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2025 EU-Taiwan Seminar on Generative AI: Navigating IP Under Generative AI

The 2025 EU-Taiwan Seminar on Generative AI was held on March 25, 2025, at the Tsai Lecture Hall, NTU College of Law. The event was co-hosted by TIPO and the European Economic and Trade Office (EETO). Director General Cheng-Wei Liao of TIPO and Head of Office Lutz Güllner of the EETO delivered the opening remarks.

Focusing on the intersection of artificial intelligence and copyright, the seminar featured expert speakers from both Taiwan and the EU, including public sector representatives and industry professionals.

The first session was led by Anneli Andresson, Policy Officer at DG TRADE of the European Commission, who presented the text and data mining (TDM) exception under the EU's *Digital Single Market Directive* and copyright-related provisions in the proposed Artificial Intelligence Act.

In the second session, Chia-Hung Kao, Section Chief of TIPO's Copyright Division, offered insights on the legal and practical implications of generative AI and copyright. He highlighted that while no jurisdictions have yet enacted copyright laws specifically targeting generative AI, some AI developers have begun seeking lawful licenses for training data. He emphasized the complexity of balancing copyright protection with innovation, stating that TIPO will continue monitoring international trends and responses closely.

The third session featured Amit Datta, Associate General Counsel at Aleph Alpha (Germany), who explored the legal and practical impact of the EU AI Act from an industry perspective.

The final session was presented by Chin-Yuan Fan, Division Head at the National Applied Research Laboratories, who introduced the TAIDE project. Launched in April 2023, the project aims to build a trustworthy Taiwanese AI dialogue engine, and Fan shared challenges encountered during the collection and processing of training data.

The seminar drew a total of 185 participants from industry, academia, and the legal community, generating vibrant discussions and meaningful cross-sector exchange. Through diverse perspectives presented by the four speakers, attendees gained a deeper understanding of the complex relationship between generative AI and copyright, and the importance of addressing emerging legal and practical challenges to ensure both the protection of creative works and the advancement of AI technologies.

1. TIPO's Q1 2025 IPR Statistics Report

In the first quarter of 2025, TIPO received a total of 17,063 patent applications, comprising 12,202 invention patents, 3,232 utility model patents, and 1,629 design patents. This represents a 1% increase compared to the same period in 2024, with invention patent filings rising by 2%. Patent applications filed by resident and non-resident applicants accounted for 47% and 53% of the total, respectively. Compared to the same period last year, applications by residents declined by 2%, whereas those by non-residents rose by 5%.

Among the 4,355 invention patent applications filed by resident applicants, 3,534 were submitted by businesses. TSMC led the top ten resident applicants with 305 filings, followed by Nanya Technology (127), Delta (82), Innolux (80), AU Optronics (76), Realtek (72), Hon Hai (69), MediaTek (59), Inventec (54), and Acer (47) (Figure 4). Notably, TSMC has held the top position for six consecutive years since the first quarter of 2020.

Resident applicants filed 682 design patent applications. The top five applicants were L&F Plastics with 27 applications, followed by Tarng Yu (22), Acer (18), Crown (12), and a four-way tie between Tong Yah, Evolutive, Shin Tai, and Gudeng, each with 9 applications.

Non-resident applicants filed 7,847 invention patent applications. The top five countries/regions are Japan with 3,538 applications, followed by the US (1,624), R. Korea (828), Mainland China (706), and Germany (230).

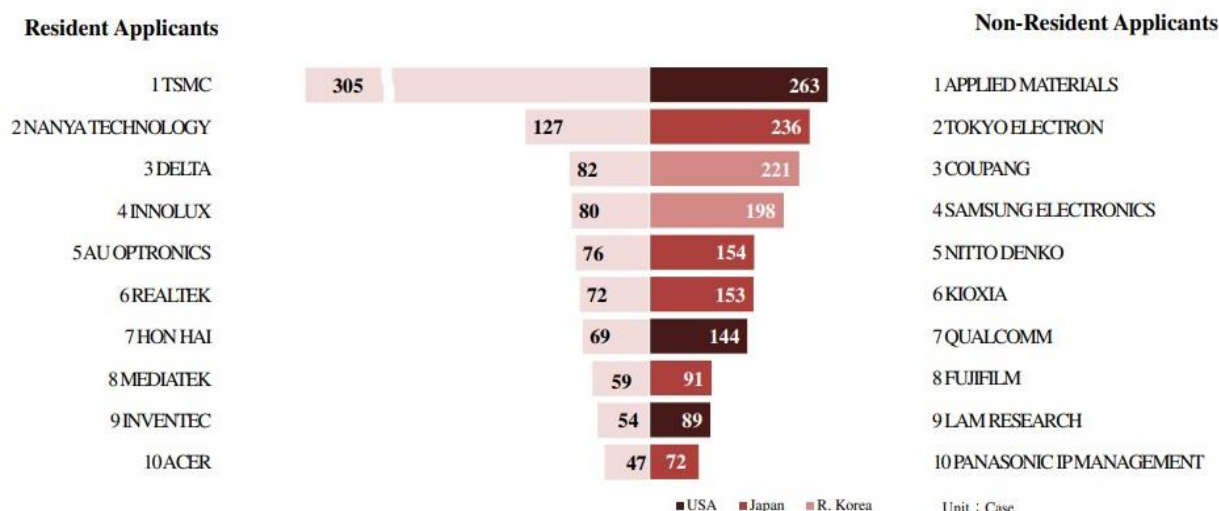
Among the top ten non-resident applicants for invention patents, Applied Materials from the US ranked first with 263 applications. It was followed by Tokyo Electron (236) from Japan, Coupang (221) from R. Korea, Samsung Electronics (198) from R. Korea, Nitto Denko (154) from Japan, Kioxia (153) from Japan, Qualcomm (144) from the US, Fujifilm (91) from Japan, Lam Res-

