



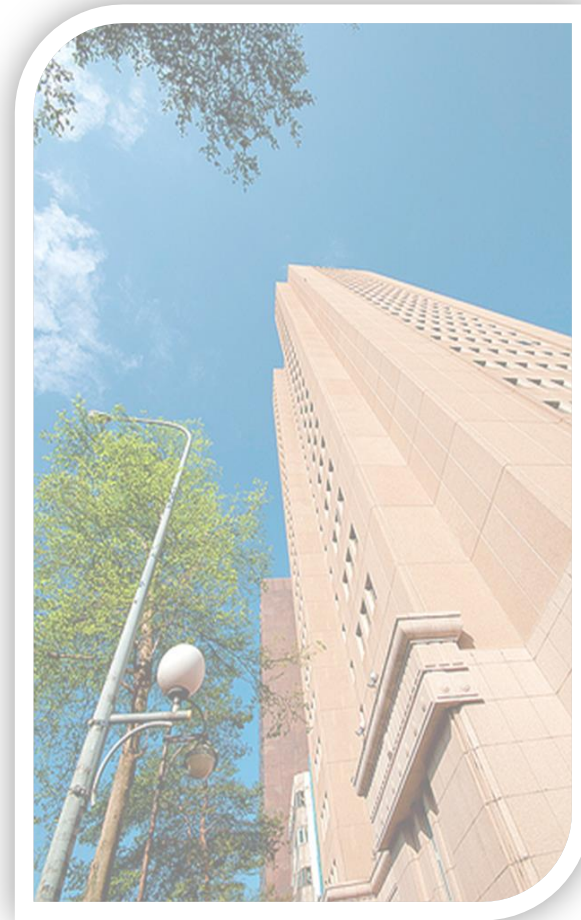
Overview of Taiwan Intellectual Property Office

Taiwan Intellectual Property Office

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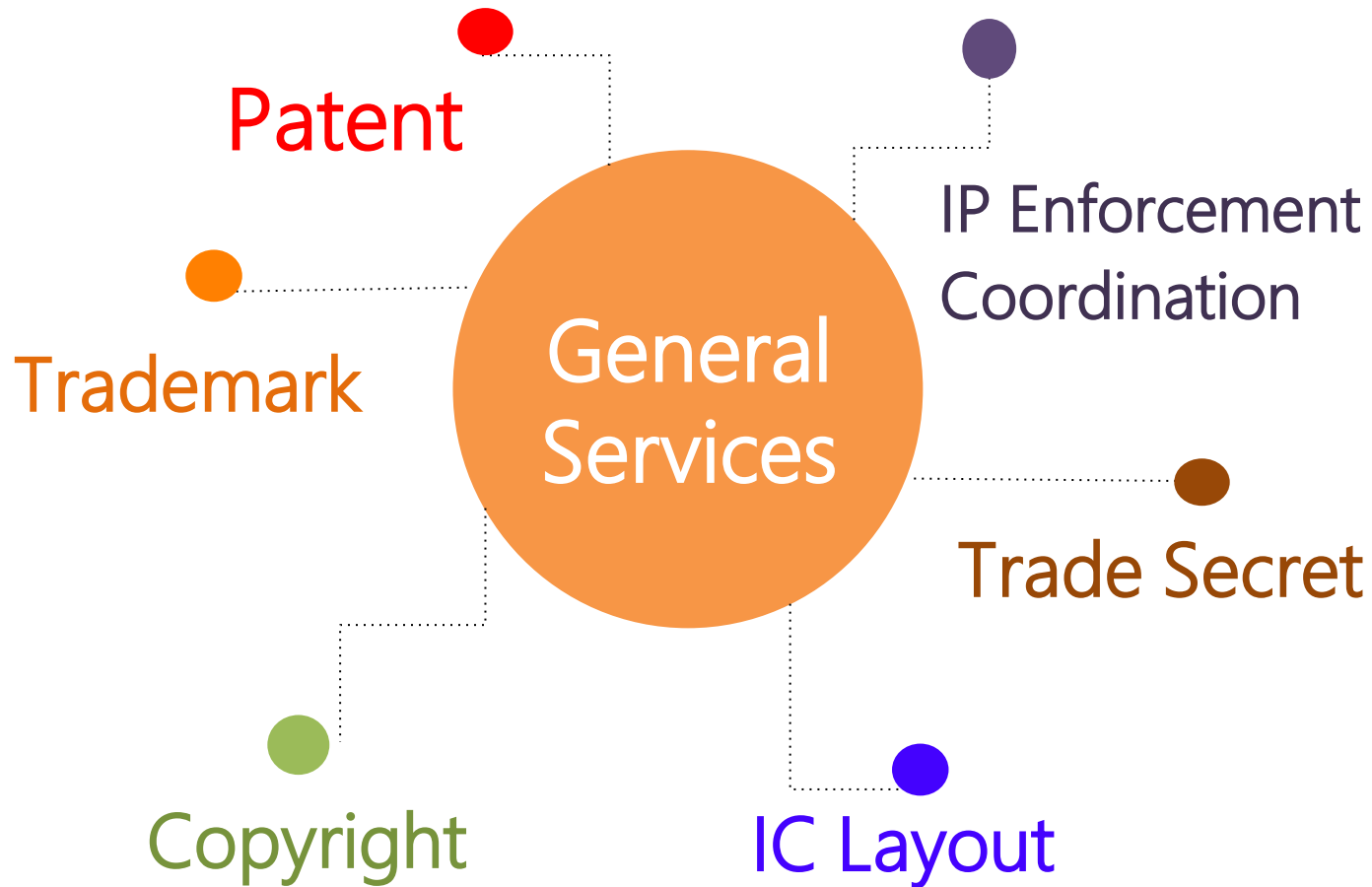
TIPO at a Glance

- TIPO is an administrative agency under Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA).
- TIPO's predecessor National Bureau of Standards was authorized by the MOEA to be in charge of patent and trademark matters in 1950 and 1954, respectively.
- TIPO was restructured from National Bureau of Standards in 1999.
- TIPO is Responsible for
 - IP policy formulation
 - IP law drafting
 - inter-agency enforcement coordination



