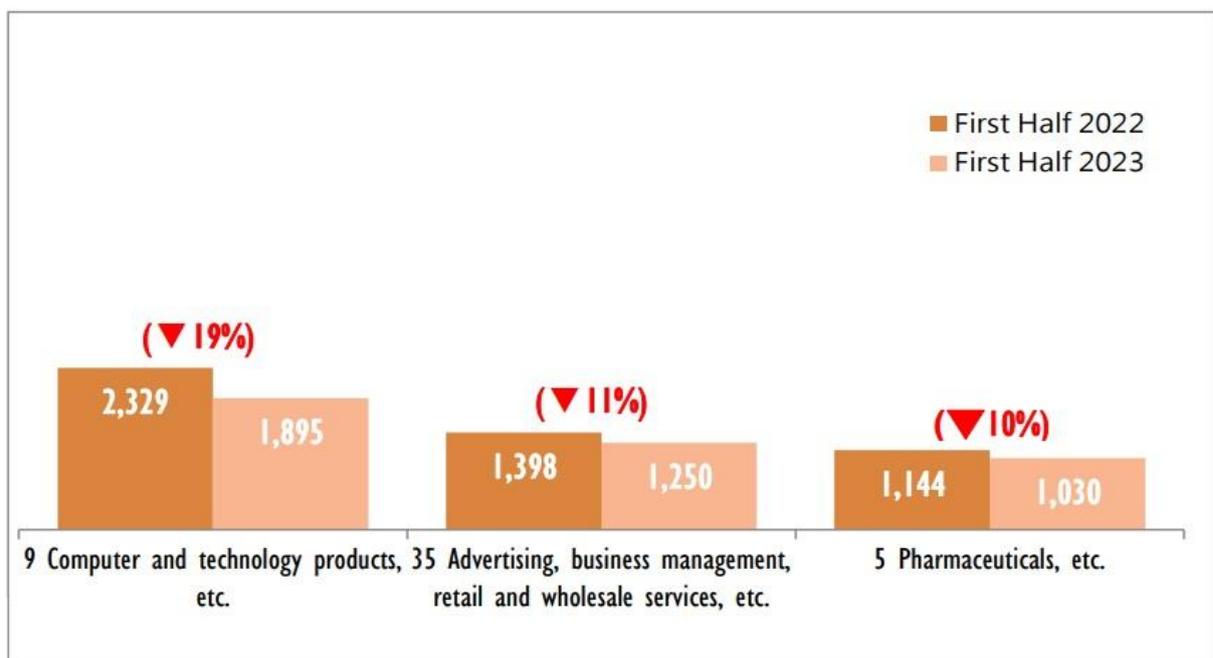
Wholesale Services, etc.” Uni-President topped the list by filing 239 applications.

Top 3 Classes for Resident Trademark Applications



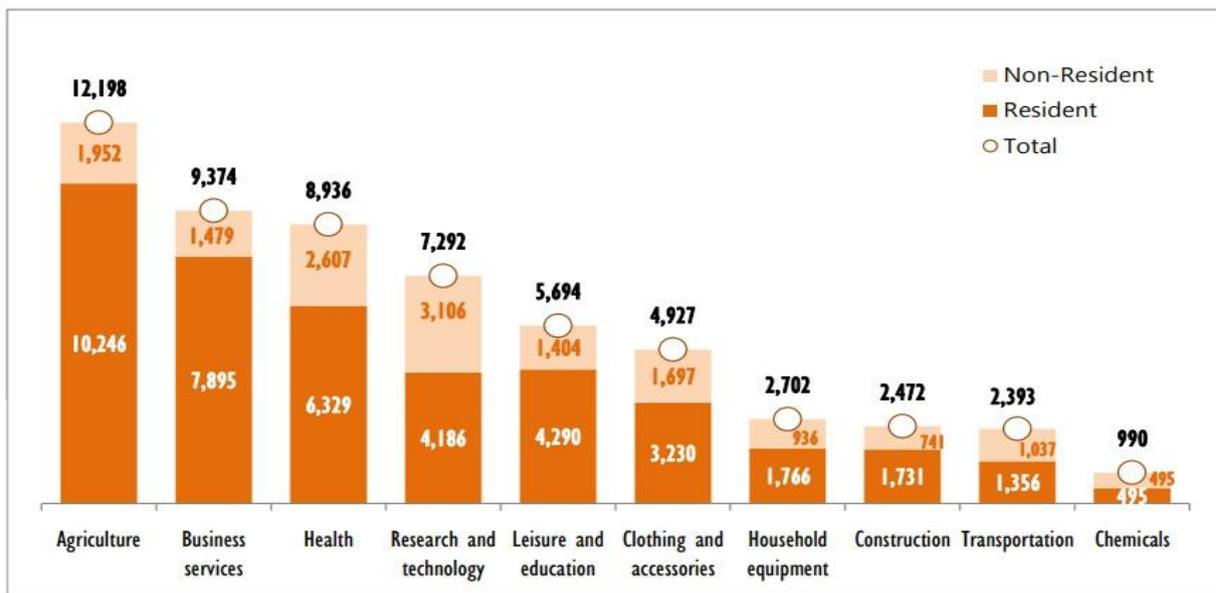
Non-residents filed a total of 9,484 trademark applications in the first half of 2023, with a majority (1,895) in Class 9 “Computer and Technology Products, etc.” SGMW from Mainland China topped the list of individual applicants with 84 applications.