-earch (89) from the US, and Panasonic IP Management (72) from Japan. Applied Materials (US) maintained its leading position among non-resident applicants for the third consecutive year.

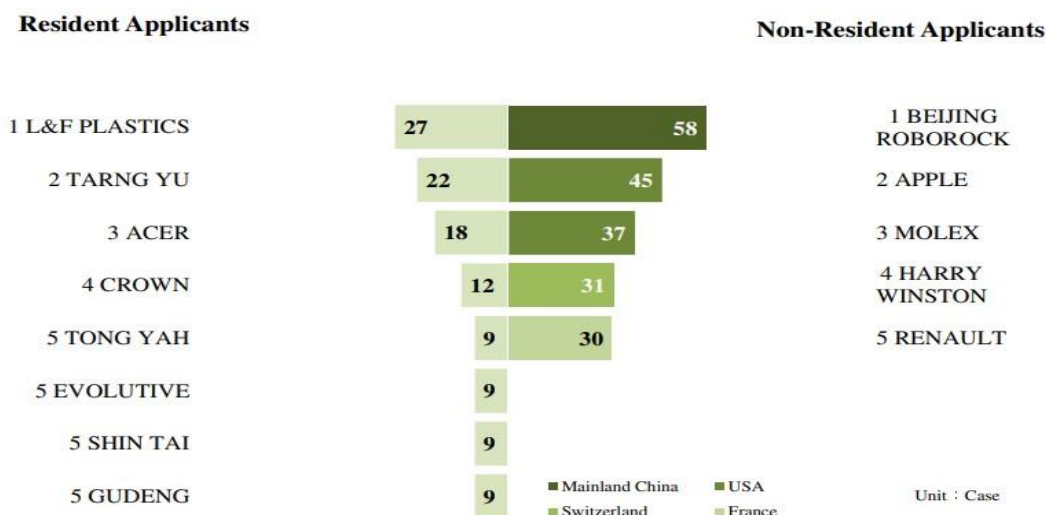
Non-resident applicants filed 947 design patent applications. The top five countries/regions were the US with 219 applications, followed by Japan (212), Mainland China (160), Switzerland (79), and R. Korea (54).

Among the top five non-resident applicants for design patents, Beijing Roborock from Mainland China led with 58 applications, followed by Apple (45) from the US, Molex (37) from the US, Harry Winston (31) from Switzerland, and Renault (30) from France.

Top Ten Invention Patent Applicants in Q1 2025



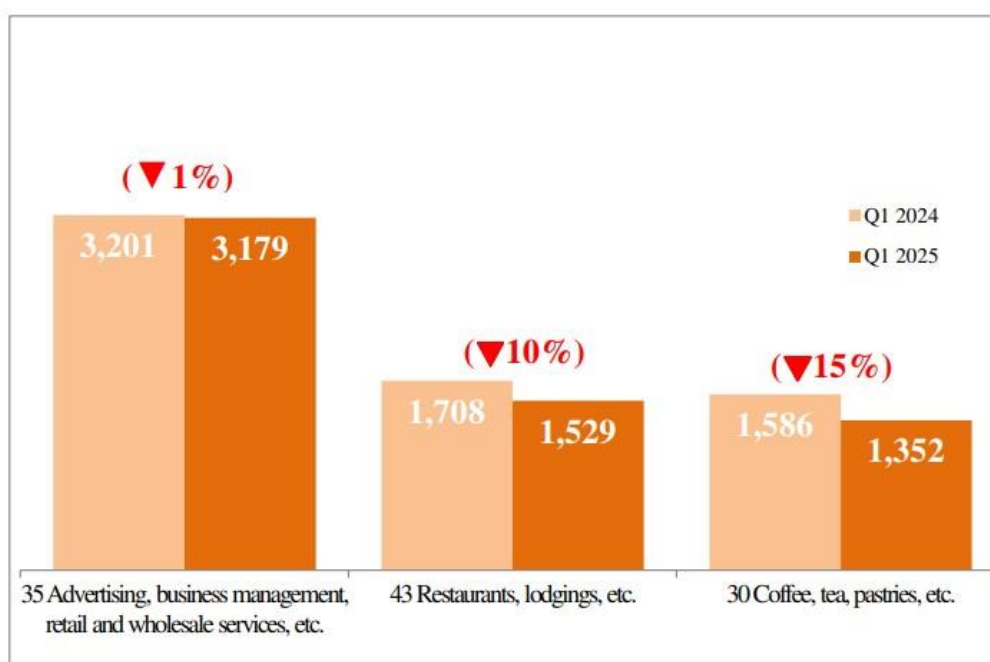
Top Five Design Patent Applicants in Q1 2025