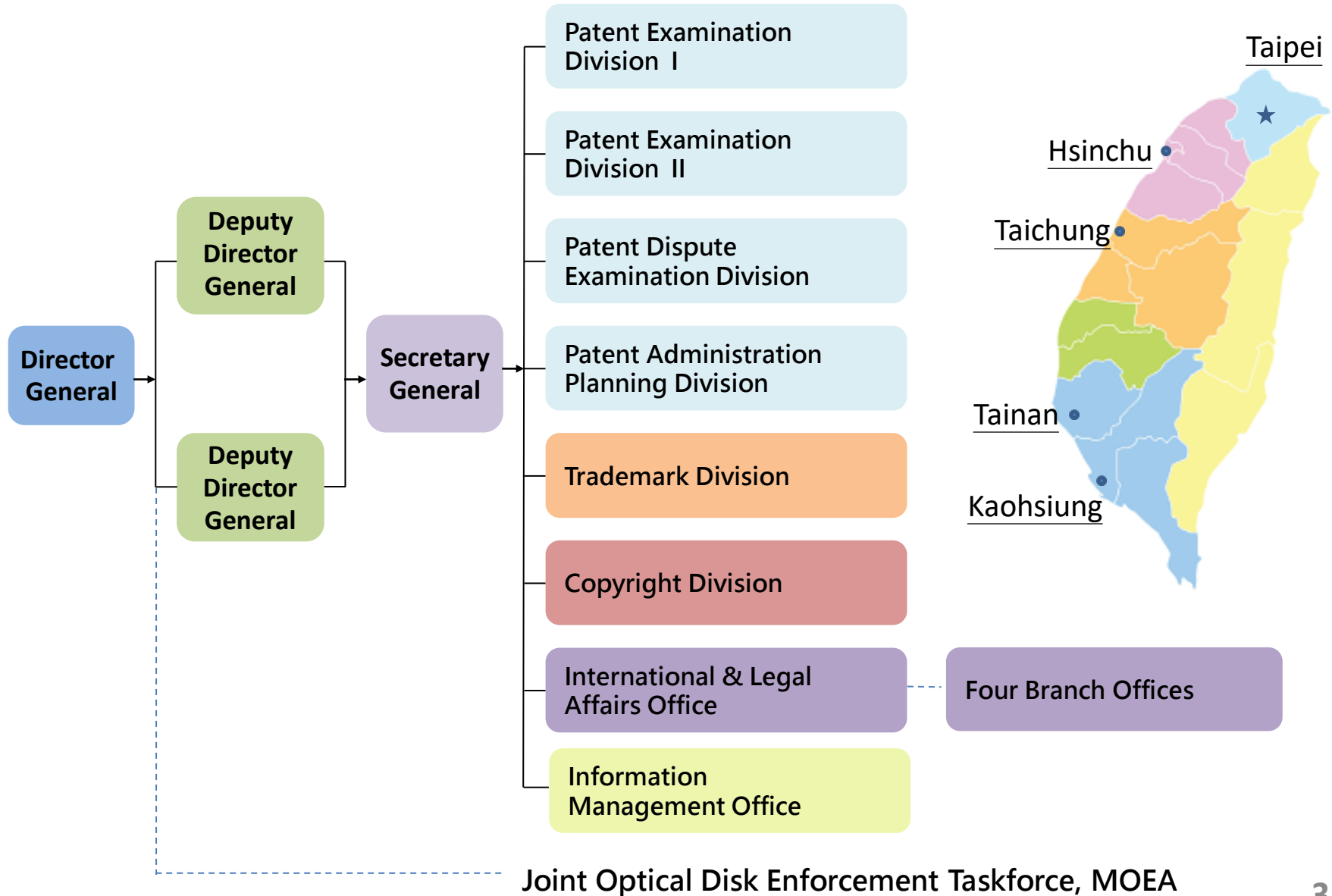


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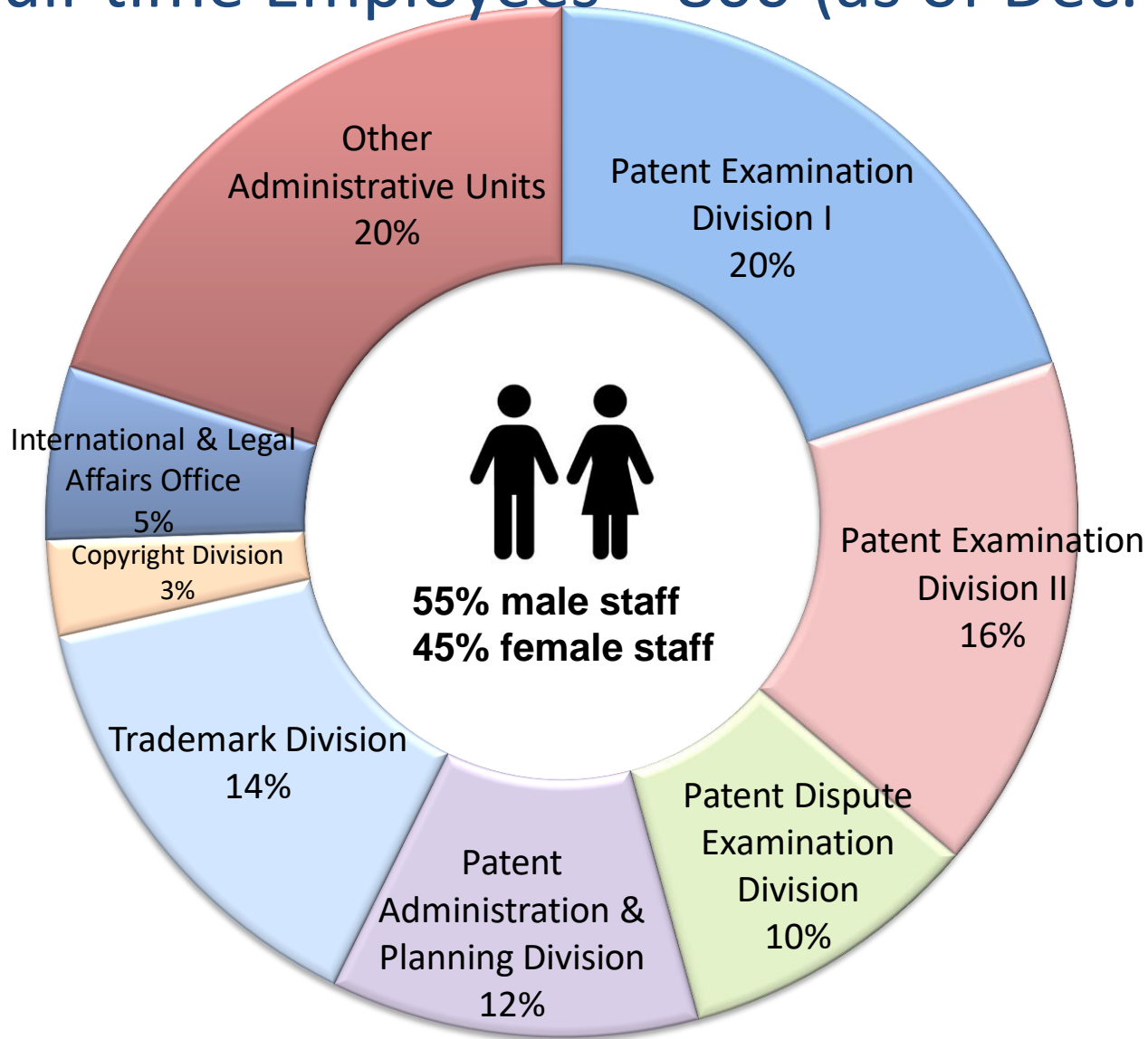


Organization Structure



Human Resources

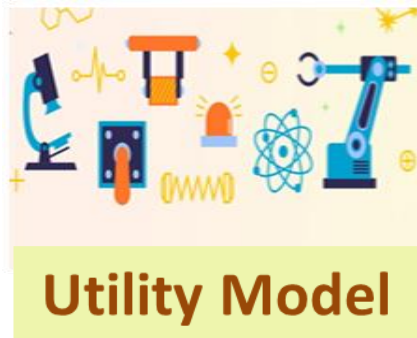
Full-time Employees – 800 (as of Dec. 2024)



Patent System



Application laid-open (early disclosure)
Request for substantive examination
Term of right: 20 years



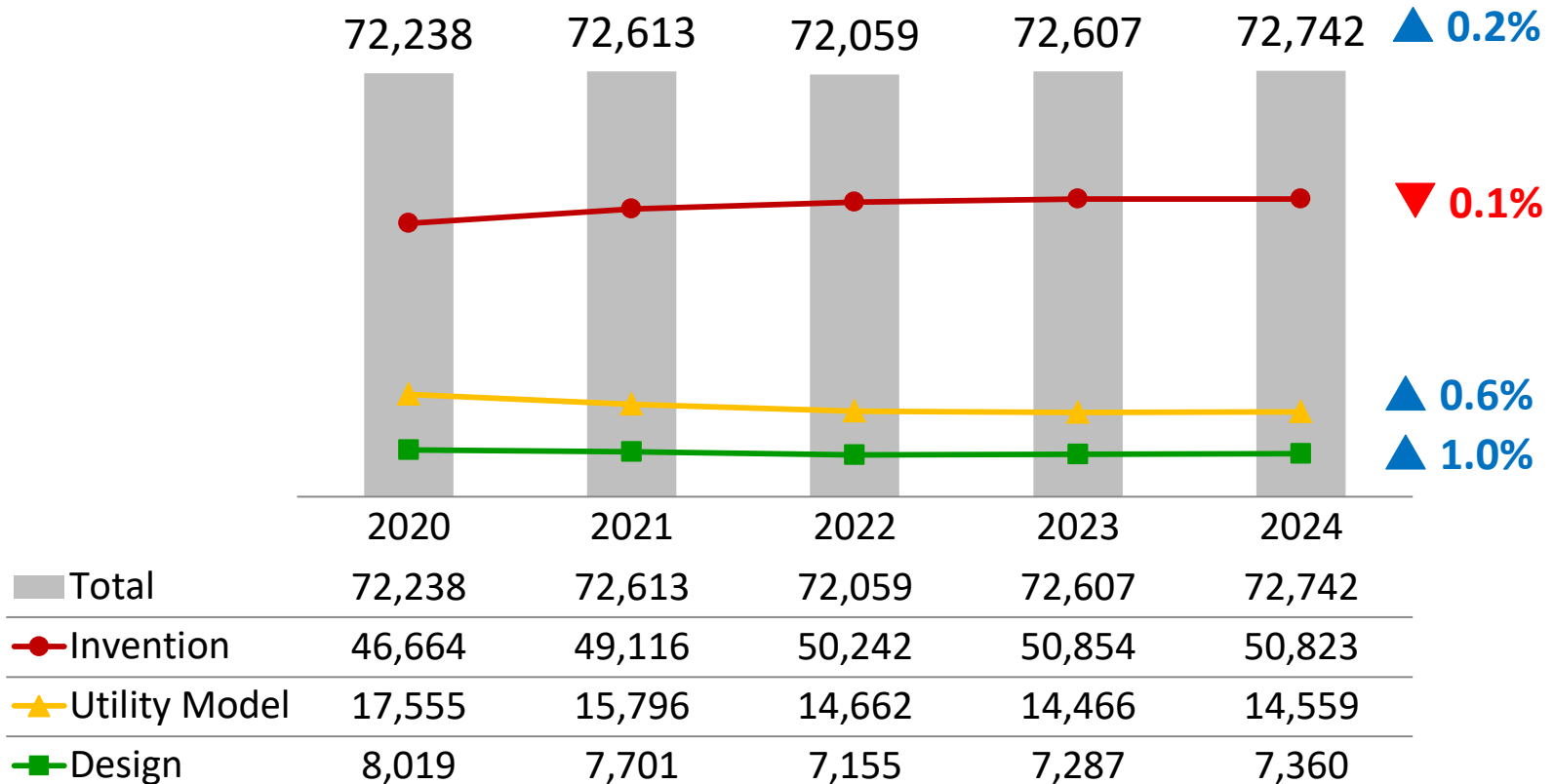
Formality examination
Technical evaluation report
Term of right: 10 years



Substantive examination
Term of right: 15 years

Patent Applications Over the Past 5 Years

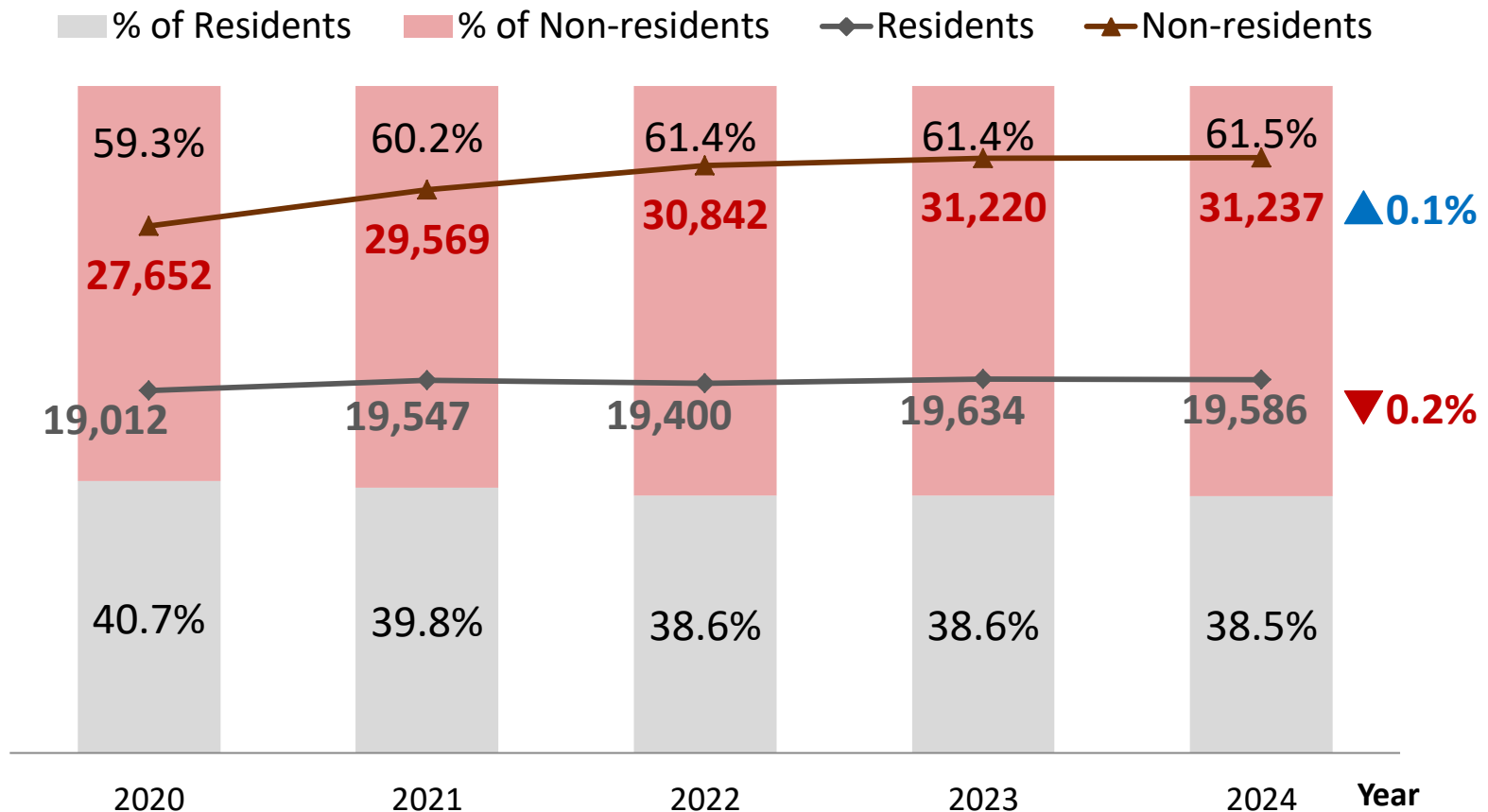
Trends in Patent Applications



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 0.1% decrease, utility model patents (14,559) experienced a positive turnaround by 0.6%, while design patents (7,360) continued growing by 1.0%.



