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In 2024, TIPO participated in a series of IPR conferences with partners from across the world and continued to facilitate international and cross-strait IPR cooperation through bilateral meetings, MOU signings, examiner exchange programs, and international seminars.

## 1. International Cooperation

### Multilateral Cooperation

#### ◆ WTO/TRIPS

TIPO took part in three TRIPS Council IP and Innovation joint proposals. This has allowed Taiwan to share its expertise and explain measures taken in regards to topics such as “IP and Creators,” “IP Awareness and Collaboration,” and “IP Awareness and Education.”

#### ◆ APEC/IPEG

TIPO gave presentations at the 58th and 59th APEC/IPEG Meetings on “Recent Developments in Information Assistance Systems in IP Practice,” “Assisting in Semiconductor Industry Transformation - Green Technology IPR Protection,” “Recent Patent Improvement Measures,” and “Updates in Trademark Law Updates,” sharing perspectives and experience with member economies. In February, TIPO participated in the IPEG Dialogue with the Industry Partners on IP Financing. In August, TIPO took part in the IPEG Enhancing Innovation with More Efficient Patent Systems: Tools, Resources, and Work-sharing Workshop and the Workshop on Digital Enforcement to Improve Fight Against Trademark Counterfeiting.



APEC/IPEG Meetings

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/lp-95-1.html>

### Bilateral Cooperation

#### ◆ Taiwan-Japan

##### ● Director General Invited to Share Overview of TIPO and Its Future Outlook

In March, Director General Liao was invited by the Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association to visit Japan, where he spoke on the “Overview of TIPO and Its Future Outlook” and the “Introduction to Amended IP Laws of Taiwan,” as well as exchanged opinions with industry experts.

##### ● Taiwan-Japan Economic and Trade Conferences

Taiwan and Japan held the 47th Taiwan-Japan Economic and Trade Conference Mid-Year Review Meeting in June and the 48th Taiwan-Japan Economic and Trade Conference in November. Both sides discussed topics such as legislative revisions and IPR collaborations, etc.

## ● Patent and Trademark Examiners Exchange

In May, the Japan Patent Office (JPO) dispatched four administrative judges to TIPO to discuss latest situations in adjudicating disputes, correcting patent hearings, promoting oral hearings, investigating functions and powers, adjudication practices, adjudication systems of disputed trademark cases, and protection of well-known trademarks.

In September, TIPO dispatched two patent examiners to Japan to exchange views on examination practices in the fields of biotechnology and information technology, and non-patent literature (NPL) search.

In October, three trademark examiners were sent to JPO for the 2024 Taiwan-Japan Trademark Examiner Exchange to discuss topics such as the latest developments in JPO and TIPO's trademark regulations, classifications of goods and services related to virtual environments, regional collective trademarks in Japan, and the Japanese system for protecting geographical indications (GIs).

## ● Cooperation on Mutual Recognition of Deposit of Biological Materials

TIPO and JPO officially launched the Cooperative Program on Mutual Recognition of the Deposit of Biological Materials for the Purpose of Patent Procedure on June 18, 2015. As of the end of December 2024, 167 patent applications were filed under the program - 148 by Japanese nationals, 18 by Taiwanese nationals, and 1 by French nationals.

## ◆ Taiwan-Korea

### ● Working-Level Meeting

In January, the 5th working-level meeting with the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) was held in Taipei. The two offices exchanged views on trademarks and designs and shared recent developments. KIPO also shared recent developments in its AI utilization on examination practice.



TIPO-KIPO Working-Level Meeting

## ● Cooperation on Mutual Recognition of Deposit of Biological Materials

TIPO and KIPO officially launched the Cooperative Program on Mutual Recognition of the Deposit of Biological Materials for the Purpose of Patent Procedure on September 1, 2020. As of the end of December 2024, a total of 61 patent applications were filed by Korean nationals under the program.

## ◆ Taiwan-EU

### ● 2024 Taiwan-EU IPR Working Group Meeting

The Taiwan-EU IPR Working Group under the EU-TW Trade and Investment Dialogue met online in May. The two sides exchanged views on the progress of their respective IPR law amendments, strategies and practical experiences, IP protection and enforcement, and future IP collaborations between both parties.