Top 3 Classes for Non-Resident Trademark Applications



A majority (12,198) of the trademark applications fell under “Agriculture,” followed by “Financial Services” (9,374) and “Health and Medical” (8,936). A majority (10,246) of “Agriculture” trademarks were filed by resident applicants, primarily for dining and hospitality. A majority (3,106) of non-resident applications were filed under “Research and Technology.”

Trademark Applications by Industries



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.

4. The 2023 Competition for Patent Portfolio Analysis Addresses Needs of the Industry

TIPO is hosting the third annual Competition for Patent Portfolio Analysis. To strengthen strategic patent portfolios for corporations, this year’s theme featured specific technologies designated by the industry. This is designed to help companies head hunt and explore their needs in order to foster and cultivate patent portfolio professionals for the industry and academia-creating a mutually beneficial arrangement. TIPO hopes that the competition will facilitate patent search and patent portfolio analysis to pave a future for domes-

-tic industry development.

The competition is conducted on the GPSS (Global Patent Search System) platform, where competitors can search for patents, analyze statistics and charts, and even build advanced technology functionality matrices directly on the platform to identify technology evolution and development trends and other important information. This helps companies build patent portfolios and develop competitive strategies.

TIPO also offered two online warm-up seminars on May 11(Thu) and 18 (Thu) before the competition, inviting patent experts with extensive practical experience to share on topics related to patents search analysis and industry portfolios. The aim is to share resources relevant to the competition with competitors for better preparation. We welcome all who are interested in patent portfolio analysis to join.

The competition website(Mandarin):

<https://gpss.tipo.gov.tw/gpsskm/competition2023/>

5. 2023 TIPA Patent/Trademark Training Courses are Open for Registration

To foster higher quality training for IP professionals, TIPO commissioned NTU to establish the Taiwan Intellectual Property Academy (TIPA). This year, TIPA will welcome its 19th year and has trained 14,000 IP professionals. Over 95% of students in a survey for the 2021 Training Course for IP Professionals reported willingness to continue with TIPA training courses. Students also reported that the courses were practical, enhancing IP Knowledge, and helped them solve problems in their professions.

Since the latter half of February, TIPA has begun to offer 12 IPR basics and patent/trademark courses: IPR Basics, Patent Law Regulations, Drafting of

Patent Specifications and Patent Claims, Patent Examination Guidelines and Practices, Patent Formality Examination and Management, Patent Search, Patent Analysis, Trademark Law Regulations, Trademark Application and Registration, Trademark Disputes, Trademark-Related Laws and International Norms, and Trademark Search and Analysis.

For the benefit of students in Central and Southern Taiwan, as well as in light of remote learning trends, all but four courses were offered entirely online: Patent Search, Patent Analysis, Trademark-Related Laws and International Norms, and Trademark Search and Analysis. The four courses listed above were given in person, but the classes were livestreamed.

