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Special Reports

The TIPO-INPI PPH Pilot Program Will Commence on July 1, 2025

To support the implementation of the TIPO-INPI (France) Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program starting July 1, 2025, TIPO has released the official TIPO-INPI PPH Program Guidelines and provided a reference webpage for submitting PPH requests to the French National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI).

TIPO-INPI PPH Pilot Program Guidelines:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/wSite/public/Attachment/0/f1751954448691.pdf>

Link to filing a PPH application with INPI France:

<https://www.inpi.fr/realiser-demarches/propriete-intellectuelle/requete-dacceleration-en-vertu-du-pph>

Legal Amendments

1. TIPO Revises Examination Guidelines for Non-Traditional Trademarks; Effective August 1, 2025

To align with the amendments to Article 30, Paragraph 4 of the Trademark Act and Articles 12(10) and 13(2) of the Enforcement Rules of the Trademark Act, which took effect on May 1, 2024, TIPO has revised relevant provisions of the Examination Guidelines for Non-Traditional Trademarks. The revised guidelines were promulgated on July 23, 2025, and will come into effect on August 1, 2025.

Key Revisions include:

- (1) Clarifying the treatment of functional elements within trademark representations.
- (2) Requiring that any dotted lines used in trademark representations be explained in the trademark description.
- (3) Clarifying the dominant distinctive characters of non-traditional trademarks, which differ from the two-dimensional characters of traditional marks.
- (4) To ensure clarity and precision in the appearance of three-dimensional trademarks in relation to the designated goods or services, applicants must include a trademark description explaining the 3D shape.

Announcement of the revised Examination Guidelines for Non-Traditional Trademarks (Mandarin): <https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/tipo1/890-32946.html>

Latest News

1. TIPO's Q3 2025 IPR Trends

In the third quarter of 2025, TIPO received a total of 17,991 patent applications across all three patent types-12,695 invention patents, 3,608 utility model patents, and 1,688 design patents-marking a 2% decrease compared to the same period in 2024. Invention patents fillings dropped slightly by 0.3%. Resident and non-resident applicants each accounted for 49.5% and 50.5%, respectively.

Residents filed 4,776 invention patent applications, with 3,727 of them (78%) submitted by businesses. The top ten resident applicants for invention patents were: TSMC (283), AU Optronics (91), Nanya Technology (87), Inventec (28), Delta (78), Hon Hai (76), MediaTek (70), Realtek (69), UMC (52), and Innolux (44).

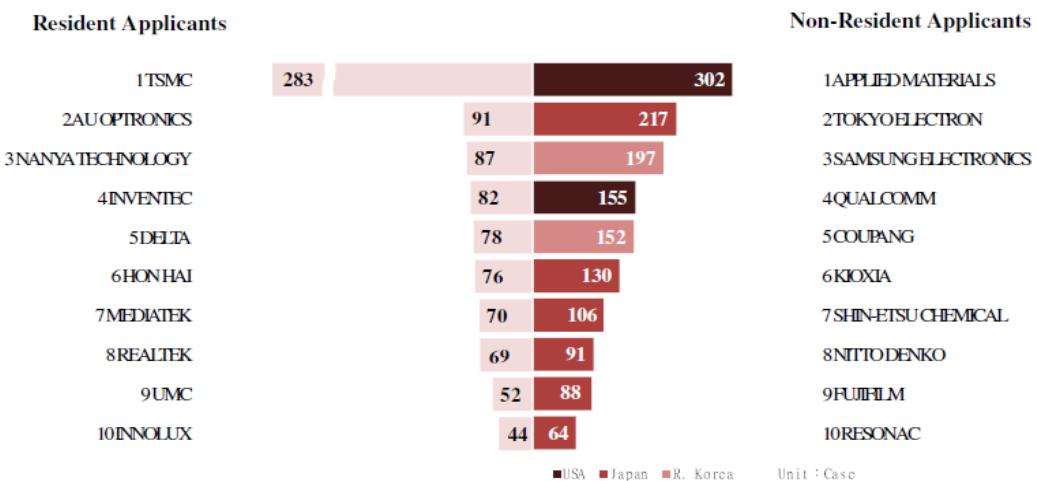
TSMC has maintained the top spot for ten consecutive years since Q3 of 2016.