## ◆ Taiwan-Canada

### ● Taiwan-Canada IP Policy Dialogue Meeting

In December, the 4th Taiwan-Canada IP Policy Dialogue Meeting was held in Taiwan. Both sides exchanged opinions on and discussed the following topics: “Experience and Outcomes in Digital Transformation,” “Patent Grace Period,” and “Promoting IP Awareness.” TIPO also participated in the 20th Canada-Taiwan Economic Consultations (CTEC).



Taiwan-Canada IP Policy Dialogue Meeting

## ◆ Taiwan-UK

### ● Taiwan-UK IPR Video Conference

In May, TIPO and UKIPO cohosted the 13th Taiwan-UK IPR Video Conference. Representatives exchanged thoughts on recent IPR developments, UKIPO examination on patent applications involving artificial neural networks, comparative analysis of Taiwan's green trademark industry in the past decade, 3D modeling formats in design patent application, profit-sharing of news content by online platforms, as well as AI and copyrights.

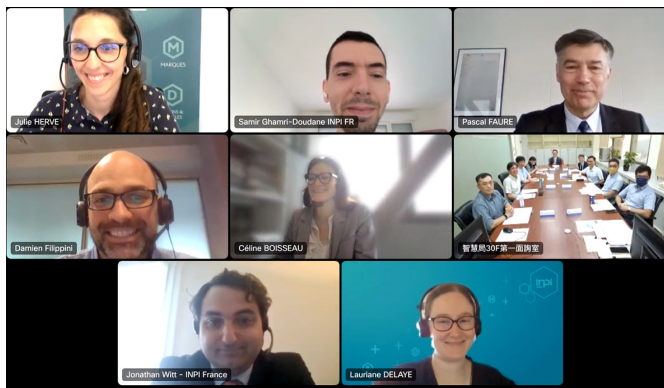
### ● Cooperation on Mutual Recognition of Deposit of Biological Materials

TIPO and UKIPO officially launched the Cooperative Program on Mutual Recognition of the Deposit of Biological Materials for the Purpose of Patent Procedure on December 1, 2017. As of the end of December 2024, 33 patent applications were filed under the program – 25 by UK nationals, and 8 by Taiwanese nationals.

## ◆ Taiwan-France

### ● Working-Level Meeting

In May, TIPO and INPI cohosted the online working-level meeting. Both sides exchanged opinions on the practice of patent examination guidelines for AI-related inventions and discussed the use of AI in administrative management and examinations.



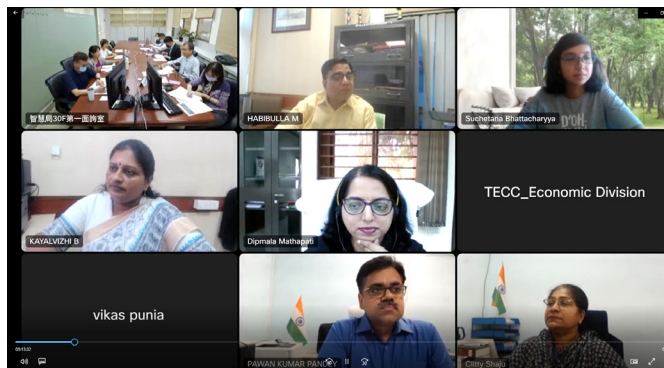
TIPO-INPI Working-Level Meeting



## ◆ Taiwan-India

### ● Taiwan-India Online Meeting for Trademarks Comprising Geographical Names and Examination Guidelines on Likelihood of Confusion

In April, TIPO and CGPDTM (India) jointly held an online meeting titled “Trademarks Comprising Geographical Names and Examination Guidelines on Likelihood of Confusion.” The two parties exchanged views on the examination practice of the protection of geographical names and examination guidelines on likelihood of confusion of trademarks.



Taiwan-India Online Meeting for Trademarks Comprising Geographical Names and Examination Guidelines on Likelihood of Confusion

### ● Taiwan-India Video Conference on Examination Practices for Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnologies

In July, TIPO and CGPDTM cohosted a video conference on examination practices for pharmaceuticals and biotechnologies. Both sides exchanged views on patent examination practices for herbal medicines and India's Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL).

### ● Patent Examiners Exchange

In December, TIPO dispatched four patent examiners to India to exchange opinions on patent examination practices in the fields of chemistry and artificial intelligence.