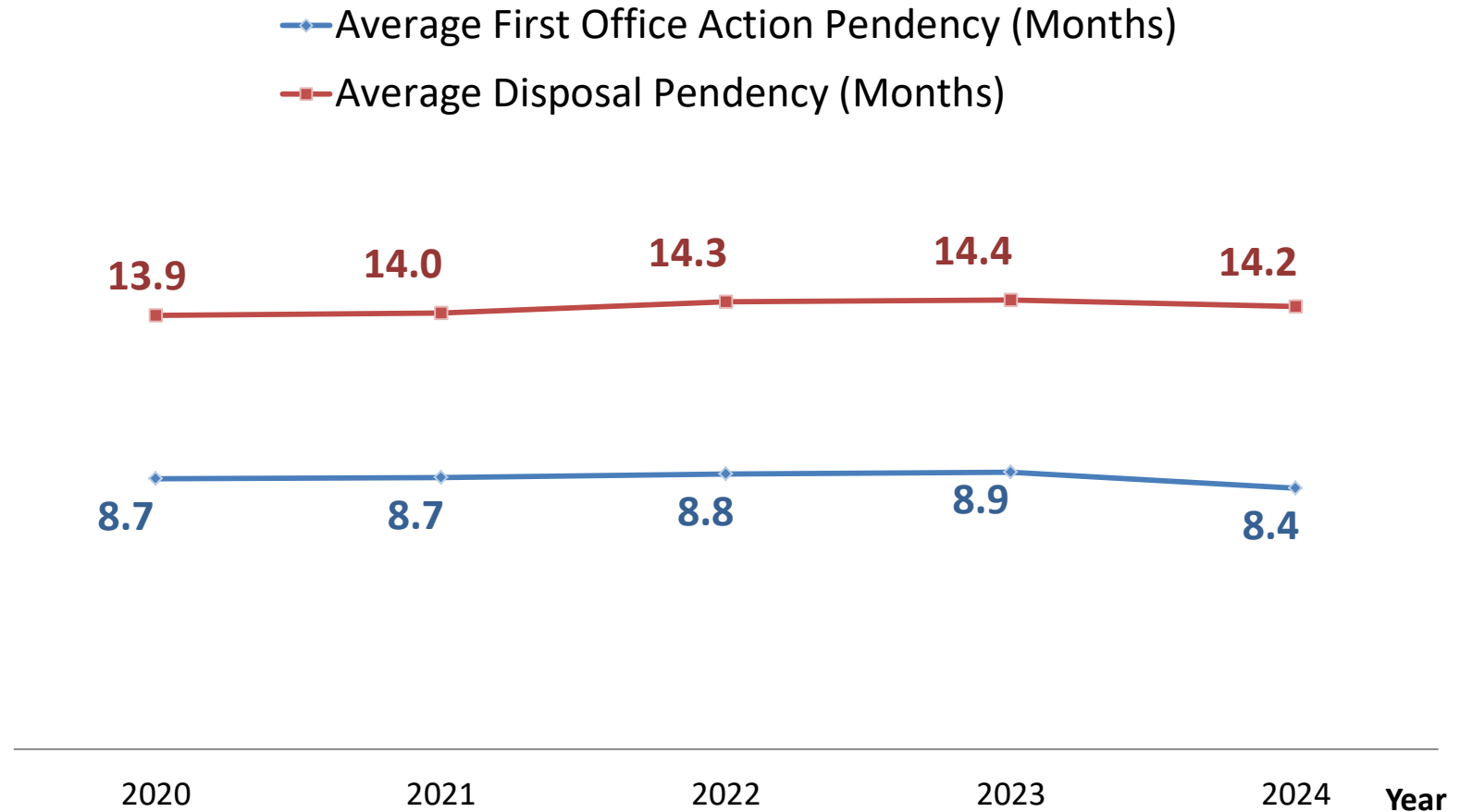
Invention Patent Applications



- Domestically, in 2024, invention patent applications (19,586) decreased by 0.2%, while foreign invention patent applications (31,237) rose by a slight 0.1%.
- Over the past 5 years, the ratio of invention patent applications filed by residents to non-residents was approximately 4:6.



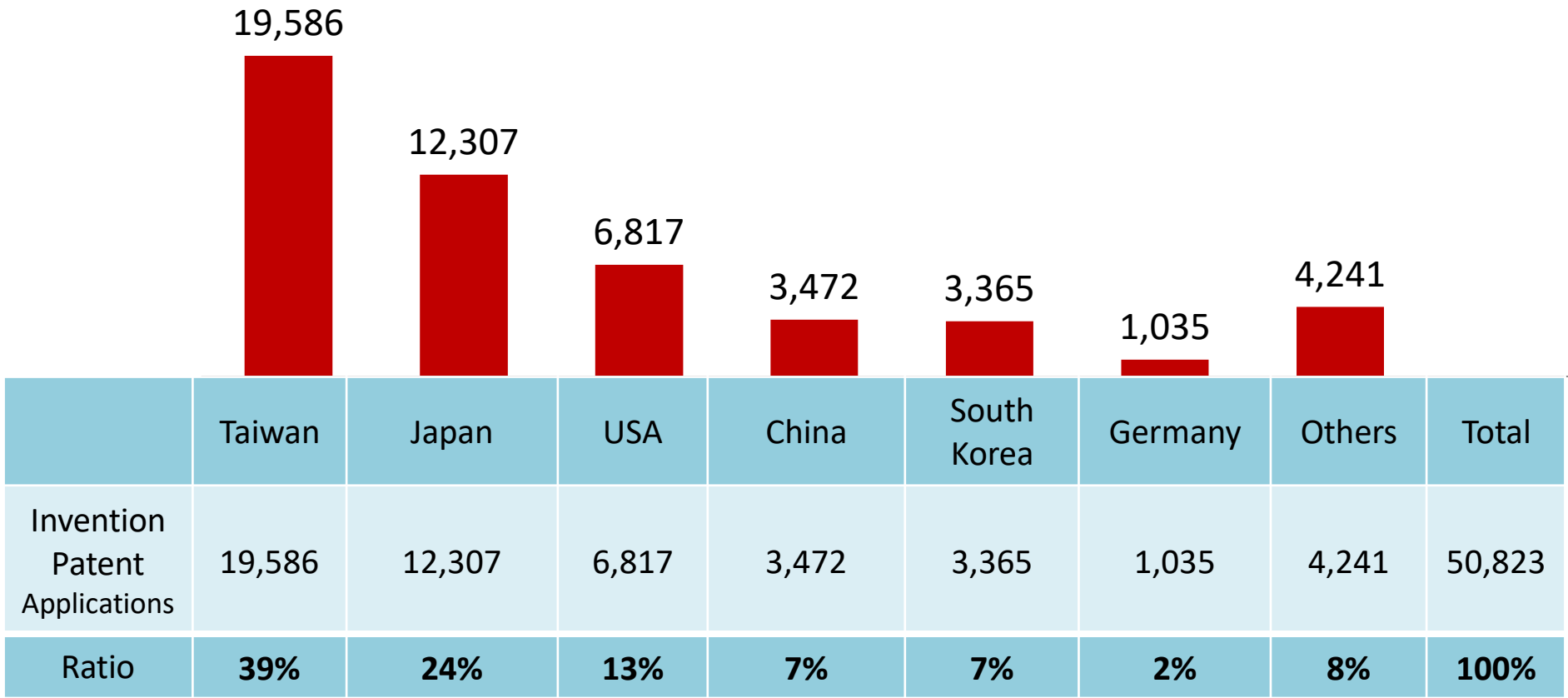
Pendency for Invention Patent Applications



Over the past 5 years, the average first office action pendency and disposal pendency remained stable around 9 and 15 months respectively.