Non-resident applicants filed 7,919 invention patent applications. The top five countries (or regions) were: Japan (3,150), the United States (1,825), Mainland China (952), R. Korea (826), and Germany (219).

Among non-resident applicants, the top ten invention patent filers were:

Applied Materials (US) (302), Tokyo Electron (Japan) (217), Samsung Electronics (R. Korea) (197), Qualcomm (US) (155), Coupang (R. Korea) (152), Kioxia (Japan) (130), Shin-Etsu Chemical (Japan) (106), Nitto Denko (Japan) (91), Fujifilm (Japan) (88), and Resonac (Japan) (64).

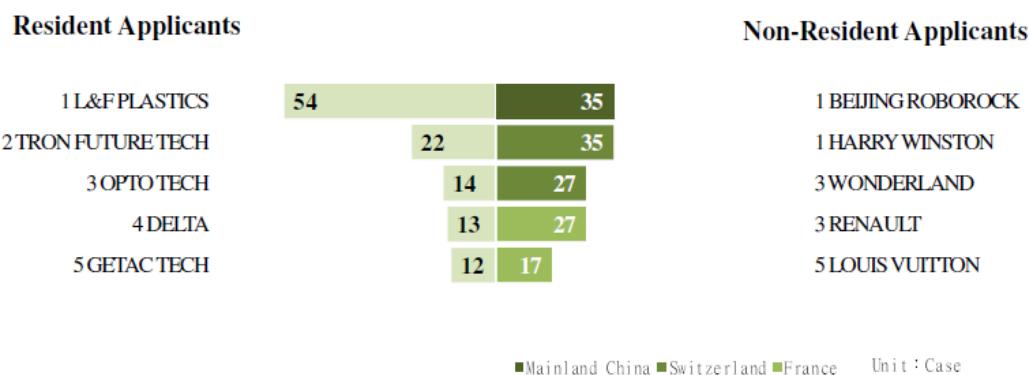
Top Ten Invention Patent Applicants in Q3 2025



Separately, design patent applications filed by non-residents totaled 833. The top five filing countries (or regions) were: Japan (223), Mainland China (146), United States (118), Switzerland (116), and France (68).

Applications from Japan, Switzerland, and France all recorded growth, with filings from Switzerland and France increasing by over 50%, reflecting significant growth momentum.

Top Five Design Patent Applicants in Q3 2025

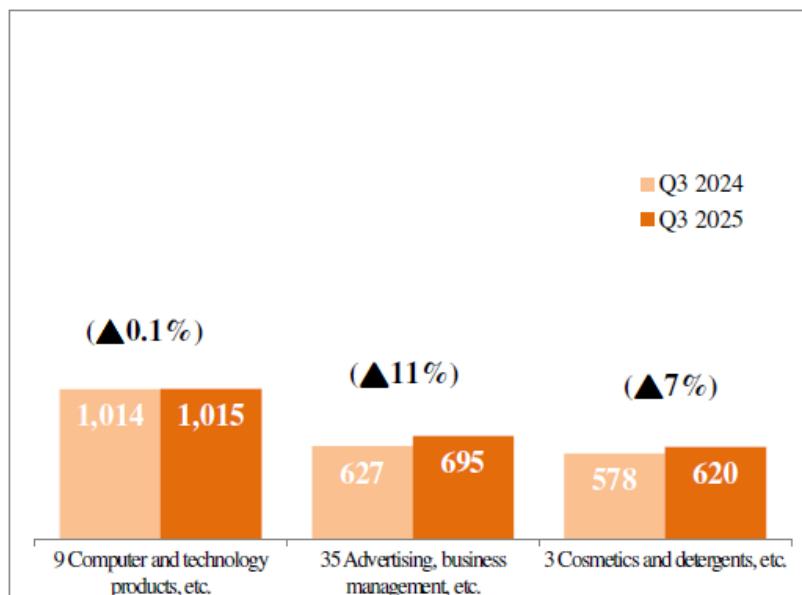


TIPO received 27,038 trademark registration applications (34,043 classes) in Q3, a 16% increase from the same period last year. Resident applicants accounted for 79%, while non-residents made up 21%. The number of trademark applications reached the highest quarterly total since Q4 of 1998, with resident filings exceeding 20,000 for the first time.

