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TIPO-ILPO Sign Two MoUs on PPH and IP Cooperation, Strengthening Bilateral Collaboration and Exchanges in Intellectual Property

Under the witness of MOEA Deputy Minister Ms. Cynthia Kiang, Israel Trade Commissioner and Director of the Foreign Trade Administration Mr. Roey Fisher, TIPO Director General Liao Cheng-wei, and Executive Director of the Israel Patent Office Adv. Mordechay Sorek, two Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) – The MoU on the PPH MOTTAINAI and the MoU on IP Cooperation between TIPO & ILPO – were signed on November 17, 2025, at the 15th Taiwan–Israel Economic and Technological Cooperation Conference. The MoUs were signed by Representative Ms. Abby Lee of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Israel and Representative Ms. Maya Yaron of the Israel Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei, respectively.

The TIPO – ILPO PPH program will take effect on January 2, 2026. The new PPH MoU with ILPO makes Israel Taiwan’s eighth partner, following the United States, Japan, Spain, Korea, Poland, Canada, and France.

In addition, under the framework of the MoU on IP cooperation, the two Offices will also pursue cooperation in areas such as information exchange, professional exchanges, and the promotion of intellectual property awareness.

Taiwan Innotech Expo 2025 Concludes with 359 Award-Winning Innovations

The 2025 Taiwan Innotech Expo (TIE) successfully wrapped up on October 18. Held from October 16 to 18, the event attracted exhibitors from 19 countries and regions, with 442 participating companies and over 900 booths. The three-day expo welcomed more than 50,000 visitors, including international buyers and representatives from academic and research institutions, with attendees from over 60 countries, underscoring Taiwan's growing influence on the global innovation and R&D stage.

In conjunction with the expo, the Taipei Invention Awards Competition was held to recognize outstanding patented inventions that demonstrate innovation and market potential. This year, the international invention zone featured 46 booths showcasing 73 technologies from Korea, Thailand, and Mexico.

A total of 554 entries from various sectors were submitted to the competition. TIPO invited domestic experts and industry professionals to serve as judges. The selection process included a two-stage evaluation: document review and on-site appraisal conducted during the exhibition. Ultimately, 359 entries received awards, including 14 platinum awards, 104 gold medals, 103 silver medals, and 138 bronze medals.

An award ceremony was held on October 18, the final day of the expo, and the full list of winners has been published on TIPO's official website.

List of Awards Winning at TIE (Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/tipo1/77.html>

Legal Amendments

1. Revisions to the Examination Guidelines on Procedural Examination of Trademark Registration Applications, Effective December 1, 2025

The amendments to the Trademark Act, enforced on May 1, 2024, expanded the scope of eligible trademark applicants and introduced both a management framework for trademark agents and an accelerated examination mechanism. In response to these amendments, TIPO revised the “Examination Guidelines on Procedural Examination of Applicants for Trademark Registration,” which have been in effect since December 1, 2025. Key revisions include:

- (1) Establishing procedural regulations and signature requirements for partnerships, legally established groups without juridical personality, or businesses registered in accordance with the Business Registration Act to apply for trademark registration.
- (2) Defining filing requirements for accelerated trademark examination and introducing multiple payment options for administrative fees, including bank transfers, pre-authorized account debits, and credit cards.
- (3) Specifying the qualifications required for trademark agents and the fee regulations regarding changes in agent appointments.
- (4) Updating procedural regulations for mandatory applications fields, the consistency between trademark names and their reproductions, eligibility for priority claims, and proof of priority rights.
- (5) Refining procedural regulations related to substantive examination, specifically regarding trademark reproductions featuring “green” environmental claims or functional elements, alongside revised signing protocols and documents of proof for trademark coexistent registration agreements.
- (6) Updating examination principles to address evolving practical needs in procedural examination and provide a clear reference for stakeholders.