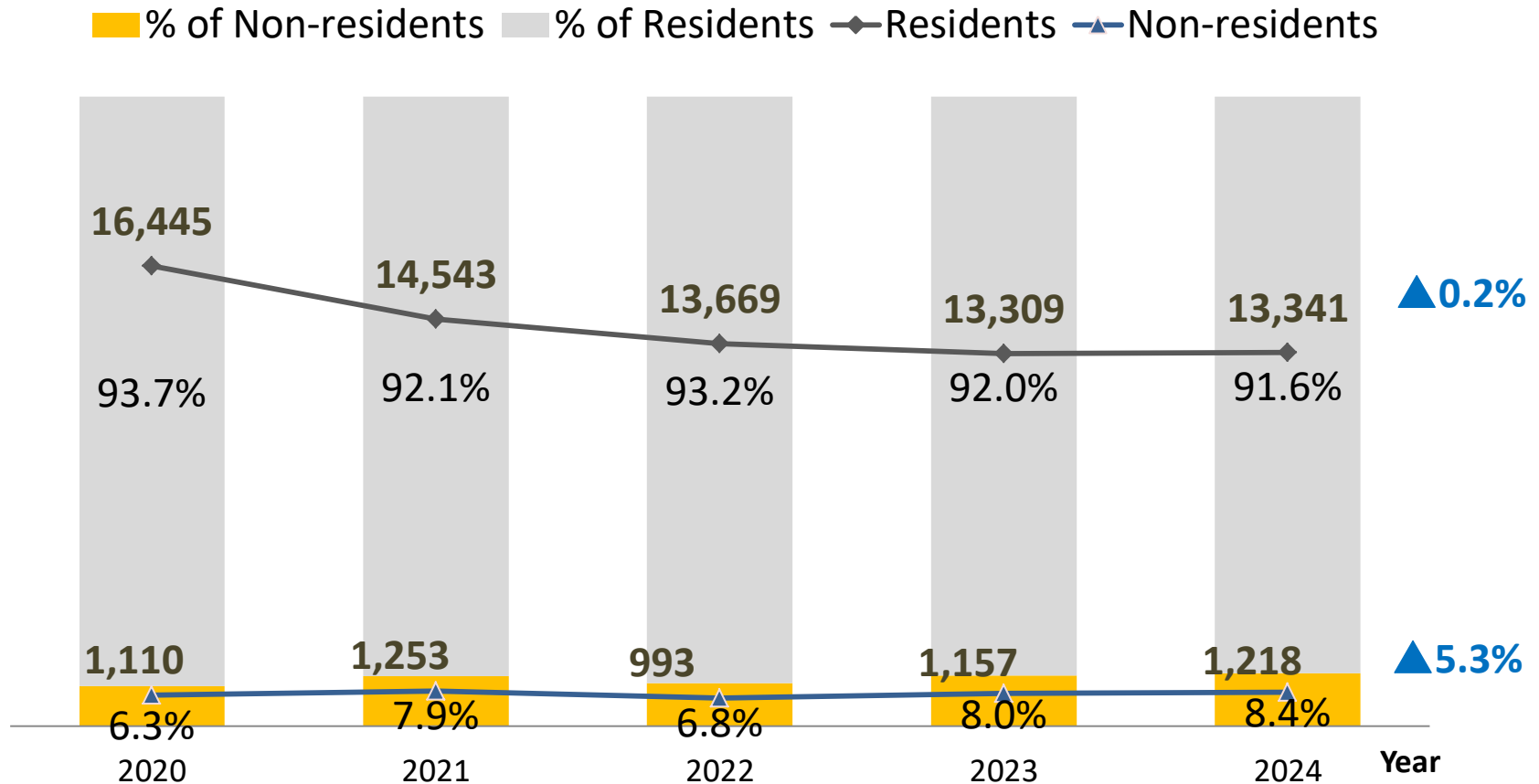


Invention Patent Applications by Nationality in 2024





Utility Model Patent Applications

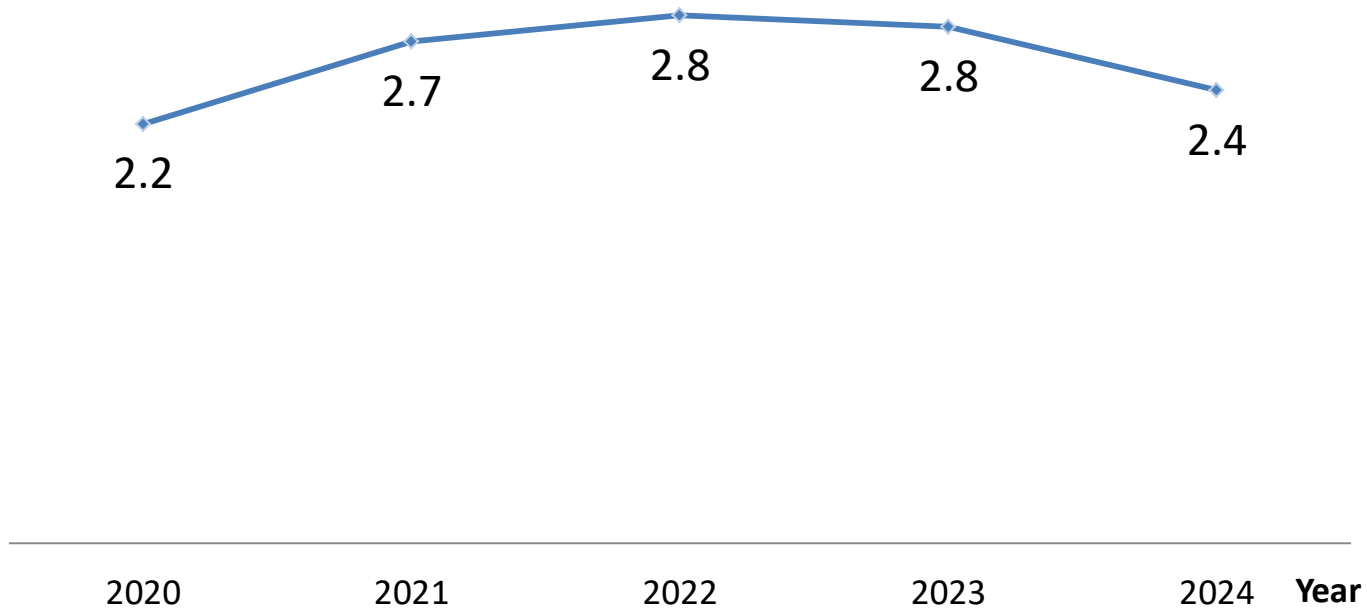


Over the past 5 years, resident applications accounted for over 90% of all utility model patent applications.



Disposal Pendency for Utility Model Patent Applications

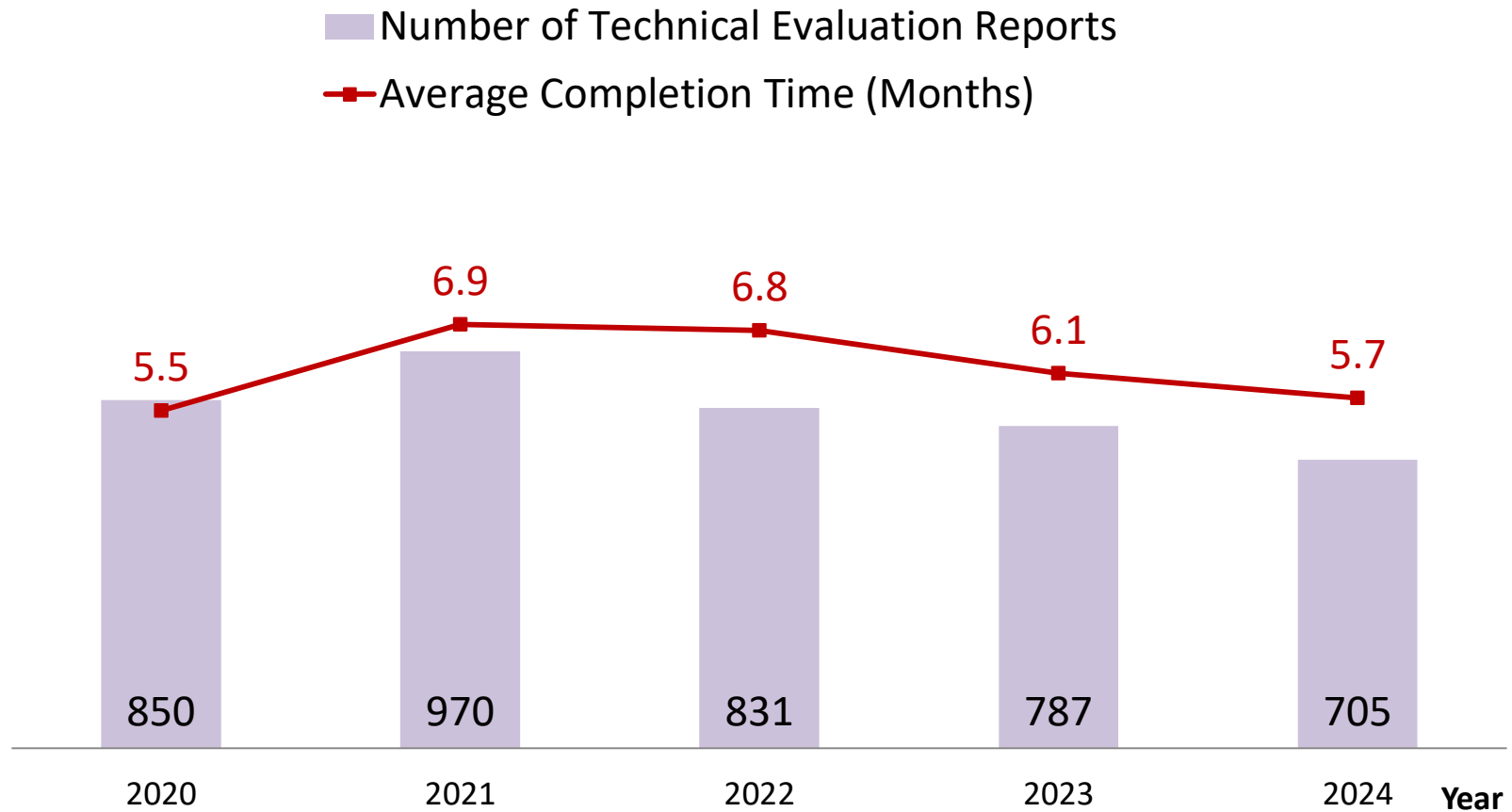
Average Disposal Pendency for Utility Model Patent Applications (Months)



The average disposal pendency for utility model patents was 2.4 months in 2024, allowing applicants to obtain utility model patents quickly.



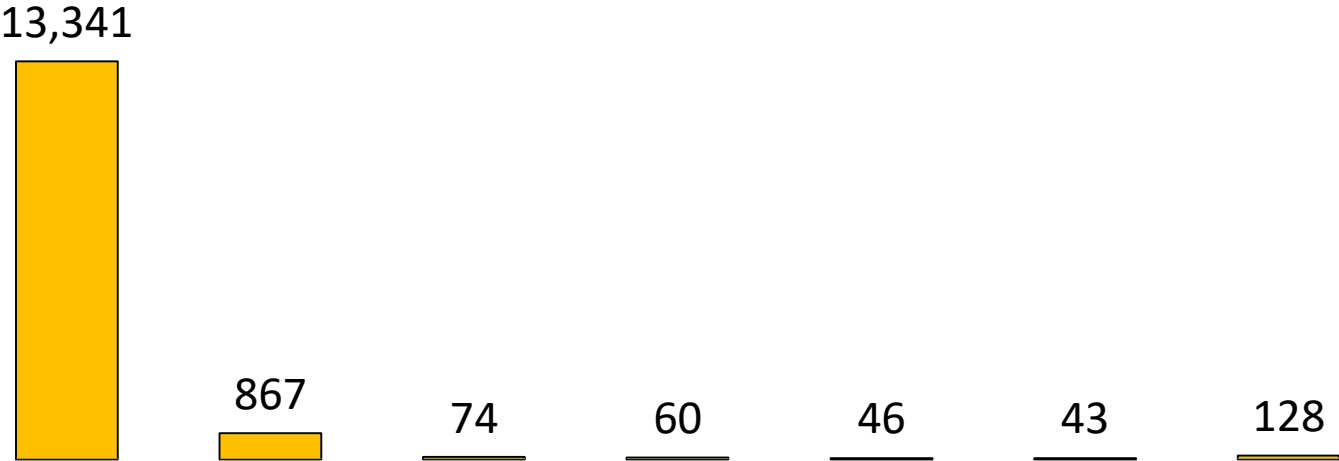
Technical Evaluation Reports for Utility Model Patent



A total of 705 technical evaluation reports for utility model patents were completed in 2024, with an average completion time of 5.7 months.



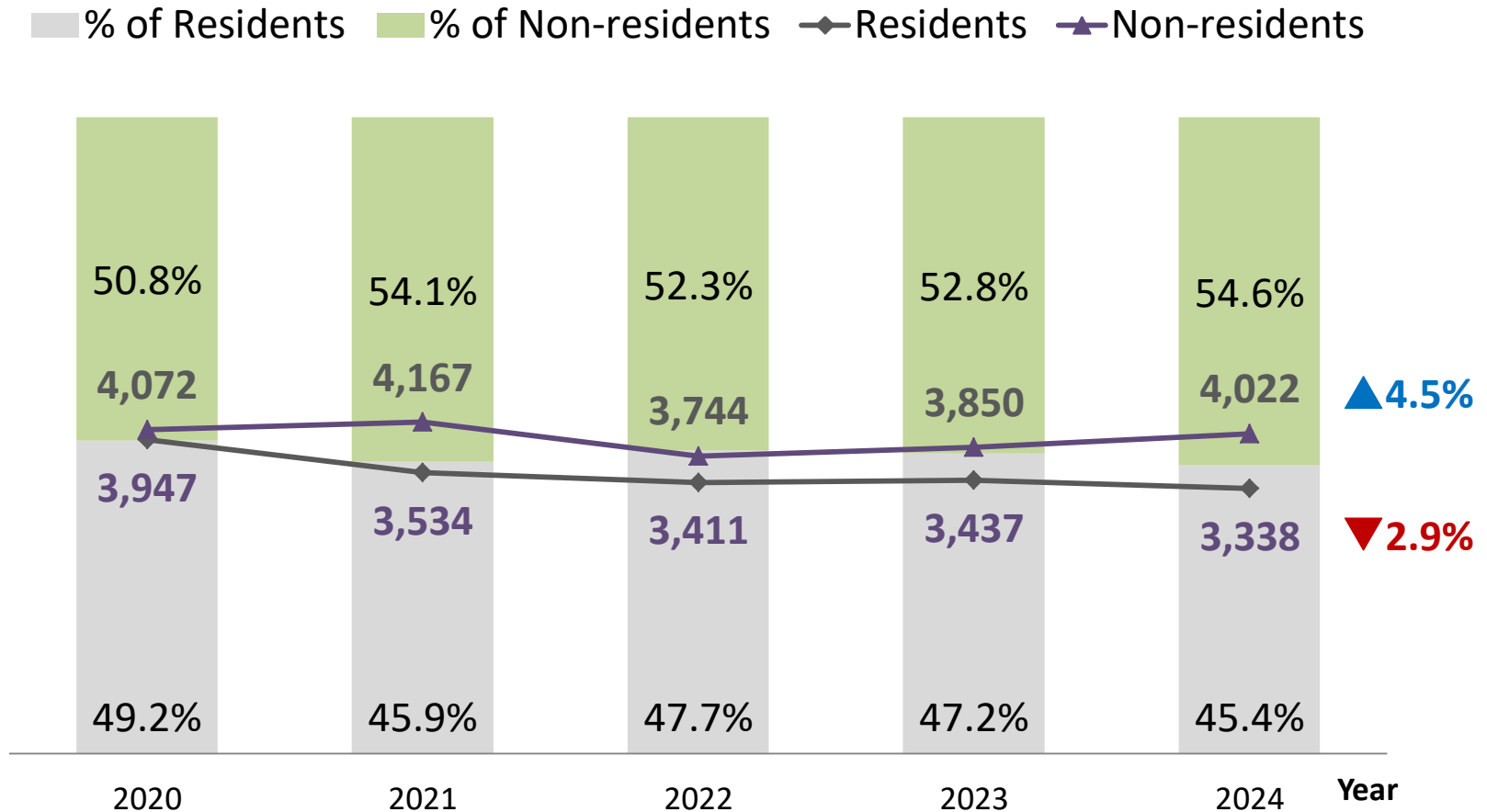
Utility Model Patent Applications by Nationality in 2024



| | Taiwan | China | USA | Hong Kong | Japan | Cayman Islands | Others | Total |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|------|-----------|-------|----------------|--------|--------|
| Utility Model Patent Applications | 13,341 | 867 | 74 | 60 | 46 | 43 | 128 | 14,559 |
| Ratio | 91.6% | 6.0% | 0.5% | 0.4% | 0.3% | 0.3% | 0.9% | 100.0% |