Non-resident applicants filed 5,733 trademark registration applications. The top five filing countries (or regions) were: Mainland China (1,687), Japan (872), United States (774), R. Korea (606), and Hong Kong (245).

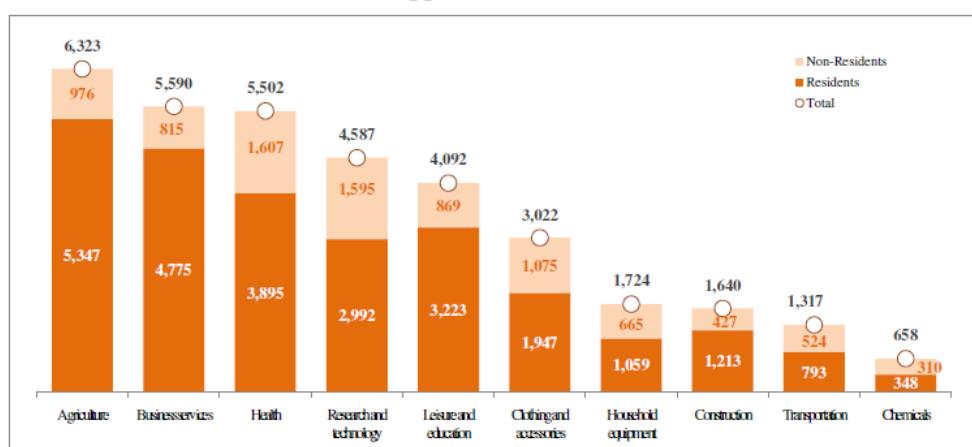
Non-resident filings were primarily concentrated in the fields of information technology, retail services, and daily consumer goods.

Top Three Classes for Non-Resident Trademark Applications



By industry, the top three sectors for trademark registration applications in Taiwan were: Agriculture (6,323), followed by Business services (5,590) and Health (5,502).

Trademark Applications by Industries in Q3 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.

Note: Applicant and nationality rankings are based on the first applicant listed in each application.

TIPO's Q3 2025 IPR Statistics Report:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/en/tipo2/324-66038.html>

2. The Pilot Program for Accelerated Examination of Invention Patent Applications Filed by Female Applicants Slated to Run for a Year from July 1, 2025

To encourage female participation in innovation and invention, TIPO has launched the pilot program for accelerated examination (pilot AEP) of invention patent applications filed by female applicants, which has been implemented on a one-year trial basis since July 1, 2025. TIPO is expected to process up to 50 applications through the pilot program, and many receive up to five applications each for the first two months. From the third month of the pilot, TIPO will accept up to four applications per month. Each female applicant is limited to five applications under the pilot program.

Program eligibility is as follows:

- (1) Applicants for the invention patent must all be natural persons and include a female applicant. The female applicant must be the inventor or one of the inventors, and the application for the pilot AEP must be filed by the female applicant.
- (2) The application must be filed on TIPO's electronic application system.
- (3) Taiwanese pilot AEP applicants must include their national ID number on their electronic application. Foreign applicants must include documentation of their identity (including gender) with their application.
- (4) The pilot AEP application can be filed after notification for substantive examination is issued but before the first office action is issued.

TIPO shall process all eligible applications and issue an office action or grant the patent within six months of receiving the pilot AEP application.

The Pilot Program for Accelerated Examination of Invention Patent Applications Filed by Female Applicants (Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/tipo1/799-34315.html>

3. Positive Feedback for AEPRe Program Prompts Continued Trial Implementation

TIPO launched the Accelerated Examination Program for Reexamination (AEPRe) on September 1, 2024, to expedite reexamination of invention patent applications. Over the course of its one-year trial period, the program achieved an impressive average examination period of just 22.8 days, earning high praise from applicants and patent agents alike for its simplicity and fee-free application process. In light of this success, TIPO has decided to continue the trial implementation of the program.