A total of 21,099 trademark applications were filed. Since a single trademark application may be designated across multiple classes, the total number of classes covered by trademark applications reached 27,445, a 2% increase. Among these, resident applicants accounted for 77%, while non-resident applicants made up 23%.

Resident applicants filed 16,188 trademark applications. Among the top ten applicants, Uni-President ranked first with 122 applications. The top three categories of trademark applications filed by resident applicants were as follows: Class 35 (advertising, business management, retail and wholesale services, etc.) with 3,179 applications, Class 43 (restaurants, lodgings, etc.) (1,529), and Class 30 (coffee, tea, pastries, etc.) (1,352).

Top Three Classes for Resident Trademark Applications

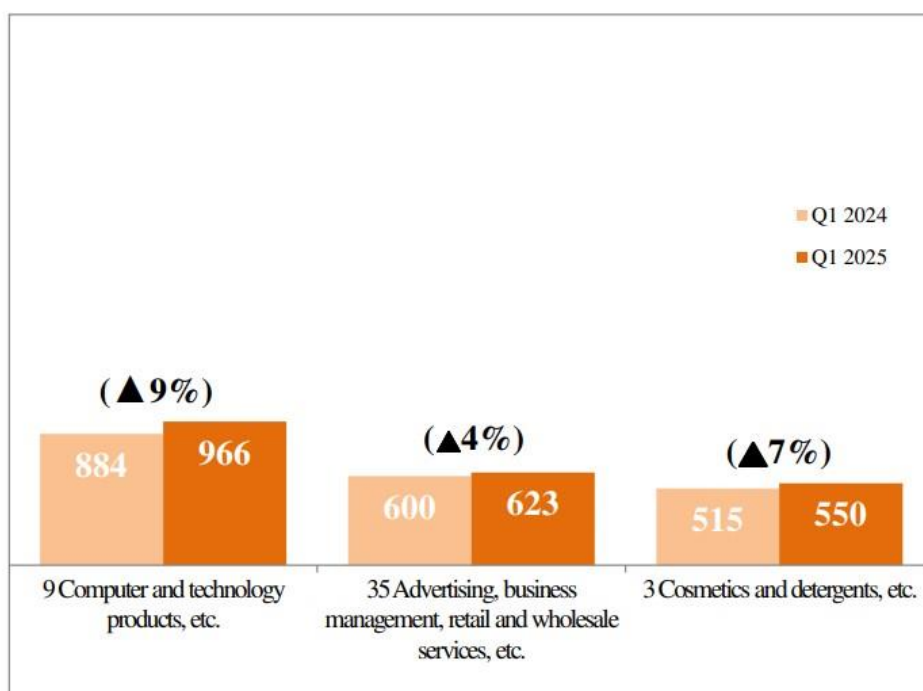


Non-resident applicants filed 4,911 trademark registration applications. The top five countries/regions were Mainland China with 1,212 applications, followed by Japan (757), the US (708), R. Korea (633), and Singapore (223). Among the top ten non-resident applicants for trademark registration, JYP from R. Korea ranked first with 63 applications.

The top three categories of trademark applications filed by non-resident

applicants were as follows: Class 9 (computer and technology products, etc.) with 966 applications, Class 35 (advertising, business management, retail and wholesale services, etc.) (623), and Class 3 (cosmetics and detergents, etc.) (550).

Top Three Classes for Non-Resident Trademark Applications



The most commonly filed trademark applications in Taiwan were in the “Agriculture” industry, with 5,190 applications, leading all industries. This was followed by “Health” (4,337) and “Business services” (4,289).