Announcement of the Amendment of the Examination Guidelines on Procedural Examination of Trademark Registration Applications (Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/tipo1/799-66026.html>

1. TIPO Statistics Report: Patent and Trademark Applications in 2025

In 2025, TIPO received a total of 71,965 patent applications, representing a 1% decrease from the previous year. Among them, invention patent applications (51,230) increased by 1%, while utility model (14,000) and design patent applications (6,735) declined by 4% and 8%, respectively. Trademark applications reached a record high of 97,411, covering 124,242 classes. Meanwhile, the average first action pendency for invention patent applications was reduced to 8.0 months, while the average pendency for trademarks declined to 5.6 months, representing decreases of 0.4 months and 0.5 months, respectively.

Foreign invention patent applications increased by 2% to 31,719 in 2025, continuing an upward trend since 2021. A breakdown by applicant nationality shows that Japan maintained its leading position with 12,524 applications, followed by the United States (6,954), Mainland China (3,703), the Republic of Korea (3,346), and Germany (1,051).

However, non-resident design applications declined by 12% to 3,543. Japan led with 852 applications, followed by the United States (621), Mainland China (605), Switzerland (456), and the Republic of Korea (169). Among the top five countries (regions), Switzerland recorded a notable increase of 23%. In contrast, Japan declined by 3%, and the United States, Mainland China, and the Republic of Korea also decreased by 15%-20%.

Trademark applications rose by 8% to an all-time high of 97,411 in 2025. Measured by the number of classes, the total reached 124,242, representing a 10% year-on-year increase. This growth was primarily driven by resident filings, which hit a new record of 75,573 cases (+9%), while non-resident applications also grew by 4% to 21,838.

Among the top five foreign countries (regions) filing trademark applications, the Republic of Korea recorded the strongest growth at 25% from the previous

year, followed by the United States (+7%), Mainland China (+3%), and Japan (+1%). In contrast, Hong Kong recorded a 13% decline.

TIPO continues its efforts to enhance the quality and efficiency of patent and trademark examinations. Specifically, the average first action pendency for invention patents was reduced to 8.0 months in 2025, a decrease of 0.4 months from the previous year. Similarly, the average first action pendency for trademark applications was shortened by 0.5 months to 5.6 months. These improvements in examination efficiency help enterprises obtain their rights more quickly to strengthen their industry IP portfolios.

TIPO Statistics Report: Patent and Trademark Applications in 2025:
<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/en/tipo2/363-80863.html>

2. TIPO Releases 2025 Top 100 Patent Applicants

TIPO released its 2025 Statistical Rankings for Patent Applications and Grants. Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) remained the top domestic applicant for invention patents for the tenth consecutive year, filing 1,485 applications. Among foreign applicants, Applied Materials of the United States retained the leading position with a record-breaking 1,088 applications. In the institutional categories, the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) remained the vanguard among research organizations with 328 filings, while National Cheng Kung University led the academic sector with 134 applications. Regarding patent grants, TSMC and Applied Materials secured the top spots for domestic and foreign entities, with 1,543 and 684 grants respectively.

TSMC maintained its commanding lead in 2025, topping the domestic invention patent rankings for the tenth consecutive year with 1,485 applications, a 5% year-on-year increase. AU Optronics (397) secured the second position, followed by Hon Hai Precision Industry (340), Nanya Technology (328), ITRI (328), Inventec (316), Realtek Semiconductor (286), Delta Electronics (280), MediaTek (269), and Innolux (235). Among the top ten domestic applicants, Hon Hai Precision Industry recorded the highest growth rate at 31%, while

Delta Electronics achieved its highest filing volume in the last 18 years.

In 2025, Applied Materials of the United States retained the top position among foreign invention patent applicants for the second consecutive year, filing 1,088 applications. Tokyo Electron of Japan ranked second with 773 applications, followed by Samsung Electronics of the Republic of Korea (741), Coupang of the Republic of Korea (675), and Qualcomm of the US (570). The remainder of the top ten included Kioxia of Japan (454), Nitto Denko of Japan (406), Shin-Etsu Chemical of Japan (359), Lam Research of the US (276), and Resonac of Japan (270). Among the top ten foreign applicants, Kioxia recorded the highest growth rate at 105%.