AEPRe applies to reexamination cases in which only part of the claims were rejected during the initial examination. Applicants are encouraged to amend the claims during reexamination to align with the allowable scope identified in the initial examination decision. By doing so, the case qualifies for accelerated processing under the AEPRe program.

From September 1, 2024 to August 25, 2025, TIPO received a total of 45 AEPRe applications, with 38 cases already reviewed and concluded. The average examination period from AEPRe application submission to decision was only 22.8 days—a stark contrast to the typical 10–13 months required for standard reexamination. The AEPRe program thus provides substantial benefits to applicants seeking timely patent protection.

Announcement on Continued Implementation of AEPRe Program (Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/tipo1/799-8665.html>

4. New “Specification Preparation” Feature Added to Online Design Patent Application System

In December 2024, TIPO launched an online application system for design patents, which allows users to submit new applications for design patents and derivative design patents, as well as access other application services—all without needing to install desktop software. The system is browser-based and supports cross-device use.

To further streamline the application process, a new Specification Preparation feature was added in 2025. This function allows users to upload Word files containing their design patent or derivative design patent specifications and drawings—either as individual files or a single merged file. The system will then automatically convert the uploaded documents into a PDF file that meets the online format requirements.

We encourage users to make use of this new functionality.

Online application system for design patents (Mandarin):

<https://tiponet.tipo.gov.tw/patent/>

5. Updates to the Classification and Cross Reference Index of Goods and Services for the Purpose of the Registration of Trademarks

To better align goods and services classification with current market practices, TIPO has reviewed and updated the designated goods and services names used in trademark applications. A total of 9 items have been revised or added, and 1 item has been removed. In addition, the remarks of 3 group or subgroup have been updated. These changes will take effect starting July 1, 2025.

The electronic trademark application system will be updated accordingly to reflect the revised list of designated goods and services. The updated version of the full list of designated goods and services can be downloaded from the "Goods and Services Classification Search" section of the Trademark Search System. We encourage all interested parties to make use of this updated reference.

Classification and Cross Reference Index for Goods and Services (Mandarin):

<https://cloud.tipo.gov.tw/S282/S282WV1/#/classification-inquiry/goodname-classification>

6. TIPO Publishes the 2024 *Compilation of Selected Court Rulings on Trade Secret Cases*

To help the public and private sectors stay updated on judicial practices regarding trade secrets in Taiwan, TIPO has compiled the *2024 Compilation of Selected Court Rulings on Trade Secret Cases (Mandarin)*. The compilation features 27 rulings selected from a total of 56 civil and criminal trade secret cases adjudicated by courts at all levels in 2024. The selected rulings are organized by themes such as the three essential elements of trade secrets, trade secret infringement, and other related judicial decisions. Key points of each ruling are summarized to provide practical insights.

The compilation was published on July 24, 2025, and is now available on the Trade Secrets section of TIPO's official website. All interested parties are welcome to consult and make use of this resource.

2024 Compilation of Selected Court Rulings on Trade Secret Cases (Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/tipo1/799-52796.html>

7. TIPO Releases the Analysis of Taiwan's Green Trademarks Industry–2025 Report

To continue tracking the development of Taiwan's green trademarks sector, TIPO has released the 2025 edition of its report The Analysis of Taiwan's Green Trademarks Industry. Building on the comparative 10-year analysis published in 2024, the latest report integrates updated data from 2024 to offer insights into trademark strategies for the green industry in response to global climate goals and net-zero initiatives.

Following the European Union's statistical methodology, the term "green trademark" refers to designated goods and services categorized under the Nice

Classification. TIPO analyzed filings over the past decade across nine major green-related categories: energy products, transportation, energy conservation, reuse/recycle, pollution control, waste management, agriculture, environmental awareness, and climate change.

From 2015 to 2024, green trademark applications accounted for approximately 14.30% of Taiwan's total filings. Among the nine categories, Energy Conservation, Pollution Control, and Energy Products consistently recorded the highest number of applications—together comprising nearly 80% of all green trademark filings, highlighting these as the core sectors in Taiwan's green trademark development.