The top three industries for trademark applications were as follows: for resident applicants, “Agriculture” led with 4,361 applications, primarily driven by trademark filings from restaurants and accommodation services; for non-resident applicants, “Research and technology” had the highest number of filings with 1,477 applications. Additionally, resident applicants saw year-on-year growth in the “Business services” industry, while non-resident applicants experienced growth in “Research and technology,” “Health,” and “Clothing and accessories.”

Trademark Applications by Industries in Q1 2025



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.

TIPO's Q1 2025 IPR Statistics Report:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/en/dl-289941-26702a149544426ba6f284fc8628e30a.html>

2. Top 100 Patent Applicants in 2024

In TIPO's 2024 Statistical Rankings for Patent Applications and Grants, TSMC maintained its position as the top domestic invention patent applicant for the ninth consecutive year, filing 1,412 applications. As for foreign applicants, US-based Applied Materials returned to the top spot with a total of 950 applications. With 356 invention applications, the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) outstripped all other research institutions. Among university applicants, National Cheng Kung University filed the most invention patent applications (121). With respect to overall patent grants, TSMC led domestic applications with 1,163 grants, and Applied Materials was the most prolific foreign applicant with 697 grants.

For the ninth consecutive year, TSMC led domestic applications with 1,412 invention patent applications in 2024. Nanya Tech (466) followed in second place, trailed by AU Optronics (425), ITRI (356), Innolux (328), Inventec (321), Realtek (309), Acer (277), Hon Hai Precision Industry (259), and

Mediatek (239). On the foreign applicant front, US-based Applied Materials reclaimed the top spot with 950 applications in 2024, followed by Samsung Electronics of the Republic of Korea (894), Korea-based Coupang (698), Japan-based Tokyo Electron (661), US-based Qualcomm (660), Japan-based Nitto Denko (417), ASML Netherlands (344), Shin-Etsu Chemical (279), US-based Lam Research (276), and Screen Holdings (253).

Top 100 Patent Applicants in 2024– Press Release:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/en/cp-282-997183-3d87f-2.html>

3. TIPO Statistics Report: Patent and Trademark Applications in 2024

In 2024, TIPO received a total of 72,742 patent applications, roughly the same as 2023. Of these, invention patents (50,823) experienced a slight decrease, utility model patents (14,559) experienced a positive turnaround, while design patents (7,360) continued growing. Trademark applications (90,341) experienced a slow decrease. As to examination efficiency, the average first action pendency was 8.4 months for invention patent applications and 6.1 months for trademark applications.

Foreign invention patent applications (31,237) rose by a slight 0.1% in 2024. A breakdown by applicant nationality shows Japan maintaining its lead with 12,307 applications, followed by the US (6,817), Mainland China (3,742), the Republic of Korea (3,365), and Germany (1,035), among which R. Korea reached a record high. Furthermore, R. Korea and Germany had the fastest growth rate of 8% among the top 5 countries (regions), while the US also rose by 1%. However, Japan and Mainland China fell by 2% and 9%, respectively.

Non-resident applications for design patents increased by 4% to 4,022 applications in 2024. Japan also topped the list of countries filing design patents in Taiwan with 880 applications, followed by the US (772) and Mainland China (755), Switzerland (370), and Germany (241). Among the top

5 countries (regions), Mainland China saw a sharp increase of 61%, while Germany rose by 1%. However, Japan, the US, and Switzerland all fell by 6%. The number of trademark applications stood at 90,341 (covering 112,534 classes – a 2% decrease from the previous year) in 2024, marking a decrease by 1%, smaller than the drop (-3%) in 2023. Notably, there was a 4% decrease in resident applications (69,386), while non-resident applications experienced a turnaround by rising 7%.

Among the top 5 trademark-filing countries (regions), mainland China (5,624) took the lead, followed by Japan (3,397), the US (2,822), R. Korea (1,919) and Hong Kong (1,227). Among the top 5 countries (regions), the US was down by 3%, while others saw an impressive growth of 13-28%.

TIPO is dedicated to optimizing patent and trademark examination quality and efficiency to support industries by expediting the grant process and building their portfolio. As a result, the average first action pendency was 8.4 months for invention patent applications in 2024, down by 0.5 months compared to 2023. The number for pending applications was 52,712 (Figure 6). For trademark applications, the average first action pendency was 6.1 months, shortened by 0.1 month. The number for pending applications fell to 52,860.

TIPO Statistics Report: Patent and Trademark Applications in 2024– Press Release: <https://www.tipo.gov.tw/en/cp-282-997184-dff18-2.html>

4. TIPO Launches the Design Patent Online Application System-Now Open to the Public for New Design Patent and Derivative Design Applications!

To streamline online patent applications, TIPO has introduced a brand-new, web-based Design Patent Online Application System. Starting in 2024, the system offers a wide range of features, including new applications, re-examinations, amendments, submissions, issuances, annuity fee payments, making responses, withdrawals, postponements, and assignments related to design patents and derivative design patents.