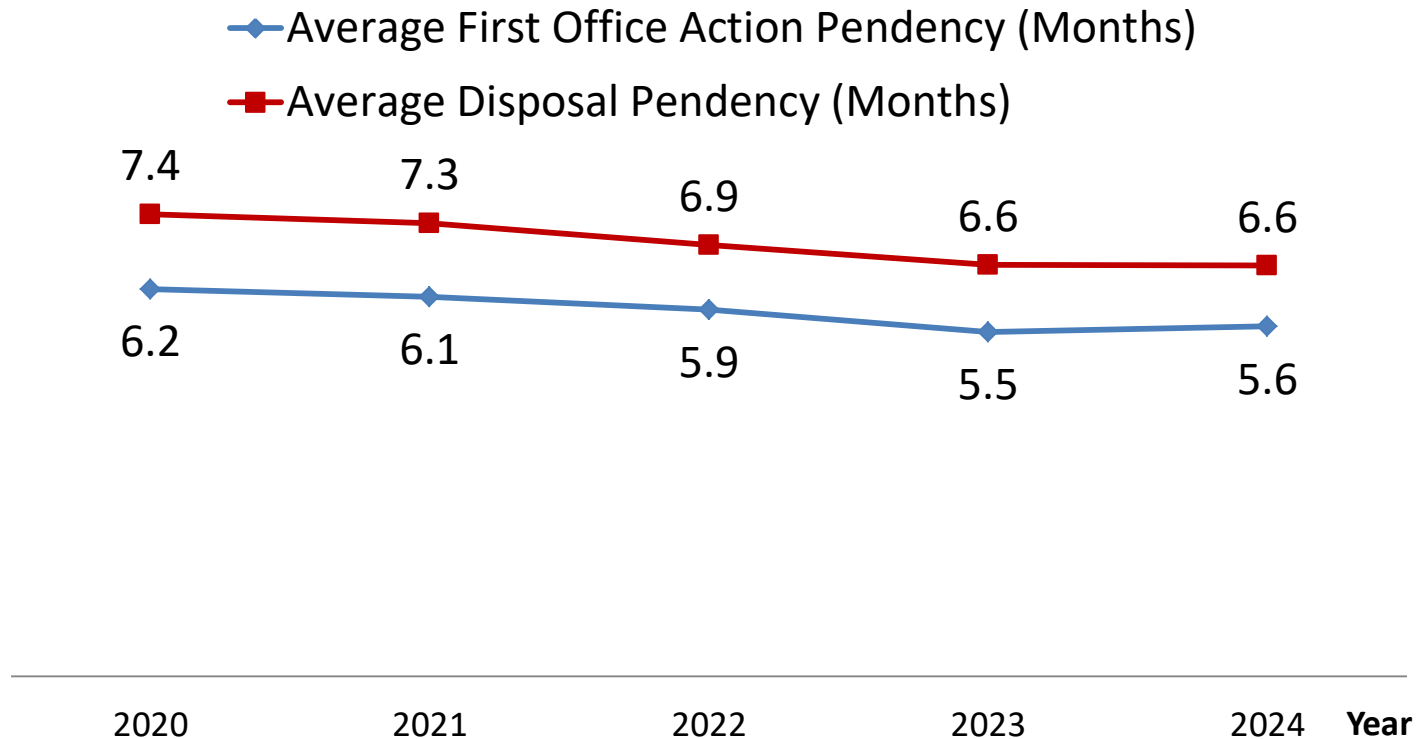
Design Patent Applications



In 2024, resident applications accounted for about 45% of all design patent applications.



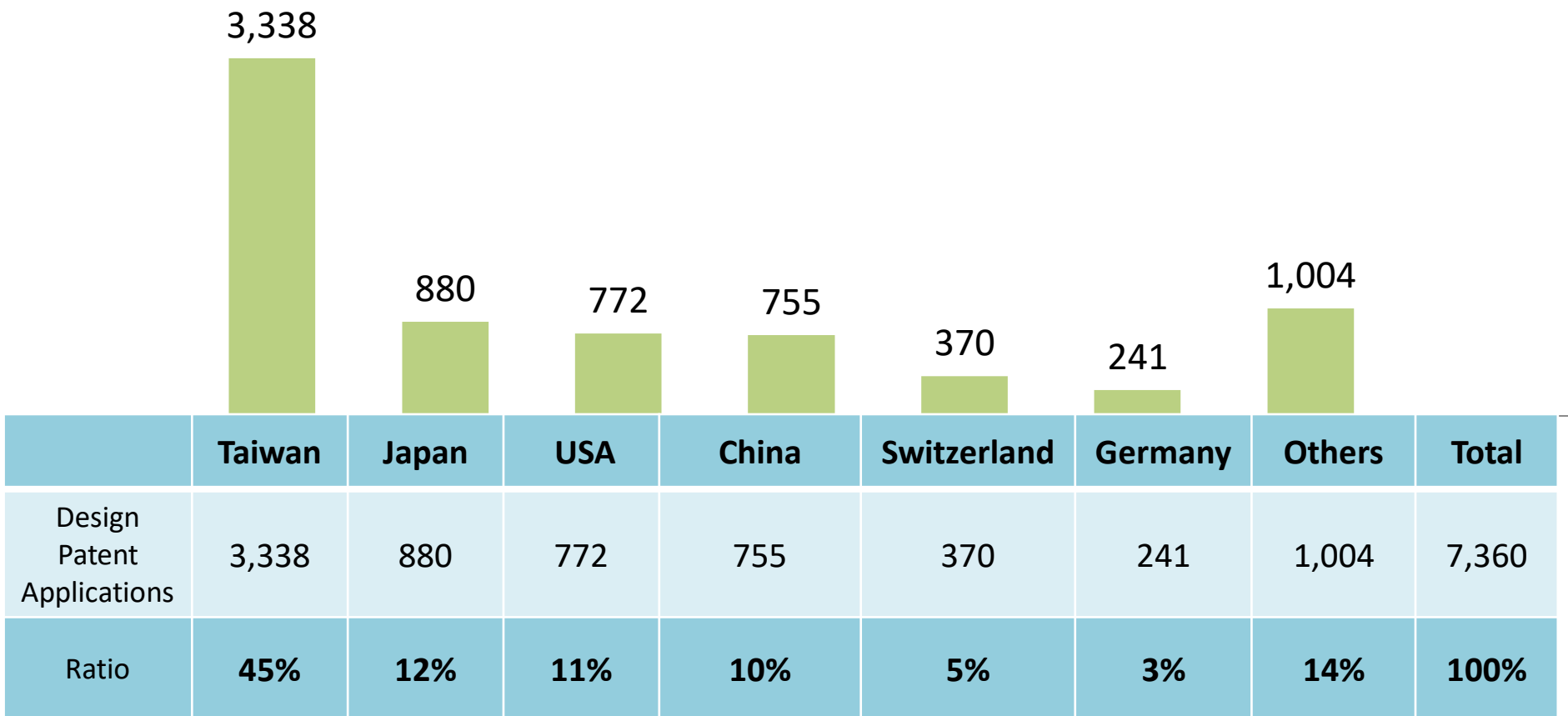
Pendency of Design Patent Applications



In 2024, the average first office action pendency for design patents was 5.6 months, and the average disposal pendency was 6.6 months.



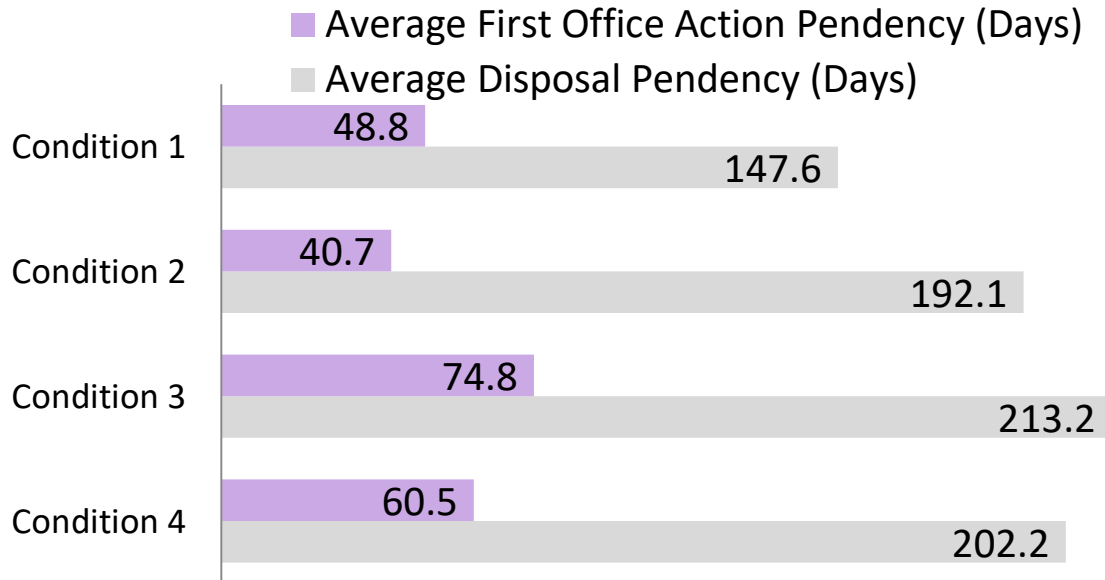
Design Patent Applications by Nationality in 2024





Accelerated Examination Program (AEP)








Pendency for Processing AEP Requests as of Dec. 2024



- **Accelerated examination program request can be filed under any of the following conditions:**
 - The application's corresponding foreign application has been granted patent right by a foreign patent authority through substantive examination .
 - The EPO, JPO, or USPTO has issued an OA and a search report during substantive examination but yet to approve the application's corresponding foreign application.
 - An accelerated examination is essential to the invention patent's commercial exploitation.
 - The inventions are related to green technology.
- **All patent applications under AEP must be laid-open. An AEP application fee of TWD \$4,000 is charged for requests made under Conditions 3 and 4 from January 1, 2014.**

