

# Recent Initiatives for Patent System Enhancement

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# Outline



**1. New Expedited Examination Programs:**  
**AEPDe & AEPRRe**

**2. Enhancing Patent Examination Quality  
for Emerging Technologies:**  
**Collaborated Examination**

**3. Innovation Promotional Activity:**  
**Patent Go!**

# 1. New Expedited Examination Programs in TIPO

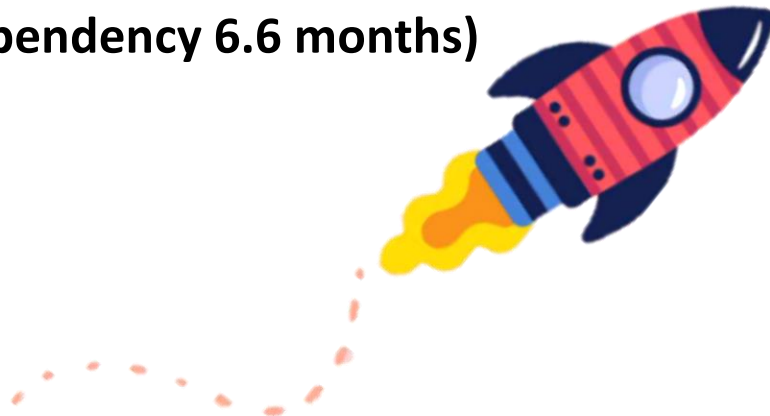
- List of expedited examination programs :
  - ✓ for invention patent applications :
    - AEP (Accelerated Examination Program)
    - PPH (Patent Prosecution Highway)
    - Prioritized Examination with third-party commercial exploitation
    - Positive patent examination for startup companies
    - Industry collaborative interview
    - SUPA (SUpport PPH Accelerated program)
  - ✓ for design patent applications : **AEPDe (2023 NEW)**
  - ✓ for reexamination : **AEPRe (2024 NEW)**

# AEPDe : Accelerated Examination Program for Design applications

- **New** expedited examination program launched on **2023.9.1** especially focus on **Design applications**
- AEPDe Eligibility (any of the following criteria can initiate AEPDe) :
  - Commercial use of the design by third-party,
  - The design has won **a domestic or international design award**, or

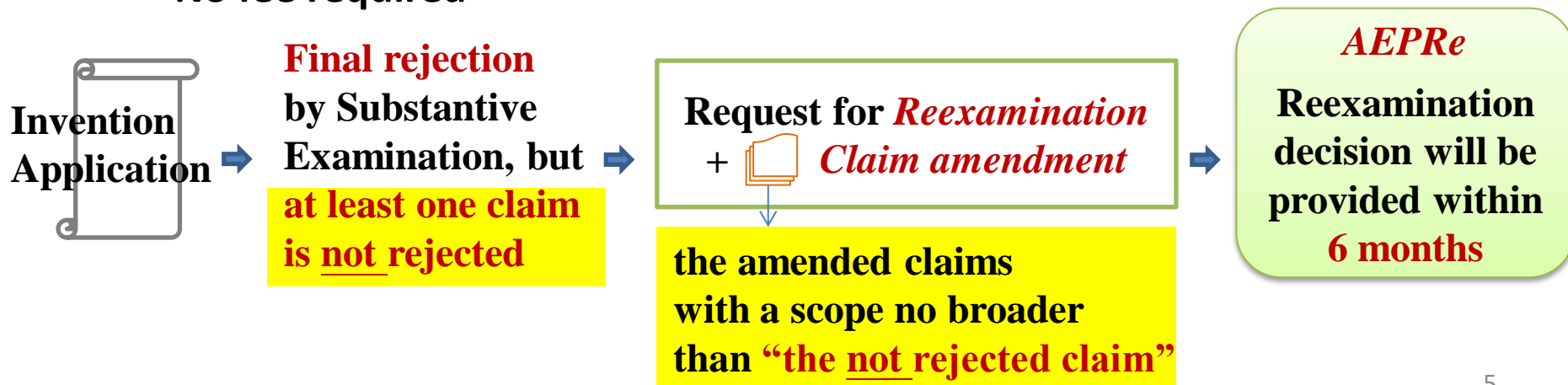


- The design is owned by a start-up no older than 8 years
- Aims to provide a Design examination decision within **2 months** (design average disposal pendency 6.6 months)
- No fee required