Users no longer need to install standalone tools, as the system is accessible directly through a browser and supports cross-device functionality.

Online Patent Application System (Mandarin): <https://tiponet.tipo.gov.tw/patent/>

Quick Guide (Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/dl-287799-4d9d9316215f499fab961d88e4bc1d58.html>

5. Trial Period for the “Accelerated Examination Pilot Program for Design Patents” Extended by Two Years

To provide more diverse and flexible examination options for design patent applications, TIPO launched the “Accelerated Examination Pilot Program for Design Patents” on September 1, 2023. Initially set to run until December 31, 2024, the program has now been extended through December 31, 2026.

The details of the program are as follows:

- (1) Application Timing: Applicants may file for accelerated examination for design patents after receiving TIPO’s notification that the preliminary examination is about to begin and before receiving the first Office Action.
- (2) Application Process: Applicants must file electronically in accordance with TIPO’s regulations and provide relevant supporting documents. During the trial period, no application fee will be charged for this program.

(3) Eligibility Criteria:

I. Criterion 1: Third-Party Commercial Exploitation

Applicants must submit documentation proving third-party commercial exploitation (e.g., product catalogs, newspaper, or magazine articles) and specify the third party’s details, the nature of the exploitation, and its starting date.

II. Criterion 2: Recognition by Prestigious Design Awards

Applicants must provide certificates and evidence of the awarded design

corresponding to the applicant's name. Eligible awards include:

- i. Taiwan's Golden Pin Design Award
- ii. Germany's iF Design Award
- iii. Germany's Red Dot Design Award
- iv. Japan's Good Design Award
- v. the United States' International Design Excellence Awards (IDEA)

III. Criterion 3: Design Patent Applications by Startups

Each startup is limited to three applications per year under this program. Eligible startups must be companies established for less than eight years under the Company Act or equivalent foreign laws. The establishment period is calculated from the company's registration date to the design patent application date. If priority is claimed, the calculation is based on the earliest priority date.

For foreign companies, proof of the establishment date must be provided along with a Chinese translation. If the document is not an original, a declaration must be submitted.

Accelerated Examination Pilot Program for Design Patents (Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/patents-tw/cp-750-987846-f861b-101.html>

6. TIPO Announces Revised “Positive Patent Examination Pilot Program for Startup Companies”

To enable eligible startup companies that have received national awards or participated in TIPO-sponsored programs to obtain patents within four months of application, thereby strengthening their competitive edge in the industry, TIPO has revised the “Positive Patent Examination Pilot Program for Startup Companies.” The eligibility criteria have been expanded from startups established for less than eight years to also include companies with innovative R&D capabilities that have received national awards within the past two years

and companies guided by organizations commissioned by TIPO. The revised program took effect on January 1, 2025.

Revised Positive Patent Examination Pilot Program for Startup Companies
(Mandarin): <https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/cp-85-985701-34055-1.html>

7. Industry Collaborative Patent Interview Pilot Program Extended to December 31, 2026

The Industry Collaborative Patent Interview Pilot Program, launched in 2023, was initially set to expire on January 2, 2025. To address applicants' need for expedited patent approval and to support the development of their patent portfolios, TIPO has extended the pilot program through December 31, 2026.

Industry Collaborative Patent Interview Pilot Program Announcement
(Mandarin): <https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/cp-85-987862-e7c51-1.html>

8. TIPO Releases Report on “Patent Trend Analysis for Key Components in the Electric Vehicle Industry”

To achieve the goal of transitioning to fully electrified transportation by 2050, Taiwan has been actively promoting policies for developing key components of the electric vehicle industry. As electric vehicles continue to evolve toward greater intelligence and higher performance, thermal management and cooling technologies have emerged as critical challenges.

On December 2, 2024, TIPO published the “Patent Trend Analysis for Key Components in the Electric Vehicle Industry” report. The report focuses on the automotive industry's response to net-zero carbon emissions and electrification, analyzing patents related to electric vehicle cooling technologies from 2014 to 2023. It categorizes these patents into three main areas: battery cooling, motor cooling, and thermal management systems. Additionally, the report highlights patent trends and shares specific examples within these categories. The report is now available for reference.

“Patent Trend Analysis for Key Components in the Electric Vehicle Industry”
Report (Mandarin): <https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/cp-85-985707-b0213-1.html>

9. Patent Search Center Releases Two Reports: “Patent Landscape Analysis of 5G and AIoT Integrated Applications” & “Patent Technology Analysis of Sodium-Ion Batteries”

Amid the global trends of achieving net-zero emissions and advancing digital transformation, the development of 5G and AIoT technologies, as well as sodium-ion battery innovations, have become critical focal points. Commissioned by TIPO, the Patent Search Center has completed two patent analysis reports: “Patent Landscape Analysis of 5G and AIoT Integrated Applications” and “Patent Technology Analysis of Sodium-Ion Batteries”- the former examines patent developments related to sensor nodes and network architecture technologies, while the latter provides a comprehensive analysis of patent trends and industrial applications for battery cell materials.