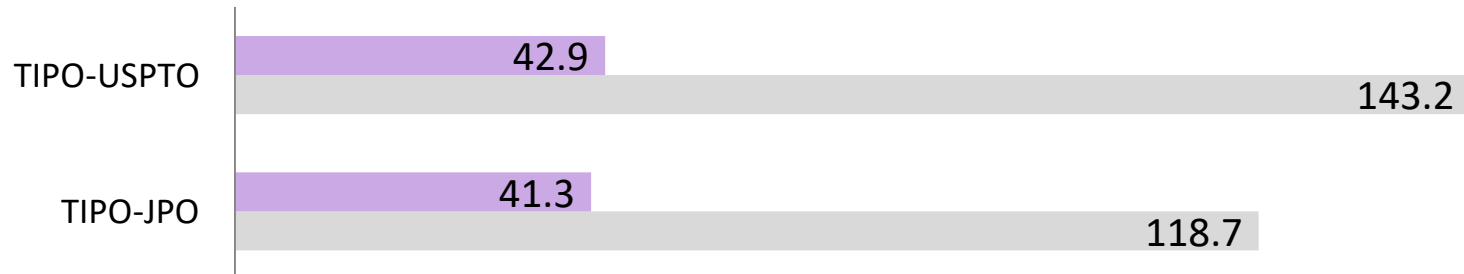


Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Program

| PPH Program | PPH Requests by Nationality | | | | | | | | Total |
|-------------|---|---|---|--|---|---|---|--------|-------|
| |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Others | |
| TIPO-USPTO | 23 | 306 | 12 | 0 | 52 | 0 | 8 | 65 | 466 |
| TIPO-JPO | 0 | 3 | 434 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 453 |
| TIPO-SPTO | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TIPO-KIPO | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| TIPO-PPO | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TIPO-CIPO | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Subtotal | 23 | 309 | 448 | 0 | 75 | 0 | 8 | 81 | 944 |

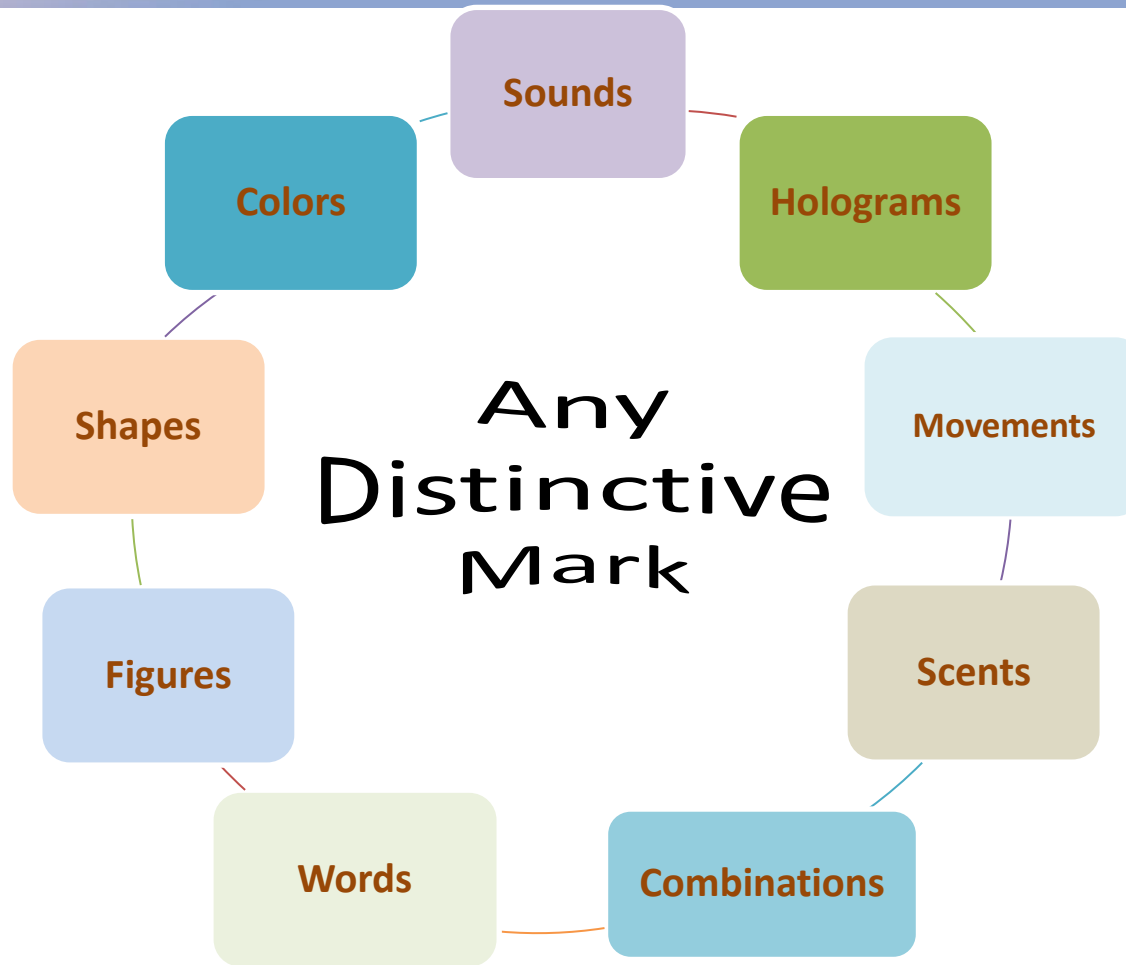
Pendency for Processing PPH Requests as of Dec. 2024

■ Average First Office Action Pendency (Days)
 ■ Average Disposal Pendency (Days)





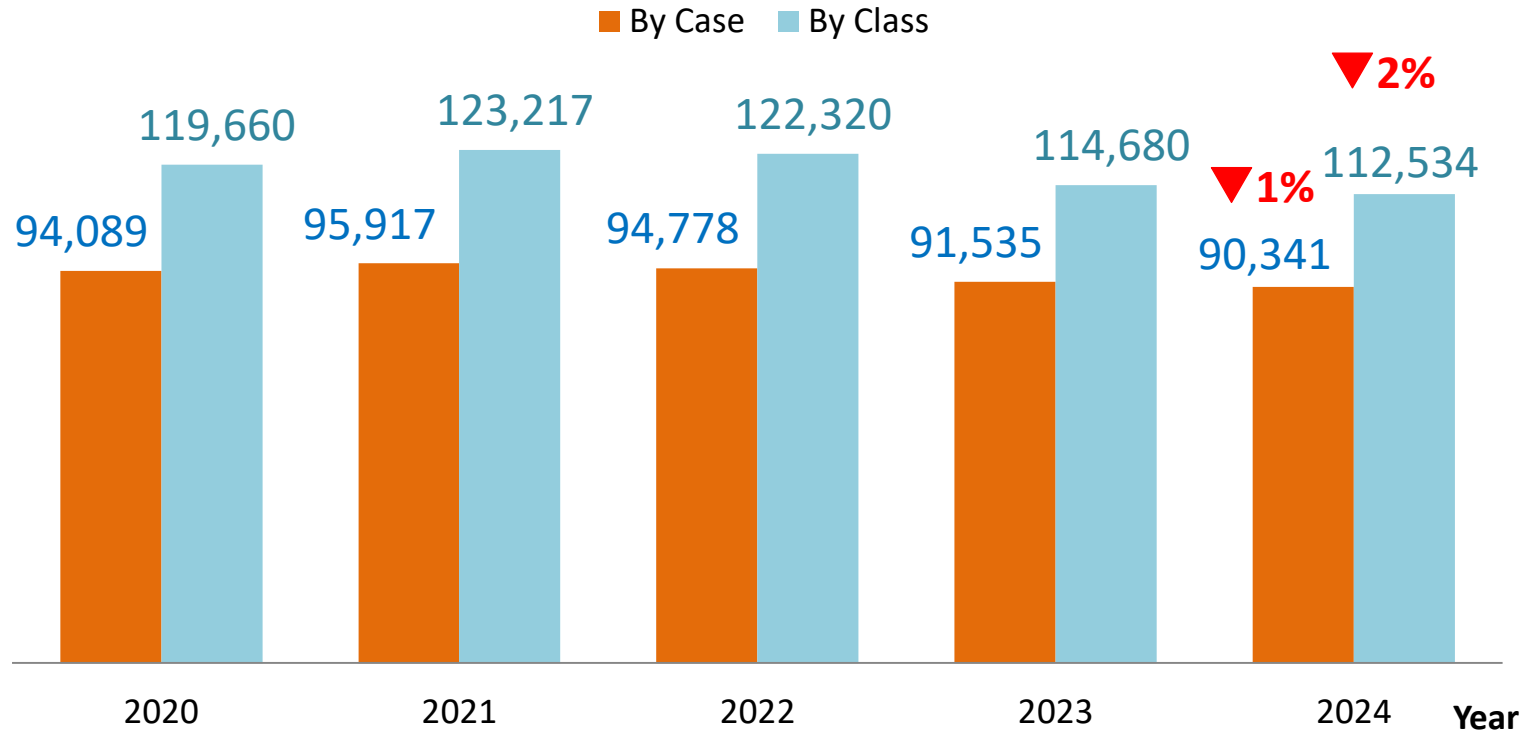
Signs Eligible for TM Registration



Any sign capable of indicating the source of the goods or services and distinguishing them from those of others may be protected by registration as a trademark, e.g., hologram, motion, and scent marks.



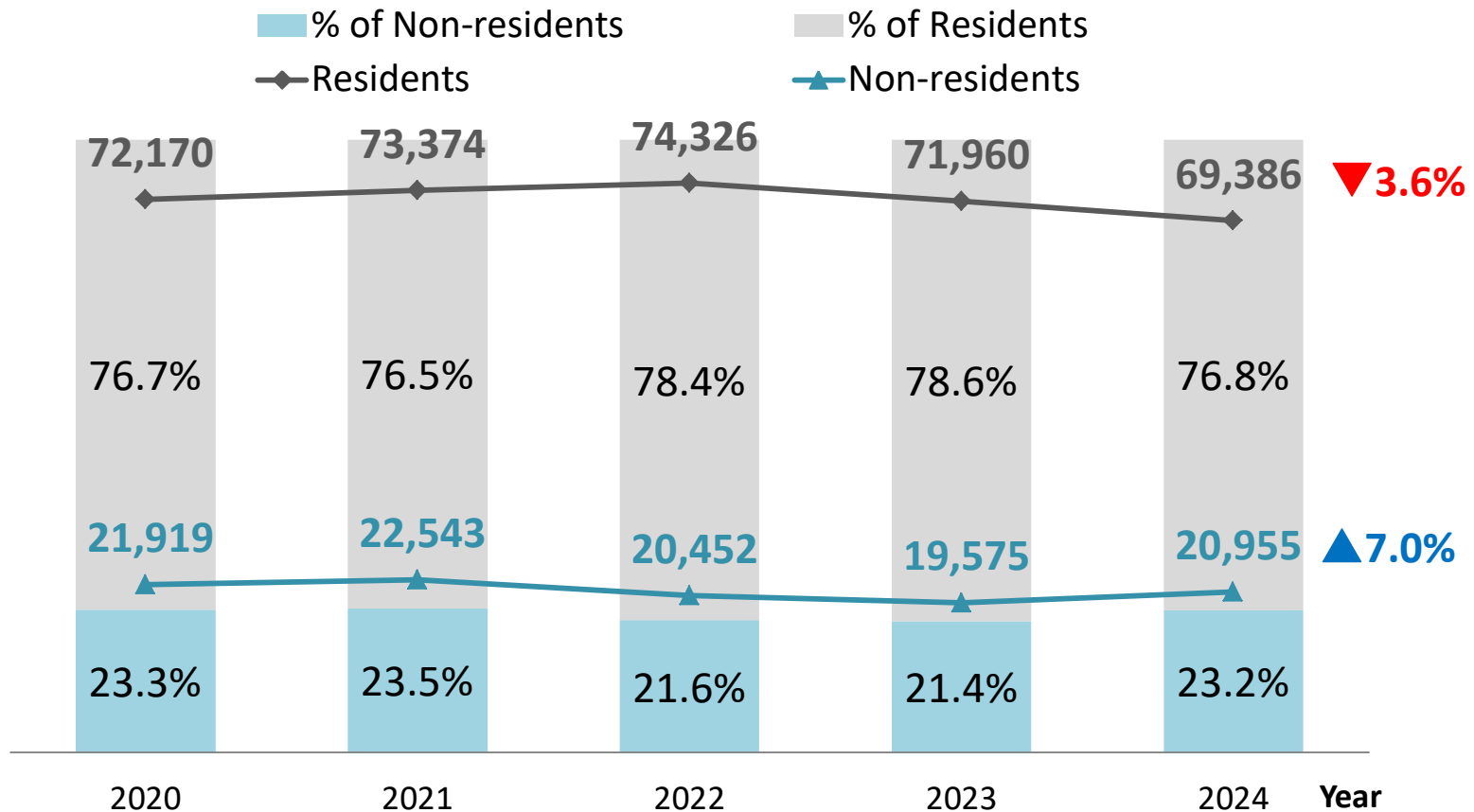
Trademark Applications



In 2024, the number of trademark applications decreased by 1% to 90,341 cases (covering 112,534 classes, -2%).