Press Release: TIPO Releases 2025 Top 100 Patent Applicants:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/en/tipo2/363-80865.html>

3. Comparative Analysis of 2024 Patent Filing Trends: WIPO vs. Taiwan

In 2024, WIPO received approximately 273,900 PCT invention patent applications, a slight increase of 0.5% from 2023. Taiwan received 50,823 invention patent filings—roughly the same as the previous year—indicating stable domestic innovation and steady R&D activity. For WIPO and Taiwan respectively, the leading published-application fields were Digital Communication and Semiconductors.

- **China (WIPO) and Taiwanese applicants (Taiwan) remain the top filers**

At WIPO, China continued to lead globally with 70,160 PCT filings, followed by the United States (54,087), Japan (48,397), R. Korea (23,851), and Germany (16,721).

In Taiwan, domestic applicants remained the largest group with 19,586 filings, followed by Japan (12,307), the United States (6,817), China (3,472), R. Korea (3,365), and Germany (1,035).

- **Digital Communication ranks first at WIPO; Semiconductors remain dominant in Taiwan**

At WIPO, Digital Communication became the largest technical field in 2024, accounting for 10.5% of published applications—surpassing Computer Technology

(9.7%) and Electrical Machinery, Apparatus, Energy (8.6%).

From 2020 to 2024, Digital Communication's share rose steadily from 8.3% to 10.5%, reflecting intensified global patent portfolio deployment.

In Taiwan, Semiconductors remained the top field, accounting for 15.1% of filings, followed by Computer Technology (8.2%) and Electrical Machinery, Apparatus, Energy (6.8%).

- **Major Countries (Regions) focus on Digital Communication, Computer Technology, and Electrical Machinery/Energy at WIPO; Most focus on Semiconductors in Taiwan**

At WIPO, the dominant technical field for China (18.0%) and R. Korea (13.3%) was Digital Communication. The U.S. focused on Computer Technology (12.6%), while Japan (11.9%) and Germany (12.1%) concentrated on Electrical Machinery, Apparatus, Energy.

In Taiwan, the top field for Taiwan (15.7%), China (10.5%), the United States (14.6%), Japan (15.4%), and R. Korea (29.1%) was Semiconductors. Germany's top field was Basic Materials Chemistry (8.8%).

- **WIPO and Taiwan applicants focus on Digital Communication and Semiconductors, respectively**

In 2024, the leading technical fields among the top 10 PCT applicants at WIPO showed a strong concentration in Digital Communication. Companies such as Huawei Technologies (Mainland China), Samsung Electronics (R. Korea), Qualcomm (US), LG Electronics (R. Korea), Xiaomi Mobile (Mainland China), and LM Ericsson (Sweden) centered the largest share of their patent portfolios in this field, with proportions ranging from 32.2% to 89.9%.

Notably, Xiaomi Mobile (96.2%) and LM Ericsson (89.3%) had nearly 90% of their applications concentrated within their top three technical fields, indicating highly focused portfolio strategies.

In Taiwan, the leading applicants—TSMC, Samsung Electronics, Applied Materials (U.S.), Tokyo Electron Limited, and Nanya Technology Corp.—all concentrated

their filings most heavily in Semiconductors, with shares ranging from 43.3% to 79.9%.

Among them, TSMC (91.4%) and Nanya Technology Corp. (93.7%) had over 90% of their total filings concentrated within their top three technical fields, reflecting highly focused semiconductor deployment.

Comparative Analysis of 2024 Patent Filing Trends: WIPO vs. Taiwan (Mandarin): <https://www.tipo.gov.tw/wSite/public/Attachment/007/f1763366174585.pdf>

4. Applicants May Apply for Reinstatement if USPTO Delays Issuance of Priority Documents

If applicants for patents or trademarks fail to submit priority documents within the statutory time period due to reasons not attributable to them, they may request for reinstatement in accordance with Article 17(2) of the Patent Act and Article 12 of its Enforcement Rules, or Article 8(2) of the Trademark Act and Article 9 of its Enforcement Rules.