These reports aim to provide valuable references for governments and businesses to formulate technology development strategies, plan for future market opportunities, and enhance Taiwan’s competitiveness within the global value chain.

Patent Analysis Reports by the Patent Search Center (Mandarin):

https://www.psc.org.tw/TC/news_inner.aspx?cid=60&cchk=da6e0208-aa5c-4621-9dc9-036d5fa5b553&id=218&chk=29469a4b-b9f5-4d86-a978-9827bb624009¶m=pn%3d1

10. TIPO Publishes 2025.01 Edition of International Patent Classification Information

The information for the 2025.01 edition of the International Patent Classification (IPC) has been published on TIPO’s official website. Starting February 5, 2025, TIPO will adopt the new edition (2025.01) for classifying

newly filed patent applications. Consequently, the Patent Gazette will reflect the updated classification starting from the March 11, 2025 issue, and the Invention Publication Gazette will adopt the new classification from the April 16, 2025 issue.

2025.01 Edition of the International Patent Classification (Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/patents-tw/lp-718-101-xCat-202501.html>

11. TIPO Helps Businesses Grasp New Opportunities Through Coordinated Counseling with the Senior Tech Industries

To support the development of critical technologies in Taiwan's senior technology industry, and ensure patent portfolio development, TIPO honed in on the two key fields of "Empowering Senior Mobility" and "Senior Nutrition" in 2024 and began offering coordinated counseling with businesses in the senior tech industry. TIPO provides training in patent application trends and portfolio analysis, and helps businesses build the capacity to conduct patent searches and analyze patent portfolios through hands-on practice. Training was provided to thirty enthusiastic enterprises operating within relevant industries.

TIPO completed the Senior Technology Promotion Platform in 2024 and released the platform for public use in November 14th of the same year. The platform features a collection of news, literature, articles and industry trend reports related to senior technologies, helping businesses quickly grasp technological advancements in the field. TIPO encourages the public to make use of the platform.

Senior Technology Promotion Platform (Mandarin):

<https://cloud.tipo.gov.tw/S400/topic/1>

12. Taiwan Patent GO Showcases Winning Entries of the 2024 National Invention & Creation Awards Starting in March

The 2024 National Invention & Creation Award winners were officially

announced on January 20, 2025, on TIPO's website. This year, from 418 qualified entries, a total of 40 outstanding patented works were selected, including 6 Gold Medals and 26 Silver Medals in the Invention Category, and 4 Gold Medals and 4 Silver Medals in the Creation Category.

Among the patent holders of the winning works, 50% are corporations (the highest proportion), 22.5% are foundations, 10% are individuals, 10% are government agencies, and 7.5% are academic institutions.

In addition to the awards ceremony scheduled for May–June, TIPO has been actively helping award-winning works gain commercial exposure. Since 2024, TIPO has been curating top-tier patents and exhibiting them at various professional trade shows across Taiwan through the Taiwan Patent GO Pavilion. Leveraging the advantages of networking at trade fairs and international business matchmaking, the Taiwan Patent Go helps companies explore commercialization opportunities.

The first Taiwan Patent GO Pavilion of 2025 debuted at TIMTOS (Taipei International Machine Tool Show), co-organized by TAITRA (Taiwan External Trade Development Council) and TAMI (Taiwan Association of Machinery Industry). The event took place from March 3 to 8, 2025, at Taipei World Trade Center Hall 1 (TWTC Hall 1). With over 1,000 exhibitors across 6,100 booths spanning three TWTC exhibition halls, TIMTOS is one of the world's most prestigious exhibitions for smart manufacturing and machine tools.

This Taiwan Patent GO Pavilion will feature five award-winning patented inventions, including Gold Medalists from the 2020 National Invention & Creation Award and Platinum Award winners from the 2022 and 2024 Taiwan Innotech Expo (TIE).

2024 National Invention & Creation Award Winners List (Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/cp-85-993089-2d267-1.html>

13. TIPO Releases the 2025 Guidelines for Submitting Corporate Challenges Competition for Patent Portfolio Analysis

To promote innovation and facilitate the circulation and application of research outcomes, TIPO continues to host the Competition for Patent Portfolio Analysis, establishing a key platform for patent analysis professionals and industry technology trend exchanges.