For more information about the latest courses, follow TIPA's Facebook page. For other events, check out TIPA's official website.

TIPA Courses Info & Registration (Mandarin):

https://www.tipa.org.tw/tc/news_detail128.htm

TIPA Facebook Page (Mandarin): <https://www.facebook.com/tipa.org.tw/>

TIPA Official Website (Mandarin): <https://www.tipa.org.tw/tc/index.php>

6. TIPO held the Seminar on New Tech Trends for Copyrights Management and Authorization by Japanese CMOs

With the arrival of the digital age, music industries have begun to offer online services. In light of this, CMOs must think about how to appeal to creators and safeguard music copyrights, as well as how the music industry can use emerging technology to manage large amounts of music copyright information. As such, TIPO held the Seminar on New Tech Trends for Copyrights Management and Authorization by Japanese CMOs on June 30 at the Auditorium on the 18th floor. TIPO invited speakers from the Japanese Society

for Rights of Authors, Composers, and Publishers (JASRAC) to come to Taiwan to discuss and share their opinions on the subject: Ms. Mizuki Kimura from the international Division talked about the Global Digital Sheet Music Distribution Exchange (GDSDX) System, and Mr. Hidehiko Mizutani, Section Chief of Information from the Planning Division, discussed the KENDRIX copyrights management system.

7. 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.

8. 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 June 2023, 150 applications for exclusive rights have been received and consolidated into 120 cases - of which 103 cases have been completed, 6 cases are pending considerations, 9 cases have been withdrawn, and 2 cases have been dismissed. Of the 103 cases completed, 89 were granted exclusive rights, 3 were scheduled to be granted exclusive rights, 6 were reexamined, and 5 were rejected.

The CIP will engage a law firm specializing in intellectual property and indigenous traditional knowledge creation to provide legal consultation to indigenous people and the general public regarding the application of the Act

and to offer legal advice and litigation services to indigenous communities or tribes. As of this quarter, they have provided legal consultation to twenty individuals, totaling 1,130 minutes (18.83 hours), and have issued six legal opinions.

Law Enforcement Results and Statistics

The National Police Agency of the Ministry of the Interior

Law Enforcement Results

Between April and June of 2023, a total of 317 cases involving 469 persons were investigated for violation of the Copyright Act, a total of 521 cases (679 persons) for violation of the Trademark Act, and 5 cases (7 persons) for violation of the Trade Secrets Act. A total of 843 cases involving 1,155 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
2023 Jan.-Jun.	1,721	2,368	1,031	1,336	679	1,018	26	11	14
2022 Jan.-Jun.	1,888	2,529	867	1,136	1,010	1,369	16	11	24
Percentage Change %	-8.85%	-6.37%	18.92%	17.61%	-32.77%	-25.64%	62.50%	0%	-41.67%

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 479 suspects were involved in 449 concluded cases of IPR infringement between April and June, of which 135 persons involved in 115 cases were prosecuted according to regular procedures, 152 persons involved in 148 cases were granted summary judgment, 161 persons across 156 cases received deferred prosecution, and 31 persons across 30 cases were not prosecuted nor punished by the court's sua sponte motion. 243 persons were convicted by the courts between April and June, for a conviction rate of 94.55%.
2. A comparison to the same period in 2023 reveals the following regarding the number of prosecutions (including those who requested summary judgement) and convictions for cases of IPR infringement: 287 persons were prosecuted between April and June, marking an decrease of 38 persons (11.69%) compared to 325 persons in the same period in 2022; 243 persons were convicted between April and June, marking an decrease of 13 persons (5.08%) compared to 256 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	2022 Jan.-Jun.	613	470	163	2	1	-	287	17	-	42	5	95	1
	2021 Jan.-Jun.	659	515	178	3	6	1	312	15	-	27	1	116	-
	Percent Change %	-6.98%	-8.74%	-8.43%	-33.33%	-83.33%	-	-8.01%	13.33%	-	55.56%	400.0%	-18.10%	-

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 28,015 items suspected of trademark infringement were seized from 59 import cases and 1 export between April and June.
2. Between April and June, the Customs Administration received 73 requests for advice protection on trademark rights, 24 request for extending the terms for advice protection on trademark rights, 82 requests for updating/supplementing documents and other matters, adding up to a total of

179 requests.