In such cases, applicants may submit supporting documents such as an official written notice issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), or an email sent from an official USPTO address. The document must clearly state the reason for the delay (e.g., staff shortages or force majeure), and include the relevant priority application number or order number. TIPO will assess each application for reinstatement on a case-by-case basis.

5. TIPO Releases Analysis of Global AI Patent Portfolios and Publishes the Compilation of Taiwan's AI-Related Invention Cases

To encourage enterprises to enhance R&D and application of AI technologies and to strengthen AI patent portfolio strategies, TIPO conducted an analysis of recent trends in global AI patent applications. The analysis covers overall AI technologies and eight specific subcategories: AI hardware, knowledge processing, machine learning, evolutionary computation, vision, natural language processing, speech, and planning and control. Utilizing TIPO's Global Patent Search System (GPSS), the findings aim to help enterprises better understand potential development opportunities and challenges in the AI field.

The global analysis reveals that the number of AI-related patent applications has grown significantly over the past decade, surpassing 30,000 applications in 2020. Among the subcategories, machine learning and machine vision are the areas with the highest number of patent applications across countries.

In Taiwan, filing trends mirror global patterns, with applications increasing significantly since 2017. Compared to 2014, the number of AI-related patent applications in 2021 has grown nearly ninefold, with machine learning and machine vision also being the most commonly filed categories.

Taiwan ranks 9th globally in terms of total AI-related patent filings. Key Taiwanese applicants include Hon Hai (ranked 1st), ITRI (2nd), Chunghwa Telecom (4th), Institute For Information Industry (III) (7th), and Inventec (9th).

To clarify TIPO's practical approach in examining AI-related inventions—particularly with respect to patent eligibility, enablement, and inventive step—TIPO compiled six representative case studies into the publication titled *Compilation of Taiwan's AI-Related Invention Cases*. The compilation was introduced to the industry at a promotion and briefing session held on September 18, 2025, and was formally published on October 13, 2025.

This compilation is expected to help industries better understand examination practices for AI-related inventions, improve the quality of patent specifications, and strengthen global AI patent portfolios.

Compilation of Taiwan's AI-Related Invention Cases (Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/tipo1/799-61316.html>

6. TIPO Launches New Online Platform on Standard-Essential Patents

With the rapid development of 5G, artificial intelligence, and the Internet of Things, standard-essential patents (SEPs) have become increasingly critical to global industrial competitiveness. To help domestic industries deepen their understanding of SEP-related issues and stay abreast of policy trends and patent strategies in major markets, TIPO has launched a new online platform dedicated to standard-essential patents.

The platform provides content across six themes: what SEPs are; SEPs and

standards-setting organizations; SEP licensing; SEP-related disputes and litigation; Global developments in SEPs; and Additional reference materials.

By offering a structured knowledge framework and curated information, the platform consolidates intellectual property policies from international standards bodies such as ETSI, ITU, and IEEE, and irregularly publishes updates on global SEP developments to help companies track international trends.

The platform is intended to strengthen Taiwan's overall capacity to navigate SEP issues and to reinforce the connection between technical standards and intellectual property strategies. TIPO will continue expanding the platform's content to help Taiwanese companies build more resilient IP portfolios amid intensifying global standards competition.

Standard-essential patent (SEP) platform (Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/patents/1021.html>

7. TIPO Launches Beta Version of “Image Based Search for Taiwan Design Patents” on IPKM

To enhance the efficiency and convenience of design patent searches, the Taiwan Intellectual Property Office (TIPO) has introduced a new Image-Based Search for Taiwan Design Patents (Beta Version) function on IPKM in 2025. This feature covers design patents published since 2013 and leverages intelligent image-matching technology to help users quickly retrieve similar cases through image comparison. By moving beyond the limitations of traditional text-based searches, the new tool offers a more intuitive and precise approach, supporting innovation and rights management. The beta version is now open to the public.

Key Features:

- (1) **Image Upload and Matching:** When users upload images to perform a similarity search, the system will automatically detect and highlight the relevant design elements with a red frame.
- (2) **Partial Cropping Search:** In addition to full-image comparison, users may crop specific parts of the image for targeted searching.