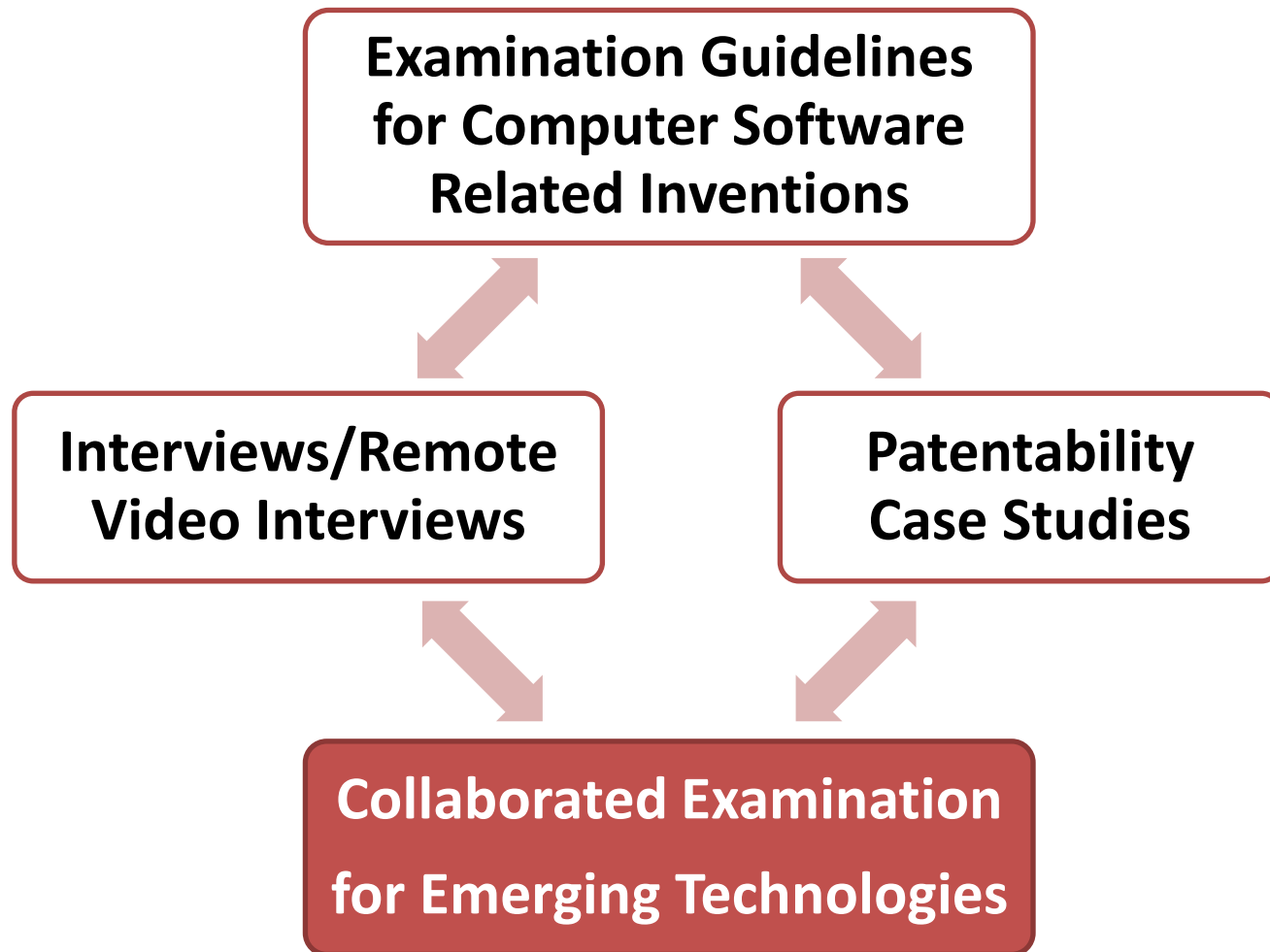


# AEPR<sub>e</sub> : Accelerated Examination Program for Reexamination

- **New** expedited examination program launched on **2024.9.1** especially focuses on **Reexamination cases of invention applications**
- AEPR<sub>e</sub> Eligibility : (1) “**at least one claim is not rejected**” in the **Final Rejection Decision of substantive examination**, (2) the applicant filed an petition for **Reexamination + claim amendment**, and (3) **claim amendment** narrows the claim scope to be **no broader than “the not rejected claim”**
- Aims to provide a Reexamination decision within **6 months** (reexamination average disposal pendency 13.1 months)
- No fee required