2025 Analysis of Taiwan's Green Trademarks Industry (Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/wSite/public/Attachment/005/f1754554047001.pdf>

8. The First Trademark Professional Capability Certification Examination was held on September 2025

To bolster Taiwan's trademark service system and enhance the capabilities of IP professionals, TIPO will launch the first nationwide Trademark Professional Capability Certification Examination in September 2025. Individuals who pass the exam and obtain a certification of qualification will be eligible to register as trademark agents and are legally authorized to handle trademark-related matters.

Trademark Professional Capability Certification Examination:

<https://tiponet.tipo.gov.tw/S080WV1/#/TipoRegisterExamn>

9. 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). Five cases of infringement were reported this quarter.

10. 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 Traditional Intellectual Creations of Indigenous Peoples came into force in 2015 through September 2025, the Council of Indigenous Peoples (CIP) has received 150 applications for exclusive rights. After consolidation, the number stands at 120 cases. Of these, 105 cases (88%) have completed review, 13 cases (11%) were withdrawn by the applicants, and 2 cases (1%) were rejected.

Among the 105 reviewed cases, 95 cases (90%) were approved and granted exclusive rights, 2 cases (2%) were returned for correction and re-review, and 8 cases (8%) were not approved.

CIP commissioned a law firm specializing in intellectual property and Indigenous traditional intellectual creations to provide legal consultation services to Indigenous communities and the general public regarding the application of the Act. The firm also offers legal opinions and litigation-related project services needed by Indigenous peoples or tribes.

During this quarter, a total of 10 legal consultation sessions were provided, and 8 written legal opinions were issued on matters such as inquiries about traditional intellectual creations, interpretation of relevant laws and regulations, licensing agreements, and issuing cease-and-desist letters to infringers.

Law Enforcement Results and Statistics

The National Police Agency of the Ministry of the Interior

Law Enforcement

Between July and September of 2025, a total of 241 cases involving 322 persons were investigated for violation of the Copyright Act, a total of 399 cases (519 persons) for violation of the Trademark Act, and 11 cases (18 persons) for violation of the Trade Secrets Act. A total of 651 cases involving 859 persons were investigated for various types of infringement. All the aforementioned persons were referred to the district prosecutor's 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.-Sep.	1,533	1,961	805	1,007	707	919	1	21	35
2024 Jan.-Sep.	1,767	2,337	1,022	1,357	730	953	19	15	27
Percentage Change %	-13.24%	-16.09%	-21.23%	-25.79%	-3.15%	-3.57%	-94.74%	40.00%	29.63%

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

Taiwan High Prosecutors Office (THPO)

Law Enforcement

1. According to the data from all the prosecutors offices, a total of 302 suspects were involved in 250 concluded cases of IPR infringement between July and September, of which 157 persons involved in 110 cases were prosecuted according to regular procedures, 49 persons involved in 46 cases were granted summary judgment, 78 persons across 76 cases received deferred prosecution, and 18 persons across 18 cases were not prosecuted nor punished by the court's sua sponte motion. 124 persons were convicted by the courts between July and September, for a conviction rate of 86.71%.
2. A comparison to the same period in 2024 reveals the following regarding the number of prosecutions (including those who requested summary judgment) and convictions for cases of IPR infringement: 206 persons were prosecuted between July and September this year, marking a decrease of 11 persons (5.07%) compared to 217 persons in the same period in 2024; 124 persons were convicted between July and September, marking a decrease of 70 persons (6.08%) compared to 124 persons in the same period in 2024.

Statistics for Final Court Decisions on IP Cases Brought by Various District Prosecutors Offices

單位：人 Unit: Person

Categories	Year	Results of Court Rulings											
		Sentence		Detention		Fines		Acquitted		Others			
Total	Total	Subtotal	Under 6 Months	6-12 Months	1-2 Year(s)	Over 2 Years	231	30	67	1	139	4	
2025 Jan.-Sep.	591	380	110	2	6	1	231	30	0	67	1	139	4
2024 Jan.-Sep.	727	572	189	4	9	1	345	24	0	31	2	121	1
Percent Change %	-18.71	-33.57	-41.80	-50.00	-33.33	-	-33.04	25.00	-	116.13	-50.00	14.88	300.00

Source: Taiwan Prosecutors Office

The Customs Administration

Law Enforcement Results

1. The Customs Administration 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*. From July to September, a total of 85 inbound cases involving trademark infringement, 1 outbound case involving trademark infringement, and 1 inbound case involving copyright infringement, resulting in the seizure of 41,647 infringing items.
2. Between July and September, the Customs Administration received 39 requests for advice protection on trademark rights, 34 requests for extending the terms for advice protection on trademark rights, and 31 requests for

updating/supplementing documents and other matters, adding up to a total of 104 requests.

