



INTERNATIONAL AND CROSS-STRAIT EXCHANGE AND COOPERATION

Looking beyond Taiwan

1. International Cooperation
2. Cross-Strait Exchange

HIGHLIGHTS

- Signed the Taiwan-US MOU on the Secure Exchange of Patent Data
- Co-organized the 1st (2023) Taiwan-Japan Intellectual Property Symposium
- Invited Experts from DPMA to Visit TIPO
- 2023 TIPA International Symposium on Trademark Protection and Litigation



INTERNATIONAL AND CROSS-STRAIT EXCHANGE AND COOPERATION

In 2023, 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 WTO/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 “Cross-Border IP Cooperation Among IP Offices,” “Research Collaboration Across Borders,” and “Incubator and Accelerator’s Support of Start-Up Operating In a Cross-Border Environment.”

◆ APEC/IPEG

● APEC/IPEG Meetings

TIPO gave presentations at the 56th and 57th APEC/IPEG Meetings on “Overview of TIPO and Its Future Outlook” and “TIPO’s Initiatives for Gender Equality,” sharing perspectives and experience with member economies. In February, TIPO also participated in a workshop on how SMEs can effectively utilize industrial design protection, and the Workshop on Geographical Indications and Preservation of Common Names. In August, TIPO took part in IPEG’s Panel Discussion on Member Economies’ initiatives for Women and Inclusivity and Intellectual Property, as well as the Clean Energy Field Trip and the Clean Energy Innovation Symposium.



APEC/IPEG Meetings

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

Bilateral Cooperation

◆ Taiwan-US

● Taiwan-US MOU on the Secure Exchange of Patent Data

On November 22, TIPO finalized the signing of the MOU on the Secure Exchange of Patent Data with the US, which will assist patent applicants from both sides in reducing manpower and time costs when applying for priority documents in the future.

◆ Taiwan-Japan

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

In February, former Director General Hong was invited by the Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association to visit Japan, where she spoke on the “Overview of TIPO and Its Future Outlook” and “The Origin and Current State of Taiwan’s Patent Review and Dispute System,” as well as exchanged opinions with industry experts.

● Taiwan-Japan Economic and Trade Conferences

Taiwan and Japan held the 46th Taiwan-Japan Economic and Trade Conference in January, the 46th Mid-Year Review Meeting in August, and the 47th Taiwan-Japan Economic and Trade Conference in November. Both sides discussed topics such as legislative revisions and IPR collaborations, etc.

● Taiwan-Japan Exchange on IPR Regime

In June, TIPO engaged in an IP regime exchange with the National Center for Industrial Property Information and Training (INPIT) from Japan. The exchange included an introduction to TIPO's Global Patent Search System (GPSS), its Trademark Search System, and Japan's patent and trademark information platform, J-PlatPat. The discussions covered the construction of IP databases and strategies for handling IP data.

● Patent and Trademark Examiners Exchange

In March, TIPO dispatched two patent examiners and two trademark examiners to Japan to exchange views on topics such as the trial system for dispute cases, the latest trends in dispute examination, and the practical assessment of trademark use evidence.

Four trademark examiners were dispatched by Japan Patent Office (JPO) to TIPO in October to attend the "Taiwan-Japan Trademark Examiners Exchange in 2023." The two parties shared the latest development of each office, updated information of trademark-related legislations, examination efficiency support and management measures, practical issues regarding goods and services, and TM5 projects, as well as exchanged the list of geographical names for reference.

JPO sent two patent examiners to TIPO in December. The exchange focused on examination practices and AI information sharing.

● 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 2023, 143 patent applications were filed under the program - 129 by Japanese nationals, 13 by Taiwanese nationals, and 1 by French nationals.

◆ Taiwan-EU

● 2023 Taiwan-EU IPR Working Group Meeting

The Taiwan-EU IPR Working Group Meeting met in April. The two sides exchanged views on the progress of their respective IPR law amendments and updated each other on matters related to IP protection and enforcement.

◆ Taiwan-Korea

● Taiwan-Korea Design Patent PDX

TIPO has included design patents within the scope of the PDX program with KIPO since July 2023. As of 2023, TIPO and KIPO have reached 110 exchanges, which were all successful.