In 2024, TIPO introduced a new "Corporate Challenges x Talent Solutions" format, integrating real-world industry needs and focal points into the design of the problem set. This approach has received widespread acclaim. In 2025, TIPO will continue this innovative model by inviting the private sector to submit competition topics. Through collaboration with patent analysts, businesses will gain deeper insights into patent technology trends and optimize their patent strategy. Additionally, the competition also facilitates talent matching between enterprises and skilled professionals – a mutually beneficial arrangement.

2025 Guidelines for Submitting Corporate Challenges Competition for Patent Portfolio Analysis (Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/dl-287887-e9f98d1aa7444bcd8d2deaa438275f4f.html>

14. TIPO Launches “Industry Patent Knowledge Platform” Service on the “IP Info Cloud”

In alignment with the government’s cloud policy and to enhance service quality for the public, TIPO has been developing the IP Info Cloud since 2021. Utilizing public cloud infrastructure, this initiative aims to establish a cloud-based service platform with high availability and scalability. As part of this effort, the Industry Patent Knowledge Platform website was successfully migrated to the cloud in 2024 and is now available for trial use.

The platform's user interface has been optimized to unify the desktop and mobile versions, supporting seamless browsing across devices such as computers, tablets, and smartphones. Users can easily access resources such as patent documents, expert articles, the latest IP news, information on patent systems from various countries, and insights from academic experts.

Additionally, to help domestic enterprises make effective use of the platform and strengthen their R&D and innovation capabilities, TIPO provided customized training sessions in 2024 for nine companies involved in net-zero carbon emissions and one smart connectivity company.

The training helped participants become familiar with platform functions and workflows, enabling them to define search topics based on their specific needs and develop core competencies in independent patent searching and analysis. Each company completed a basic patent analysis report, and all reported that the in-depth guidance greatly enhanced their ability to apply patent search and analysis tools effectively.

New Industry Patent Knowledge Platform (Mandarin):

<https://cloud.tipo.gov.tw/S400>

15. 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). Six cases of infringement was reported this quarter.

16. Implementation Overview of the Protection Act for the Traditional Intellectual Creations of Indigenous Peoples by the Council of Indigenous Peoples

Since the implementation of the Protection Act for the Traditional Intellectual Creations of Indigenous Peoples in 2015, up until March 2025, a total of 150 applications for exclusive rights have been processed. These applications were consolidated into 120 cases, of which 105 (88%) have been deliberated, 13 (11%) were withdrawn, and 2 (1%) were rejected. Among the 105 cases that have been deliberated, exclusive rights were granted in 95 (90%), 2 (2%) required corrections and were re-examined, and 8 (8%) were denied approval.

The Council commissioned a law firm with expertise in intellectual property and traditional indigenous knowledge to provide legal consultations related to the application of the Protection Act. These services are available to indigenous peoples and the general public, and include legal opinions and litigation support tailored to the needs of indigenous communities and tribes. In this quarter, a total of eight legal consultations were provided (amounting to 340 minutes), seven legal opinions were issued, and assistance was given in handling six cases involving infringement of exclusive rights.

Law Enforcement Results and Statistics

The National Police Agency of the Ministry of the Interior

Law Enforcement

Between January and March of 2025, a total of 179 cases involving 248 persons were investigated for violation of the Copyright Act, a total of 166 cases (209 persons) for violation of the Trademark Act, and 4 cases (6 persons) for violation of the Trade Secrets Act. A total of 349 cases involving 463 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
2025 Jan.-Mar.	349	463	166	209	179	248	-	4	6
2024 Jan.-Mar.	461	584	254	330	201	246	-	6	8
Percentage Change %	-24.30%	-20.72%	-34.65%	-36.67%	-10.95%	0.81%	-	-33.33%	-25%

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

Taiwan High Prosecutors Office (THPO)

Law Enforcement

1. According to the data from all prosecutors offices, a total of 246 suspects were involved in 209 concluded cases of IPR infringement between January and March, of which 126 persons involved in 92 cases were prosecuted according to regular procedures, 44 persons involved in 43 cases were granted summary judgment, 63 persons across 61 cases received deferred prosecution, and 13 persons across 13 cases were not prosecuted nor punished by the court's sua sponte motion. 149 persons were convicted by the courts between January and March, for a conviction rate of 88.17%.
2. A comparison to the same period in 2025 reveals the following regarding the number of prosecutions (including those who requested summary judgement) and convictions for cases of IPR infringement: 170 persons were prosecuted between January and March this year, marking a decrease of 105 persons (38.18%) compared to 275 persons in the same period in 2024; 149 persons were convicted between January and March, marking an decrease of 29 persons (16.29%) compared to 178 persons in the same period in 2024.