3. On July 29 and August 8, Taipei Customs seized a total of 9 counterfeit HERMES and GUCCI handbags, as well as 24 counterfeit BVLGARI necklaces imported by air. The infringing goods have been confiscated.
4. On July 30, Keelung Customs intercepted a sea-freight express shipment containing 16 counterfeit CHANEL and LOUIS VUITTON apparel items. All infringing goods have been confiscated.
5. On August 13, Kaohsiung Customs seized 16 counterfeit CHRISTIAN DIOR umbrellas imported via sea-freight express. The infringing goods have been confiscated.

Ministry of Justice Investigation Bureau

Law Enforcement

In Q3, the Investigation Bureau referred a total of 45 cases (73 persons) of IP violations to district prosecutors offices for further investigation, including 6 cases involving 18 persons for violation of the Copyright Act, 30 cases (32 persons) for violation of the Trademark Act, and 9 cases (23 persons) for the Trade Secrets Act.

International Exchange and Cooperation

The Customs Administration

The Customs Administration continues to share and exchange information on counterfeiting cases with foreign customs authorities. A total of 2 counterfeiting reports were made in Q3 of 2025.

IPR Awareness Campaigns

1. Judicial Yuan

(1) In the third quarter, the Judicial Yuan organized several training programs—including the Professional Workshop on Trade Secrets, Trade Secrets for Administrators, the In-Service Training Program for IP Court Judges, and the In-Service Training Program for Judicial Affairs Officers, Technical Examination Officers, and Judge's Assistants of the IP Court. These programs aim to strengthen the expertise of IP-specialized judges and judicial personnel and to enhance the quality and efficiency of IP case adjudication.

(2) The Judicial Yuan commissioned the Intellectual Property and Commercial Court to organize the 2025 Intellectual Property Law Symposium on September 19. The event brought together more than 50 participants, including administrative court judges, presiding and trial judges from the first and second instances, prosecutors from the IP branch of the Taiwan High Prosecutors Office, attorneys, patent attorneys, and TIPO representatives. Participants exchanged views on legal issues and practical developments in IP litigation, contributing meaningfully to clarifying disputed matters in IP adjudication and supporting judges in applying legal principles in individual cases.

2. Ministry of Justice

(1) The Ministry of Justice Investigation Bureau has incorporated trade secret infringement cases into its corporate anti-corruption initiatives. From July to September, the Bureau conducted a total of 40 outreach sessions across industrial parks, major business associations, and corporate groups. Using real-world cases, the sessions emphasized the importance of protecting trade secrets. In total, 2,693 participants from 359 companies attended these sessions.

(2) In July, the MOJ Judges Academy held the 2025 Advanced Certification Program on the Trade Secrets Act for judicial personnel. Thirty-two participants—including prosecutors, prosecutorial officers, and investigators from the Investigation Bureau—completed the full program. All participants passed the post-training assessment and were awarded the

official Advanced Certification in the Trade Secrets Act for Judicial Personnel issued by the Ministry.

3. The Customs Administration

- (1) To strengthen outreach to relevant industries on border enforcement measures and applicable IP regulations, the Customs Administration conducted four Customs IP Border Measures Seminars from September 2 to 5 at the Keelung, Taipei, Taichung, and Kaohsiung Customs Offices. The seminars aimed to enhance customs officers' professional knowledge in IP protection.
- (2) The Customs Administration also held its third Customs Clearance Business Forum on September 25 at Taipei Customs and conducted an industry consultation session on July 16 at Taichung Customs. Both activities reinforced outreach to stakeholders on border measures and legal requirements related to intellectual property protection.