● Patent Examiners Exchange

In March, TIPO sent two patent examiners to the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), where both parties continued to deepen exchanges on patent regime and examination practices.

● 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 2023, a total of 53 patent applications were filed by Korean nationals under the program.

◆ Taiwan-UK

● Taiwan-UK IPR Video Conference

In March, TIPO and the UKIPO cohosted the 12th Taiwan-UK IPR Video Conference. Representatives exchanged thoughts on recent office developments, metaverse trademark practices, UK design protection, online copyright infringement, revenue-sharing issues related to the use of news content on internet platforms, and the intersection of artificial intelligence with copyright.

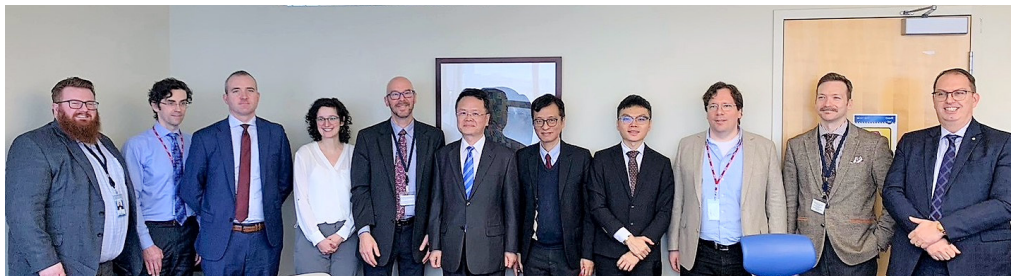
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TIPO and UKIPO officially launched the Cooperative Program on Mutual Recognition of the Deposit of Biological Materials for the Purpose of Patent Procedure on December 1, 2017. As of the end of December 2023, 27 patent applications were filed under the program – 25 by UK nationals, and 2 by Taiwanese nationals.

◆ Taiwan-Canada

● Taiwan-Canada IP Dialogue Meeting

In December, the 3rd Taiwan-Canada IP Dialogue Meeting was held in Ottawa, Canada. Both sides exchanged opinions on and discussed the following topics: digital IP infringement, enforcement, investigation and prosecution; policy and legal developments regarding standard essential patents; and shared experiences on copyright issues. TIPO also participated in the 19th Canada-Taiwan Economic Consultations (CTEC).

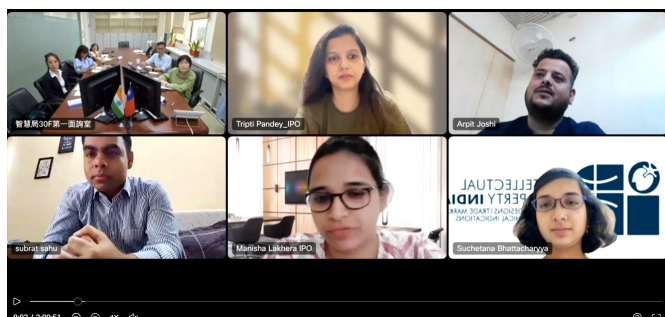


Taiwan-Canada IP Dialogue Meeting

◆ Taiwan-India

● Taiwan-India Online Meeting on Trade Secrets Protection and Enforcement in Taiwan

In October, TIPO held the Online Meeting on Trade Secrets Protection and Enforcement in Taiwan. During this meeting, Taiwan shared its legal framework, enforcement, and outreach activities related to trade secrets, and both sides exchanged views on these topics.

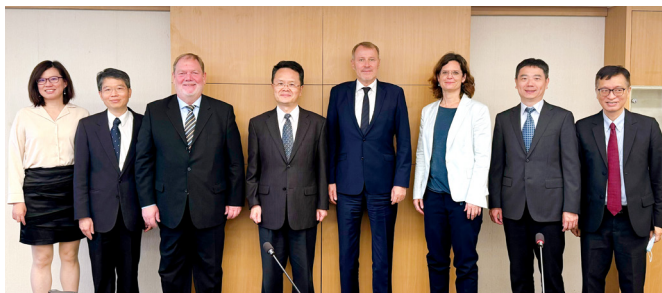


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◆ Taiwan-Germany

● Taiwan-Germany IP Exchange

In November, the first Taiwan-Germany IP exchange took place. German Patent and Trade Mark Office (DPMA) sent three experts to Taiwan, where both sides discussed topics such as legal regime and practices of the utility model system in Germany, DPMA's measures in response to the EU's unitary patent system, and the DEPATISnet database.