Trademark Applications

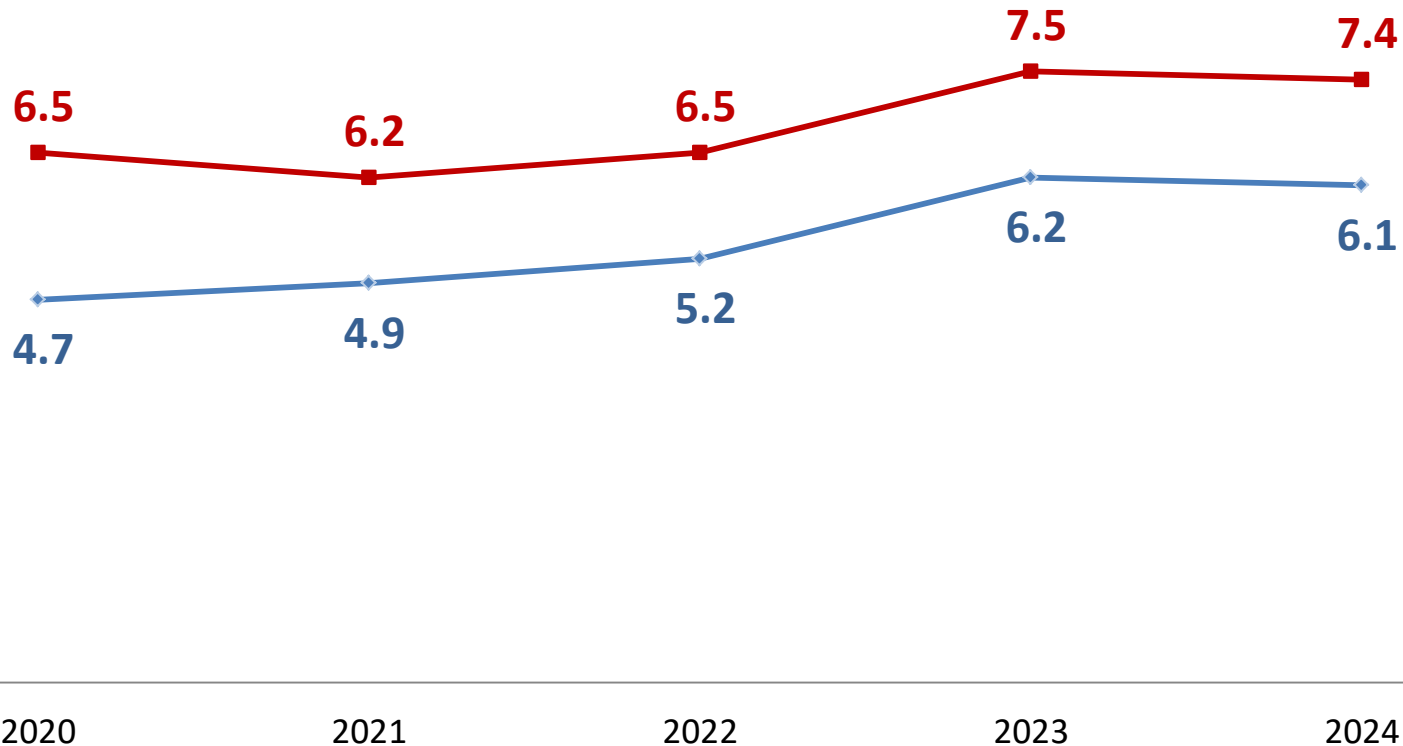


- In 2024, domestic trademark applications (69,386) decreased by 3.6%, while foreign trademark applications (20,955) rose by 7.0%.
- In 2024, domestic applications accounted for about 77% of all trademark applications.



Pendency of Trademark Applications

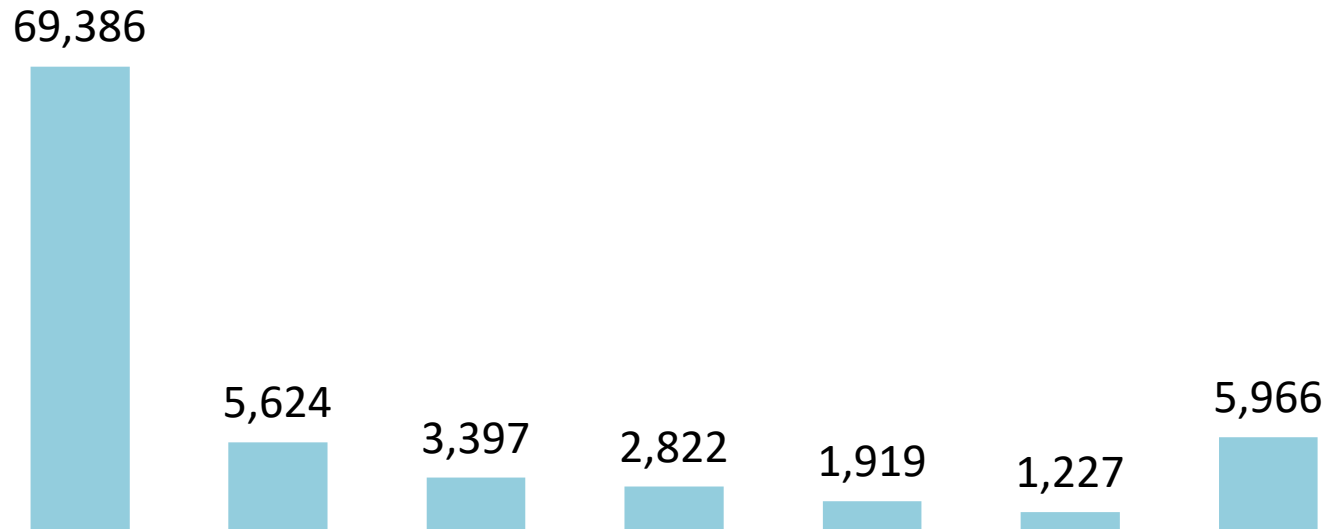
◆ Average First Office Action Pendency (Months) ■ Average Disposal Pendency (Months)



In 2024, the average first office action pendency for trademark applications was 6.1 months, and the average disposal pendency was 7.4 months.



Trademark Applications by Nationality in 2024



| | Taiwan | China | Japan | USA | South Korea | Hong Kong | Others | Total |
|------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|-----------|--------|--------|
| Trademark Applications | 69,386 | 5,624 | 3,397 | 2,822 | 1,919 | 1,227 | 5,966 | 90,341 |
| Ratio | 77% | 6% | 4% | 3% | 2% | 1% | 7% | 100% |

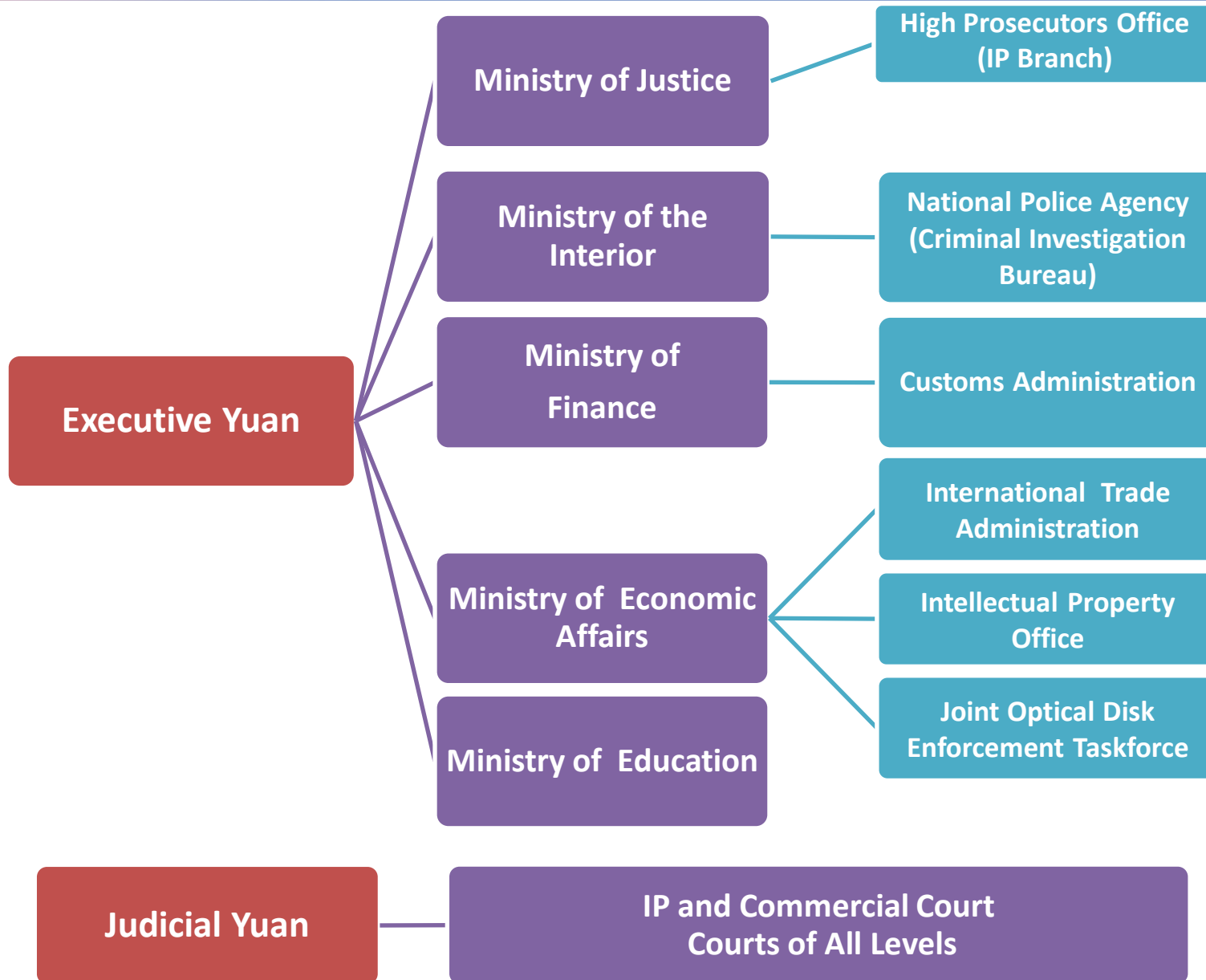


IPR Action Plan (2024-2026)