- (3) Integration with LOC Classification: The system supports input of the International Classification for Industrial Designs (LOC), enabling combined image and class-based searches to narrow down results within specific design fields.
- (4) Advanced Filtering Options: Search results can be filtered by designer, applicant, publication year, and LOC classification, helping users quickly focus on relevant cases.

Users can also view the full design drawings or click on “Detailed View” to access bibliographic data and better understand the patents’ content.

Image-Based Search for Taiwan Design Patents (Mandarin):

<https://cloud.tipo.gov.tw/S400/patent/search/image>

8. TIPO Publishes English Translations of Chapters 9 and 10 from Part II of the Patent Examination Guidelines

To enhance global understanding of Taiwan’s substantive examination practices for invention patents, TIPO has released the English versions of Chapter 9 “Post-Grant Amendment” and Chapter 10 “Division and Conversion” from Part II of the Patent Examination Guidelines.

Chapter 9 explains the types of amendments applicants may request and outlines the criteria for determining whether such amendments are allowable during substantive examination. Chapter 10 sets out the requirements for filing divisional or conversion applications and details the legal effects of such actions.

These English versions aim to help foreign applicants better assess whether their applications meet the relevant standards set forth in Taiwan’s patent system.

Chapter 9: Post-Grant Amendment: <https://www.tipo.gov.tw/en/tipo2/375-57535.html>

Chapter 10: Division and Conversion: <https://www.tipo.gov.tw/en/tipo2/375-57536.html>

9. TIPO Updates Chinese-English Comparison Tables and Related Data in Line with the Nice Classification, 13th Edition-Version 2026

WIPO has revised the Nice Classification of Goods and Services under the Nice

Agreement, releasing the 13th Edition-Version 2026, which is scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2026.

In response, the Taiwan Intellectual Property Office (TIPO) has compiled and published the following reference materials: Summary of Changes in Class Headings and Explanatory Notes for the Nice 13th Edition – Version 2026; Comparison Table of Changes in Goods/Services Terms between the Nice 12th Edition – Version 2025 and the 13th Edition – Version 2026; Chinese-English Comparison Table of Goods and Services Terms and Similar Group Codes – Nice 13th Edition – Version 2026.

These documents are now available on TIPO’s official website and are open for public reference.

Revised Version of the Nice Classification of Goods and Services (Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/trademarks/591-8491.html>

10. TIPO Announces Amendments to the *Guidelines and Illustrative Examples for Counting Goods and Specific Retail Services*

To keep pace with emerging commercial trends—particularly the rise of digital goods verified by non-fungible tokens (NFTs) and virtual products in the metaverse—TIPO has amended the Guidelines and Illustrative Examples for Counting Goods and Specific Retail Services to clarify how virtual goods and related retail and wholesale services should be counted.

Guidelines and Illustrative Examples for Counting Goods and Specified Retail Services (Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/wSite/public/Attachment/005/f1762239572749.pdf>

11. 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). Two cases of infringement were reported this quarter.

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

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 19 legal consultation sessions were provided, and 6 written legal opinions were issued on matters such as the identification and licensing of traditional intellectual creations, trademark applications, assisting Indigenous peoples in issuing letters to infringers to request retroactive licensing, and licensing agreements.

Law Enforcement Results and Statistics

The National Police Agency of the Ministry of the Interior

Law Enforcement

Between October and December of 2025, a total of 330 cases involving 388 persons were investigated for violation of the Copyright Act, a total of 543 cases (624 persons) for violation of the Trademark Act, and 6 cases (6 persons) for violation of the Trade Secrets Act. A total of 879 cases involving 1,018 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.-Dec.	2,412	2,979	1,348	1,631	1,037	1,307	12	27	41
2024 Jan.-Dec.	2,324	3,083	1,337	1,768	967	1,281	19	20	34
Percentage Change %	3.79%	-3.37%	0.82%	-7.75%	7.24%	2.03%	-36.84%	35%	20.59%