3. The Taipei Customs intercepted 50 bottles of counterfeit Air-Pods and MagSafe chargers from airfreight cargo bearing the “APPLE” logo on April 1, all of which have been seized.
4. The Kaohsiung Customs intercepted 8 counterfeit bags from ocean freight bearing the “Celine,” “YSL,” “Burberry,” and “Dior” logo on April 18, all of which have been seized.
5. The Keelung Customs intercepted 2,000 counterfeit data cables bearing the “HDMI” logo on May 9 and 1,180 boxes of counterfeit seasoning packets bearing the “Knorr – Umami Fried Hands” logo on May 12, all of which have been seized.

Ministry of Justice Investigation Bureau

Law Enforcement Results

In Q2, the Investigation Bureau has referred a total of 18 cases of IP violations to district prosecutors offices for further investigation, including 4 case involving 7 person for violation of the Copyright Act, 10 cases (13 persons) for violation of the Trademark Act, and 4 cases (7 persons) for the Trade Secrets Act.

International Exchange and Cooperation

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

Director Nakane Tomohiro of the Japan Taiwan Exchange Association paid a visit to the Second Special Police Corps of the National Police Agency on June 27 to discuss current investigations into trademark or copyrights infringement, as well as relevant case studies, in hopes of enhancing bilateral cooperation in law enforcement.

2. The Customs Administration

- (1) On June 30, the Customs Administration partnered with REACT, an international organization, to host the 2023 National Training Workshop on Protecting Intellectual Property Rights. The workshop was aimed at enhancing the investigation skills of customs officers and was attended by a total of 80 persons, which included delegates from TIPO, the MOI National Police Agency, the MOJ Department of Prosecutorial Affairs, and the MOJ Investigation Bureau.
- (2) The Customs Administration continues to exchange information on cases of counterfeiting with its global counterparts. A total of 4 counterfeiting reports were made in Q2.

IPR Awareness Campaigns

1. Judicial Yuan

The Judicial Yuan offered the Professional Workshop on Trade Secrets in Q2 to update the professional training of judges and judicial personnel with IPR expertise. The hope is that by continuously keeping up with recent IPR developments, we can maintain international standards for our judicial proceedings.

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

The Second Special Police Corps visited companies to provide information on trade secrets regulations and assist in inspecting current protection measures. The Second Special Police Corps also organized 32 events, which were attended by 1,422 persons, to raise awareness for trade secrets and relevant regulations in Q2.

3. Ministry of Justice

- (1) The MOJ and Academy for the Judiciary offered the 2023 Advanced Trade Secrets Act Certification Course for judicial personnel from May 17 to 19 at the academy. A total of 13 students passed the certification exam and were awarded certificates by MOJ.
- (2) 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 72 information sessions to various industrial districts, major industry and commerce organizations, as well as corporations. The information sessions provided actual case studies to highlight the importance of trade secrets protection and were attended by 138 businesses or 4,616 persons.

4. The Customs Administration

- (3) To promote border measures and laws for IP protection, the Taichung Customs conducted interviews with customs brokers on June 13 and held the first Joint Seminar for Customs Brokerage, Transportation, Warehousing and Container Terminal Industries of 2023 on June 29.
- (4) The Taipei Customs promoted border measures and laws related to IP protection via email on June 30.

5. Ministry of Foreign Affairs

IPR Related Reports:

President Tsai Attends COMPUTEX TAIPEI: Building Resilience into Our Economy and Industries Will Maintain Taiwan's Role in the Global Supply Chain (Mandarin):

<https://www.president.gov.tw/NEWS/27612>

President Tsai Attends the 2023 Global Trade Forum (Japanese):

https://jp.taiwantoday.tw/news.php?post=237941&unit=150&mofa_login=true

6. Ministry of Education

The Ministry of Education held a joint meeting for university affairs for the 2022 school year on July 20 and 21, asking universities to continue with the campaign to protect IPR on campus and enhancing IPR awareness among faculty, as well as providing IPR materials and content to faculty members.