IP Exchanges with the DPMA

International Seminars

◆ 2023 Taiwan-Japan Intellectual Property Symposium

The Taiwan-Japan Intellectual Property Symposium, a collaborative effort of the organizers Taiwan-Japan Relations Association and Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association, in partnership with co-organizer TIPO, was held in January. In January, The event featured experts from both sides discussing the latest developments at the Japan Patent Office, Taiwan's patent support measures for businesses entering overseas markets, Japan's invention patent application system, and patent application practices in Japan, attracting more than 110 participants from industry, government, and academia.



2023 Taiwan-Japan Intellectual Property Symposium

◆ 2023 EU-Taiwan Seminar on Standard Essential Patents

In April, the 2023 EU-Taiwan Seminar on Standard Essential Patents was co-hosted with the European Economic and Trade Office (EETO) and the European Business and Regulatory Cooperation (EBRC) program. Experts from both sides shared insights on the development of standard essential patents in the EU, discussions on injunctions in standard essential patent litigation, the relationship between standard essential patents and competition law, and transparency in standard-essential patents. The seminar drew the participation of over 160 individuals from the industrial, governmental, and academic sectors.



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◆ 2023 INTA Annual Meeting

In May, TIPO attended the INTA's 2023 Annual Meeting in Singapore. Major events at the annual meeting include sessions on legal systems for IP rights, litigation practices, impact from new technologies, and IP office management. TIPO also attended the "Taiwan Trademark Association Cocktail Reception" held by the Taiwan Trademark Association, where we engaged with trademark associations and businesses around the world.

◆ 2023 Seminar on Trend of Japanese Collective Management Organization Using New Technology in Copyright Management and Licensing

In June, two experts from the Japanese Society for Rights of Authors, Composers and Publishers (JASRAC) were invited to introduce how the blockchain-based KENDRIX system was constructed to register and manage copyrights and how the international music information exchange system GSDSX operates so that people can understand foreign CMOs' preferences when adapting new technology in copyright management and licensing practices.



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◆ 2023 TIPA International Symposium on Trademark Protection and Litigation

The "2023 TIPA International Symposium on Trademark Protection and Litigation" held in November aimed to raise awareness about the importance of trademarks and to strengthen the competitiveness of local businesses at the international level. Renowned and experienced lawyers from the US and Germany were invited to share their experiences. Legal counsels of local businesses with experience in international trademark portfolios and litigation, judges of the IP and Commercial Court, and practicing lawyers were invited to engage with the lawyers from Germany and the US. The event attracted a total of 415 attendees who participated either in person or online.



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2. Cross-Strait Exchange

IP Exchange and Services

◆ Cross-Strait IPR Assistance Mechanism

As of the end of 2023, TIPO processed 884 assistance requests (44 patent cases, 806 trademark cases, and 34 copyright cases) through cross-strait collaborative assistance mechanisms. Of the 884 assistance requests, 684 cases were resolved, 180 cases were provided with legal assistance, and 20 (18 trademarks & 2 copyrights) cases are still 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 2023, 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 480,000 views in 2023.

◆ Cross-Strait Forums on Trademarks and Patents

In December, TIPO attended the 15th Cross-Strait Patent Forum virtually. Discussions revolved around topics such as the role and value of Taiwan's innovation and patent management of commercial technology in ESG, Mainland China's patent portfolio strategy in response to globalization, and Taiwan's patent strategies and portfolio in the context of global supply chain adjustments. A total of 251 attendees participated in the exchanges.

In December, TIPO also attended the 3rd Cross-Strait Forum on Trademark Practice virtually. During the forum, both sides exchanged and shared experience regarding trends and outlooks of cross-strait trademark legislations and practices, regimes and outlook of geographical mark protection, practices and developments regarding judicial protection against online trademark infringement. 321 participants attended the forum.