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 391 suspects were involved in 352 concluded cases of IPR infringement between October and December, of which 160 persons involved in 131 cases were prosecuted according to regular procedures, 72 persons involved in 67 cases were granted summary judgment, 119 persons across 114 cases received deferred prosecution, and 40 persons across 40 cases were not prosecuted nor punished by the court's sua sponte motion. 94 persons were convicted by the courts between October and December, for a conviction rate of 87.04%.
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: 232 persons were prosecuted between October and December this year, marking an increase of 42 persons (22.11%) compared to 190 persons in the same period in 2024; 94 persons were convicted between October and December, marking a decrease of 53 persons (36.05%) compared to 147 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	Subtotal	Sentence						Acquitted	Not to Prosecuted	Case Rejected	Others	
				Under 6 Months	6-12 Months	1-2 Year(s)	Over 2 Years	Detention	Fines					Sentence Remitted
Total	2025 Jan.-Dec.	724	474	150	3	6	1	279	35	0	81	2	163	4
	2024 Jan.-Dec.	935	719	245	4	10	1	426	33	0	56	3	156	1
	Percent Change %	-22.57%	-34.08%	-38.78%	-25%	-40%	0	-34.51%	6.06%	-	44.64%	-33.33%	4.49%	300%

Source: Taiwan Prosecutors Office

The Customs Administration

Law Enforcement Results

1. In accordance with the *Regulations Governing Customs Measures in Protecting the Rights and Interests of Trademark*, the *Operational Directions for Customs Authorities in Implementing Measures for Protecting the Rights and Interests of Patents and Copyrights*, the Customs Administration implemented various border enforcement actions. From October to December, Customs intercepted 94 inbound cases involving trademark infringement, resulting in the seizure of 4,856,523 infringing items, including 3,250,000 cigarettes.
2. Between October and December, the Customs Administration received 64 requests for advice protection on trademark rights, 36 requests for extending the terms for advice protection on trademark rights, and 201 requests for updating/supplementing documents and other matters, adding up to a total of 301 requests.
3. In October, Keelung Customs intercepted a sea-freight express shipment containing 226 counterfeit APPLE batteries. The infringing goods have been confiscated.
4. In November and December, Taipei Customs seized 100 boxes of counterfeit VIAGRA, 23 counterfeit VACHERON CONSTANTIN and HUBLOT watches, and 20 sets of counterfeit AirPods Pro 2, all imported by air. The infringing goods have been confiscated.
5. In November, Kaohsiung Customs seized 12 counterfeit LV and CHANEL handbags imported via sea-freight express. The infringing goods have been confiscated.

Ministry of Justice Investigation Bureau

Law Enforcement

In Q4, the Investigation Bureau referred a total of 20 cases of IP violations to district prosecutors' offices for further investigation, including 3 cases involving 10 persons for violation of the Copyright Act, 12 cases (12 persons) for violation of the Trademark Act, and 5 cases (14 persons) for the Trade Secrets Act.

International Exchange and Cooperation

1. TIPO

The 2025 Taiwan-Japan Intellectual Property Symposium was held on the afternoon of September 5, 2025, at the Tsai Lecture Hall of the NTU College of Law. Centered on the theme “Patent Infringement Litigation: Systems and Practices in Taiwan and Japan,” the symposium featured presentations by Mr. Hayato Ikoma (Deputy Director of the International Policy Division, JPO), Ms. Tzu-Kuan Wei (Section Chief, TIPO), Mr. Tomonori Okuwaki (Vice President of the Japan Intellectual Property Association and Associate Vice President, Head of Intellectual Property Department at Chugai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.), and Mr. Peng-Fei Lin (Manager at Foxconn). From the perspectives of government and industry, the speakers shared the latest legal developments and practical insights regarding patent infringement litigation in Taiwan and Japan, while discussing corporate strategies for addressing infringement challenges.

The symposium attracted over 160 participants from industry, government, and academia. Experts from Taiwan and Japan engaged in lively exchanges of views and experiences, with the discussions deepening mutual understanding of patent infringement litigation systems and practices in both jurisdictions. The insights shared will serve as valuable references for companies in Taiwan and Japan as they develop their patent portfolios.