4. Ministry of Foreign Affairs

MOFA published multiple reports related to Taiwan's intellectual property developments on Taiwan Today and its affiliated social media platforms (Facebook and X). These included:

- (1) Taiwan's Ministry of Culture Attends the Inaugural APEC Creative Industries Dialogue 2025
English: <https://www.taiwantoday.tw/Culture/Top-News/274205/MOC-promotes-global-cultural-cooperation>
French : <https://taiwaninfo.nat.gov.tw/62/274315>
Spanish : <https://noticias.nat.gov.tw/98/274224>
German : <https://taiwanheute.tw/121/274321>
Vietnamese : <https://vn.taiwantoday.tw/461/274238>
Thai : <https://th.taiwantoday.tw/471/274240>
- (2) The Creative Expo Taiwan was Held in Taipei from August 2 to 11
English: <https://www.taiwantoday.tw/Culture/Top-News/272309/Countdown-to-Creative-Expo-Taiwan-begins-in-Taipei>

French:<https://taiwaninfo.nat.gov.tw/62/272415>

Japanese:<https://jp.taiwantoday.tw/151/273422>

German:<https://taiwanheute.tw/121/272422>

Vietnamese:<https://vn.taiwantoday.tw/461/272325>

Thai:<https://th.taiwantoday.tw/471/272350>

Indonesian:<https://id.taiwantoday.tw/466/272359>

(3) Taiwan Promotes Content Creation at 2025 Licensing Japan

English:<https://www.taiwantoday.tw/Economics/Top-News/271776/Taiwan-promotes-content-creation-at-2025-Licensing-Japan>

Spanish:<https://noticias.nat.gov.tw/95/271805>

Japanese:<https://jp.taiwantoday.tw/151/271773>

Vietnamese:<https://vn.taiwantoday.tw/461/271817>

Thai:<https://th.taiwantoday.tw/468/271801>

Indonesian:<https://id.taiwantoday.tw/466/271813>

(4) Launch of the Taiwan–France PPH Pilot Program (French):

<https://taiwaninfo.nat.gov.tw/53/271689>

(5) Taiwan Participates in the 2025 Korea Character Licensing Fair

Vietnamese:<https://vn.taiwantoday.tw/461/272517>

Thai:<https://th.taiwantoday.tw/468/272527>

Indonesian:<https://id.taiwantoday.tw/466/272539>

(6) The 2025 Taiwan International Children & Youth Book Fair debuts with the theme “Crossing Cities, Reading Without Boundaries” (Indonesian):

<https://id.taiwantoday.tw/466/275164>

5. Council of Indigenous Peoples

CIP commissioned a law firm specializing in intellectual property and Indigenous traditional knowledge to deliver three outreach lectures this quarter, upon invitation from the New Taipei City Indigenous Peoples Department, the Taoyuan City Department of

Indigenous Affairs, and the Taroko National Park Headquarters. These sessions promoted awareness of traditional knowledge-related intellectual property concepts.

6. Ministry of Education

The Ministry of Education held the 2025 National Conference of Academic Affairs Administrators of Technological and Vocational Colleges and Universities on September 25, calling on schools to continue implementing campus intellectual property protection action plans. This quarter, the Ministry also issued official notifications to all public and private colleges and universities to strengthen IP education and outreach on campus. Faculty members were encouraged to make use of the pamphlet on copyrights for college professors, and students were reminded to use legitimate textbooks (including second-hand copies), in order to enhance copyright awareness among teachers and students.

7. TIPO

TIPO held two workshops—Practical Guidelines for Managing Trade Secrets in Academic and Research Institutions—on July 16 and 18, focusing on 13 key management measures for strengthening trade secret protection in academic and research organizations. A total of 60 representatives from 19 research institutions, including the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI), the Development Center for Biotechnology, Food Industry Research and Development Institute, and the Metal Industry Research and Development Center participated.

In addition, TIPO's expert service teams conducted IP lectures, outreach briefings, copyright-themed workshops, and online copyright promotion sessions throughout the quarter, with total participation reaching 120,152 person-times.