7. TIPO

- (1) Intellectual Property Advocacy Seminars

Registration for TIPO's annual IPR Expert Service Group Seminar opened on February 13, 2023. The seminars are tailored for registering organizations according to the issues of concern, such as for patents, trademark, copyrights, and/or trade secrets. Consultations were also provided on site. As of the end of June, a total of 65 seminars

have been organized: 49 for academic institutions and 16 for private businesses. An estimated total of 4,531 people attended the seminars.

(2) Campus IPR Protection Task Force

In 2023, TIPO held three sessions of the IP Youth Ambassadors Program aimed at undergraduate students. The training mainly consists of IPR professional courses and activities to facilitate skill training, helping college students become seed teachers for IPR. They are heading out in teams to elementary, middle, and tertiary schools and promote IPR knowledge through fun and interactive activities to help these concepts take root.

The three sessions this year were held in North, Central, and Southern Taiwan on April 16, 22, and 30 at the New Taipei City Sanchong Worker's Activity Center, Feng Chia University in Taichung, and the National University of Kaohsiung. We invited Mann C.C. Liu, a copyrights expert and lawyer from InfoShare Tech Law Office, C.T. Mai, Manager at patent and trademark attorney office Tsai, Lee & Chen, and Ming-Shu Tsai from Jia-He Attorney's Office to speak on IPR concepts. We also invited Supervisor Wei-Ren Su from the Chinese Recreation Guidance Association to share skills on how to lead activities. A team of seed instructors with extensive experience in leading group activities were invited to share relevant experience, allowing students to benefit from their professional knowledge and learn how to respond to various situations. A total of 112 persons completed training for this year's IP Youth Ambassadors Program.

(3) IP Trivia Competition

TIPO will be hosting the annual IP Trivia Competition this year, which is divided into two parts—an online preliminary and individual finals. Participants include students enrolled in middle school or above, as well as the general public. Common copyrights issues are presented as trivia questions to enhance general knowledge. A total of 6,593 participants competed in the online preliminary between June 1 and 30—achieving good promotion.

(4) Copyrights Promotion Campaign

- i. TIPO organized two sessions of the Common Copyright Issues for Government Agencies in Taipei and Kaohsiung on April 26 and May 19 respectively. The information sessions enhanced the copyrights knowledge of government officials and employees, which will help determine copyrights attribution and authorization to meet the needs of various authorities and prevent copyrights related disputes. A total of 241 persons attended the seminars and over 94% reported satisfaction with the event.
- ii. TIPO organized the Seminar on AI Chat Bots & ChatGPT Copyright Issues on June 9 at the GIS MOTC Convention Center, inviting Mr. George Chen, lawyer at KPMG, to discuss concerns of infringement during the ChatGPT training process, whether works produced by ChatGPT are protected under the Copyright Act, and whether copyrights infringement will arise from subsequent use. The seminar was attended by 190 persons and also livestreamed on TIPO's Facebook page "Original Creation X I Support You." Over 90% of participants reported in a survey that the seminar enhanced their knowledge of copyrights.

(5) Internet Copyrights Promotion Campaign

TIPO maintains the "Original Creation x I Support You" FB account to provide quick updates and information. In Q2, TIPO published 56 posts on copyrights knowledge and latest developments on the page, which currently has approximately 52,000 followers.

(6) Promotion via Video Media

- i. TIPO commissioned six domestic broadcast TV companies to run the thirty-second "Copyrights for Online Livestreaming" promotional video in Mandarin, Taiwanese, and Hakka a total of 223 times in April to enhance public understanding of proper online copyrights use.
- ii. TIPO commissioned Taiwan Radio and M-Radio to run the thirty-second "Pro-hibited

Downloads of Online Music, Videos, and Articles” promotional video in Mandarin, Taiwanese, and Hakka a total of 11,146 times in April to engender respect among the public for proper copyrights use.

- iii. TIPO commissioned digital multimedia LCD billboards at 26 public locations, including Taiwan Railways stations, highway service areas, the Civil Aeronautics Administration, MOHW hospitals, the Taichung Kingbus station, and the Taichung Harbor Visitor Information Center, to run the “Copyrights for Online Livestreaming” promotional video in Mandarin, Taiwanese, and Hakka in April to enhance public understanding of proper online copyrights use.