IPR Awareness Campaigns

1. Ministry of Justice

The Investigation Bureau of the Ministry of Justice has incorporated trade secret infringement cases into its corporate anti-corruption initiatives. From October to December, the Bureau conducted a total of 43 outreach sessions across industrial parks, major business associations, and corporate groups. Using real-life cases, these sessions emphasized the importance of protecting trade secrets. In total, 4,024 participants from 291 companies attended these sessions.

2. The Customs Administration

(1) To strengthen customs officers' professional knowledge in law enforcement, the Customs Administration conducted seven Customs IP Border Measures Seminars in December at the Keelung, Taipei, Taichung, and Kaohsiung Customs Offices.

(2) The Customs Administration held the second bonded operations seminar for the Hsinchu Science Park at Taipei Customs on November 20. Additionally, Taichung Customs conducted industry consultation sessions on October 22, December 2, and December 31, and organized the second 2025 joint forum for brokers, cargo carriers, warehouse operators, and container terminal operators on December 16. These events reinforced outreach to stakeholders on border measures and legal requirements related to intellectual property protection.

3. Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The MOFA published multiple reports related to Taiwan's intellectual property developments on *New Southbound Policy Portal* and *Taiwan Today*. These included:

(1) 2025 Taiwan Innotech Expo opened on October 16

English: <https://nspp.mofa.gov.tw/nsppe/news.php?post=276546&unit=379>

French: <https://taiwaninfo.nat.gov.tw/53/276554>

Vietnamese: <https://vn.taiwantoday.tw/459/276472>

Thai: <https://th.taiwantoday.tw/468/276484>

(2) 2025 Taiwan Technology X Culture Expo

English: https://www.moc.gov.tw/en/News_Content2.aspx?n=467&s=244467

French: <https://taiwaninfo.nat.gov.tw/62/276758>

Thai: <https://th.taiwantoday.tw/photos/8512/52624>

4. Council of Indigenous Peoples

CIP commissioned a law firm specializing in intellectual property and Indigenous traditional intellectual creations to deliver two outreach lectures this quarter to government agencies, including the Taroko National Park Headquarters. These sessions were designed to promote awareness of the exclusive rights associated with traditional intellectual creations.

5. Ministry of Education

The Ministry of Education held the 2025 Inter-Ministerial Advisory Committee Meeting on Intellectual Property Protection in Campuses on December 9. Attendees included academic experts, university administrative staff, student representatives, and representatives from government agencies and rights holders' organizations. During the meeting, the MOE called on all colleges and universities to strengthen outreach to students regarding intellectual property rights and the importance of using legitimate e-books. This initiative aims to address issues such as students obtaining, sharing, or downloading e-book files of unknown origin on social media platforms, or trading unauthorized e-books on e-commerce platforms.

6. TIPO

TIPO launched the "NEXT IS NOW" patent exhibition zone at the 2025 Meet Taipei Startup Festival from November 20 to 22, showcasing concrete achievements from Taiwan startups. To support entrepreneurial growth, TIPO has introduced the "Proactive Patent Examination Pilot Program for Startups." This year's program focuses on helping startups make strategic use of accelerated examination mechanisms, enabling patent grants in as little as four months. TIPO is also providing 40 patent search reports to help teams refine R&D direction and strengthen patent applications. In addition, the program has formed a new joint advisory group that connects startups with resources from medium and large corporations, facilitating technology validation and business-matching opportu-

-nities. The initiative has already resulted in several real-world collaborations, including the adoption of technology solutions and AI application tests, and has supported startups in securing NT\$105 million in investment.

TIPO's expert service teams conducted IP lectures, outreach briefings, copyright-themed workshops, and online copyright promotion sessions throughout the quarter, with total participation exceeding 71,900 person-times. Additionally, from November 25 to December 24, 30-second promotional animation clips, including "Purchase Legitimate Set-top Boxes" and "Do Not Download Illegal Electronic Textbooks," were broadcast at five Taiwan Railways (TRA) stations: Nangang, Banqiao, Taoyuan, Taichung, and Kaohsiung.