- **The 3-year IPR Action Plan was launched in 2003 and subsequently formulated in 2006, 2009, 2012, 2015, 2018, 2021, and 2024.**
- **The main objectives of the Action Plan(2024-2026) include:**
 - Strengthen industry research and development capabilities and intellectual property rights management
 - Optimize legal framework for intellectual property rights to safeguard industry innovation achievements
 - Effectively crackdown on counterfeit and pirated goods while reinforcing the protection of trade secrets
 - Implement border controls effectively
 - Enhance online copyright protection mechanisms and facilitate lawful use
 - Strengthen education and promotional efforts to enhance awareness of intellectual property protection among campuses and the public
 - Improve the professional competence of law enforcement personnel to build efficient law enforcement teams
 - Strengthen international exchange and cooperation as well as the protection of intellectual property rights overseas



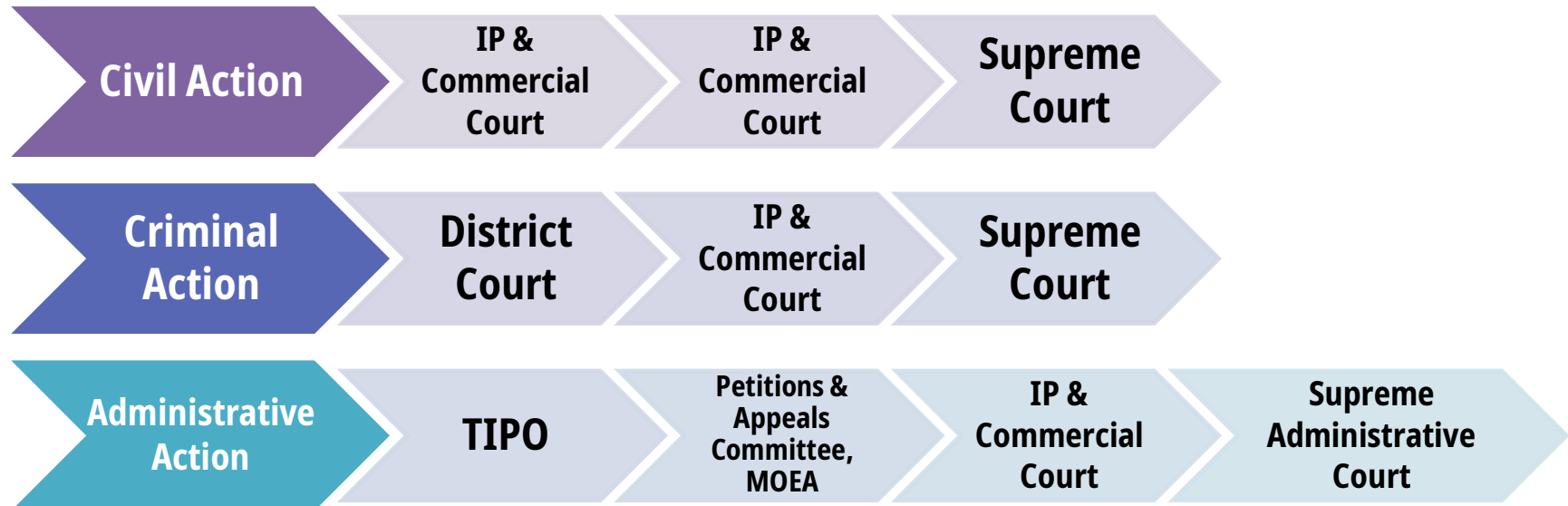
IPR Protection Network



- **Intellectual Property and Commercial Court**

- IP Court (IPC) was merged with the Commercial Court and restructured into the Intellectual Property and Commercial Court on July 1, 2021.
- 12 technical examination officers assist judges in ascertaining technical facts

- **Litigation Procedures**



International Cooperation

Continuous exchange and cooperation with European Union countries



UNITED KINGDOM

- IP dialogue
- Mutual recognition of biomaterial deposit



SPAIN

- PPH



INDIA

- Examiner exchange
- MOU on IPR cooperation



PHILIPPINES

- Examiner exchange
- MOU on IP cooperation



POLAND

- PPH



Canada

- PPH
- IP Dialogue



UNITED STATES

- IP dialogue
- PPH
- PDX (Expected to be implemented in 2025)
- Examiner exchange



SOUTH KOREA

- IP dialogue
- Examiner exchange
- PPH and PDX
- Mutual recognition of biomaterial deposit



JAPAN

- IP dialogue
- Examiner exchange
- PPH and PDX
- Mutual recognition of biomaterial deposit



CHINA

- Coordination assistance mechanism
- Examiner exchange

Continuous cooperation and exchange with South-East and South Asian countries based on the New Southbound Policy



Patent Prosecution Highway(PPH) Program

- First Action Pendency: 42.1 days
- Disposal Pendency: 132.0days

U.S. Since SEP 1, 2011

JAPAN Since MAY 1, 2012

SPAIN Since OCT 1, 2013

KOREA Since JULY 1, 2015

POLAND Since AUG 1, 2017

CANADA Since FEB 1, 2018

Examiner Exchange

UNITED STATES

- Patent examiner exchange
- Trademark examiner exchange

JAPAN

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INDIA

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SOUTH KOREA

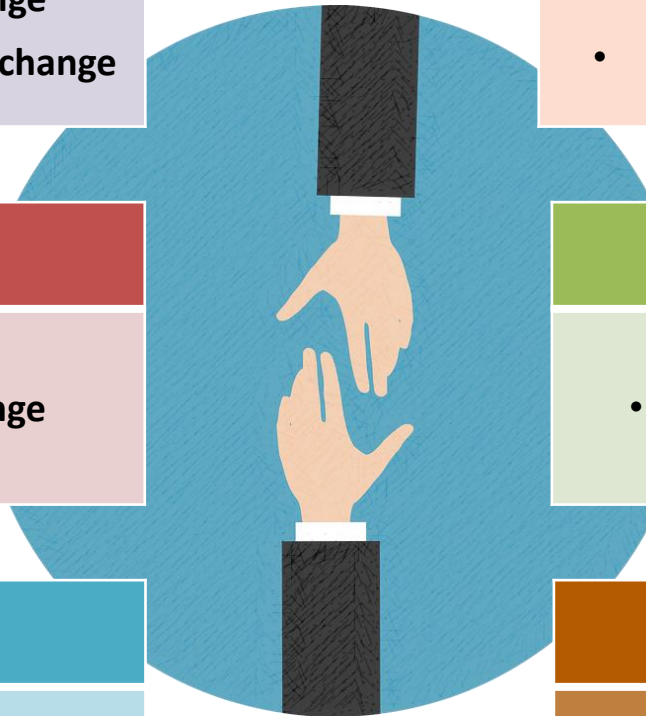
- Patent examiner exchange

PHILIPPINES

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Cross-Strait Exchanges & Cooperation

Cross-Strait Agreement on IPR Protection & Cooperation (2010)

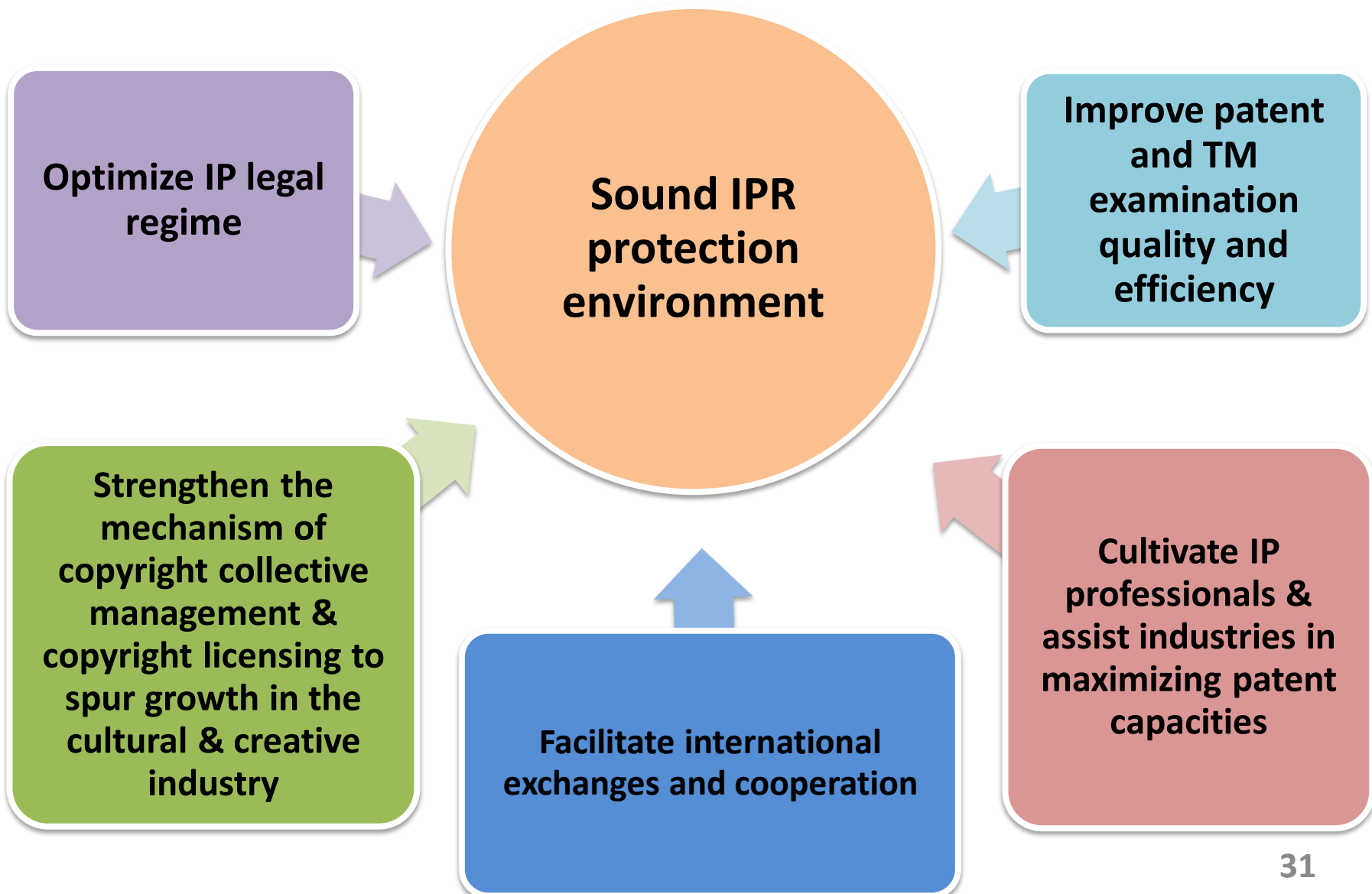
**Mutual recognition of
priority rights**

**Copyright
authentication**

**Mutual acceptance of
plant variety right
applications; expanding
scopes of protection**

**Communication
platform &
coordination assistance
mechanism**

Future Prospects



Thank you !