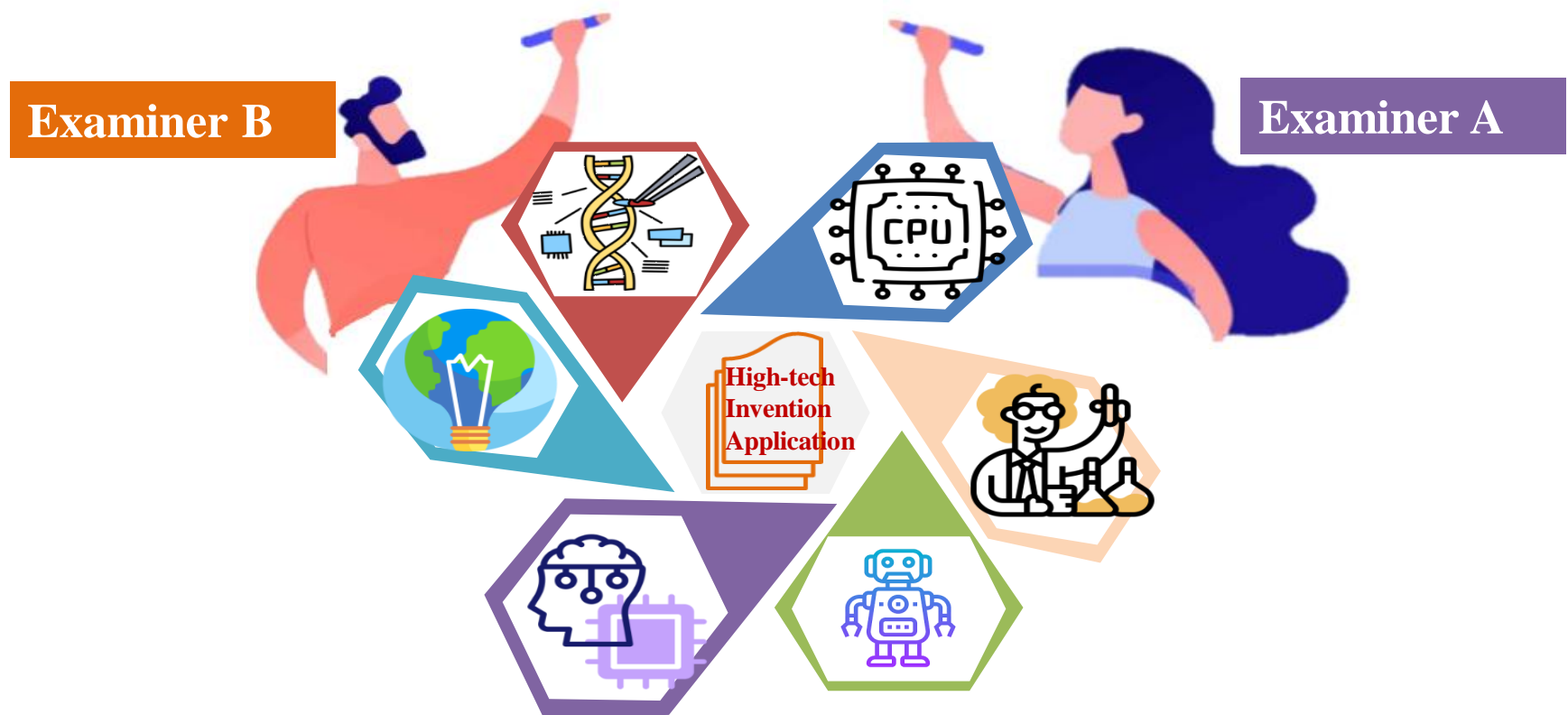


## 2. Enhancing Examination Quality for Emerging Technologies



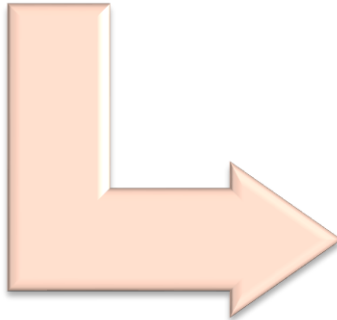
# Collaborated Examination for Emerging Technologies

- The Emerging Technologies include but are not limited to AI, big data, IoT, 5G, robots, autonomous vehicles, smart medicine...
- One invention application is “**searched + examined**” collaboratively by “**2 or more Examiners with complementary technical backgrounds**”



# How to conduct Collaborated Examination

**Examiner A  
Request Supervisor  
for Arrangement**



**In 2024, about  
50 applications with  
difficult emerging  
technologies are  
searched and examined  
under Collaborated  
Examination**

- **Examiner A** initiates the request to his/her Supervisor, specifying **which application is involved** and detailing the **technical background required to assist with** the search and examination
- **Supervisor arranges/appoints Examiner B** with the required complementary technical background to search and examine the application collaboratively

**A, B Examiners Search &  
Examine the application  
collaboratively**

- Examiner A and Examiner B discuss the application and conduct the search and examination together
- **OA and decision of the application shall bear the names of both examiner A and examiner B**



# 3. Promoting a culture of Innovation with “Patent Go”



- In April, TIPO set up the “Patent Go” pavilion at the Taipei International Auto Parts & Accessories Show (TAIPEI AMPA 2024) held at the Taipei Nangang Exhibition Center
- “Patent Go” showcases promising award-winning patent technologies by providing them with exposure through diverse displays and promotions, recommending them to professional buyers, and facilitating matchmaking opportunities
- “Patent Go” provides a professional IP consulting center to help companies

# Thank You

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