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	2025 Jan.-Mar	228	149	45	0	1	0	86	17	0	20	0	59	0
	2024 Jan.-Mar	240	178	48	0	1	1	118	10	0	14	2	46	0
	Percent Change %	-5.00%	-16.29%	-6.25%	-	-100%	-	-27.12%	70%	-	-42.86%	100%	28.26%	-

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 18,826 infringing items were seized from 95 import cases suspected of trademark infringement and 1 export case suspected of trademark infringement between January and March.
2. Between January and March, the Customs Administration received 34 requests for advice protection on trademark rights, 17 request for extending the terms for advice protection on trademark rights, 39 requests for updating/supplementing documents and other matters, adding up to a total of 90 requests.
3. On January 2, the Keelung Customs Office intercepted a maritime express shipment containing 2,500 counterfeit Bendix windshield wipers. The infringing goods have been seized.
4. On January 6, 22, and 23, the Taipei Customs Office intercepted air express shipments containing 8 counterfeit AirPods Max, 67 counterfeit CHANEL leather goods, and 400 counterfeit Apple charging cables. All the infringing goods have been seized.
5. On January 20, the Taichung Customs Office intercepted a maritime express shipment containing 800 counterfeit BALENCIAGA handbags. The infringing goods have been seized.

Ministry of Justice Investigation Bureau

Law Enforcement

In Q1, the Investigation Bureau referred a total of 20 cases of IP violations to district prosecutors offices for further investigation, including 1 case involving 1 person for violation of the Copyright Act, 13 cases (15 persons) for violation of the Trademark Act, and 6 cases (13 persons) for the Trade Secrets Act.

International Exchange and Cooperation

The Customs Administration

The Customs Administration continues to exchange information on cases of counterfeiting with its global counterparts. A total of 1 counterfeiting report were made in Q1 of 2025.

IPR Awareness Campaigns

1. Judicial Yuan

The Judicial Yuan organized held a seminar on national security to enhance the intellectual property knowledge of IP judges and relevant judicial personnel. The goal was to keep pace with the rapid developments in the IP field and ensure that litigation practices align with current laws and evolving international trends.

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 January to March, the Bureau conducted a total of 34 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 372 companies, with a total of 3,763 participants.

3. The Customs Administration

To strengthen outreach to relevant industries on border control measures and regulations related to intellectual property rights, the Customs Administration of the Ministry of Finance held the first Seminar for Customs Brokers in 2025 at Keelung Customs and conducted stakeholder interviews at Taichung Customs in March.

4. Council of Indigenous Peoples

On January 11, the Council of Indigenous Peoples hosted the 11th conference on Indigenous customary practices and national legal systems. Focusing on the main theme of “theoretical and practical perspectives on exclusive rights to traditional intellectual creations of indigenous peoples,” the event brought together experts and scholars to share insights and engage in discussions. Topics included the representativeness of applicants

for traditional intellectual creations, fair use of exclusive rights, and practical aspects of community-based operations. The discussions aim to inform future revisions of regulations related to the protection of indigenous intellectual property rights.

5. Ministry of Education

The Ministry of Education held the 2025 National Conference for the University Presidents in Taiwan on February 20 and 21. During the event, the Ministry called on universities to continue advancing campus initiatives that promote intellectual property rights protection. In addition, in February, official notices were sent to all public and private universities, urging them to remind students to use legally obtained textbooks (including secondhand copies) and refrain from unauthorized photocopying, downloading, or uploading of books and course materials. Faculty members were also encouraged to refer to TIPO's Copyright Pamphlet for College Professors to strengthen awareness and understanding of copyright regulations in teaching.

6. TIPO

To promote the effective use of geographical marks—including geographical certification marks and geographical collective trademarks indicating geographic origin—TIPO updated the Mandarin digital brochure for the "geographical Mark Information Section" on its official website. To further raise public awareness and consumer confidence in the geographical mark system, TIPO commissioned the Taiwan Intellectual Property Training Academy to host the 2025 TIPA "Origins: Blossoms in Bloom" Geographical Mark Seminar & Promotion Exhibition on March 15 during the NTU Azalea Festival. The event featured 14 local Taiwanese products registered with geographical marks and invited experienced mark holders, along with Professor Hsiao-Fen Hsu of National Cheng Kung University's Department of Law and Assistant Professor Gina Tsai, Chair of the Taiwan Creative Tourism and Community Design Association, to share practical insights on promoting geographical marks. The event attracted over 170 participants from government, industry, and academia, generating lively engagement.

To encourage more women in Taiwan to pursue careers in the IP field, TIPO also published the 2024 Interview Series on Outstanding Female Leaders in the Field of IP in Taiwan on its website in January.

Furthermore, as part of its copyright education campaign, TIPO launched a 30-second animated public awareness video titled “How to Legally Use Music for Non-Profit Events.” The video was broadcast throughout March on smart panels at 56 bus stops across Taipei’s public transportation network.