TIPO-CGPDTM Patent Examiners Exchange

## ◆ Taiwan-Philippines

### ● Taiwan-Philippines MOU on Cooperation in Intellectual Property Extended for Four Years

In November, the 30th Taiwan-Philippines Joint Economic Conference Virtual Working-Level Meeting was held. Both sides agreed to extend the Taiwan-Philippines MOU on Cooperation in Intellectual Property for an additional four years.

### ● Taiwan-Philippines Webinar on Regulations and Policies Relating to Online Piracy and Illicit Streaming Devices

In August, Taiwan and the Philippines held a webinar to share information on the regulations and policies related to combating online piracy and illegal streaming devices (ISDs). Both sides exchanged views on policies, laws, and practices for combating online piracy, as well as the Philippines' experiences of site blocking websites enforcement.

### ● Patent Examiners Exchange

In May, TIPO dispatched three patent examiners to the Philippines to exchange thoughts on examination practices in the fields of electronics, semiconductors, and design patents.



TIPO- IPOPHTL Patent Examiners Exchange

## International Seminars

### ◆ 2024 Taiwan-Japan Intellectual Property Symposium

In February, TIPO held the 2024 Taiwan-Japan Intellectual Property Symposium with Taiwan-Japan Relations Association and the Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association. Experts from both sides shared and exchanged views on topics such as the protection of digital designs under Japan's Design Act, the relationship between the metaverse and design patents, case studies on the use of design patent rights in Japan, and the judicial practice of design patents in Taiwan. The symposium attracted over 140 participants from the industry, government, and academia.



2024 Taiwan-Japan Intellectual Property Symposium

### ◆ 2024 New Southbound Intellectual Property Conference

In June, the 2024 New Southbound Intellectual Property Conference was held, where official representatives from the intellectual property offices and patent industry elites from Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Singapore, Indonesia, and India were invited to attend. The conference provided an in-depth analysis of the latest developments and practices in the patent systems of these countries, with over 210 participants from the industry, government, and academia.



2024 New Southbound Intellectual Property Conference

### ◆ 2024 TIPA International Conference on Intellectual Property

In October, TIPO co-hosted the 2024 TIPA International Conference on Intellectual Property with the Intellectual Property and Commercial Court. The theme of the conference was “Procedures for Patent Infringement Litigation and the Handling of Technical Issues – Experiences from the U.S., Europe, and Japan, and Practices in Taiwan.” The event was held both in-person and online. Leading practitioners from the United States, Japan, and Germany were invited to share their practical experiences, offering valuable insights for the development of Taiwan's patent infringement litigation practices. The conference attracted a total of 323 participants.

## 2. Cross-Strait Exchange

### IP Exchange and Services

#### ◆ Cross-Strait IPR Assistance Mechanism

As of the end of 2024, TIPO processed 898 assistance requests through cross-strait collaborative assistance mechanisms. These included 44 patent cases, 820 trademark cases, and 34 copyright cases. Of the 898 cases concluded, 716 were resolved, 180 received legal assistance, and 2 copyright cases remain ongoing. Mainland China has yet to file any assistance requests since 2019.

#### ◆ The IPR Service Network for Taiwanese Enterprises in Mainland China

The IPR Service Network for Taiwanese Enterprises in Mainland China is a platform that provides Taiwan businesses with the latest IPR information from Mainland China. In 2024, the platform continued to provide updates on the latest news, laws and regulations, measures, survey reports, judicial rulings and activities on IPR. The website's member search page and event information system was also optimized and accumulated over 760,000 views in 2024.

#### ◆ Cross-Strait Forums on Patent Practice

In December, the Cross-Strait Patent Practice Forum was held online, drawing a total of 457 participants. Discussions centered on topics titled: “New Measures for Cross-Strait Patent Examination and Legislation,” “Patent Practice to Cope with the Impact and Challenges of Emerging Technologies,” “Intellectual Property Strategies for Winning New Industries on Both Sides of the Strait,” and “Strategies for Winning Cross-Strait Overseas Patent Litigation and NPE Response.”

#### ◆ Cross-Strait Forums on Trademark Practice

In November, TIPO virtually participated in the 4th Cross-Strait Forum on Trademark Practice. During the forum, both sides exchanged insights and shared experiences on topics titled “Trademark Legislations and Practical Development Trends and Response Strategies”, “Green Trademark Development and Challenges and Industrial Layout”, and “Cross-border E-commerce Trademark Management Strategy and Infringement Risk Response”. The forum drew a total of 392 participants.