



Overview of Taiwan Intellectual Property Office

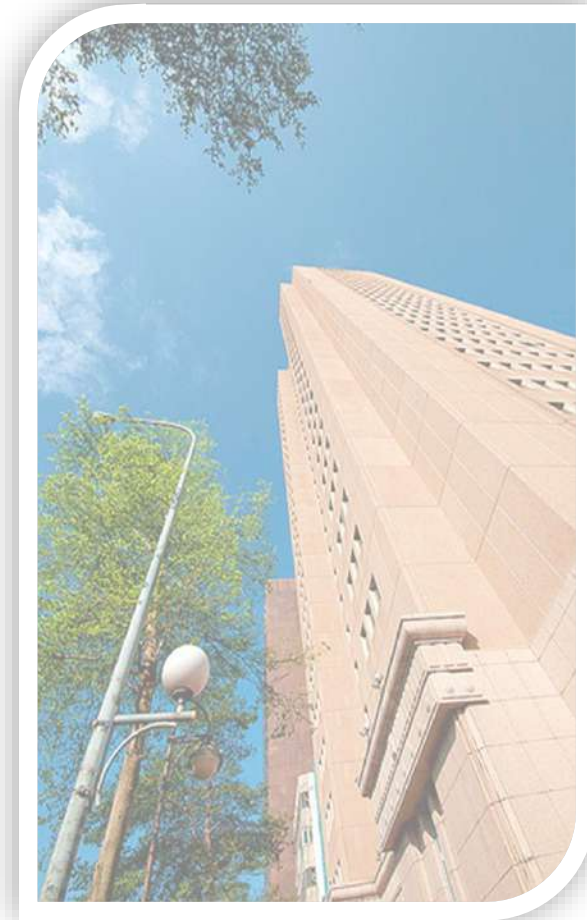
Taiwan Intellectual Property Office

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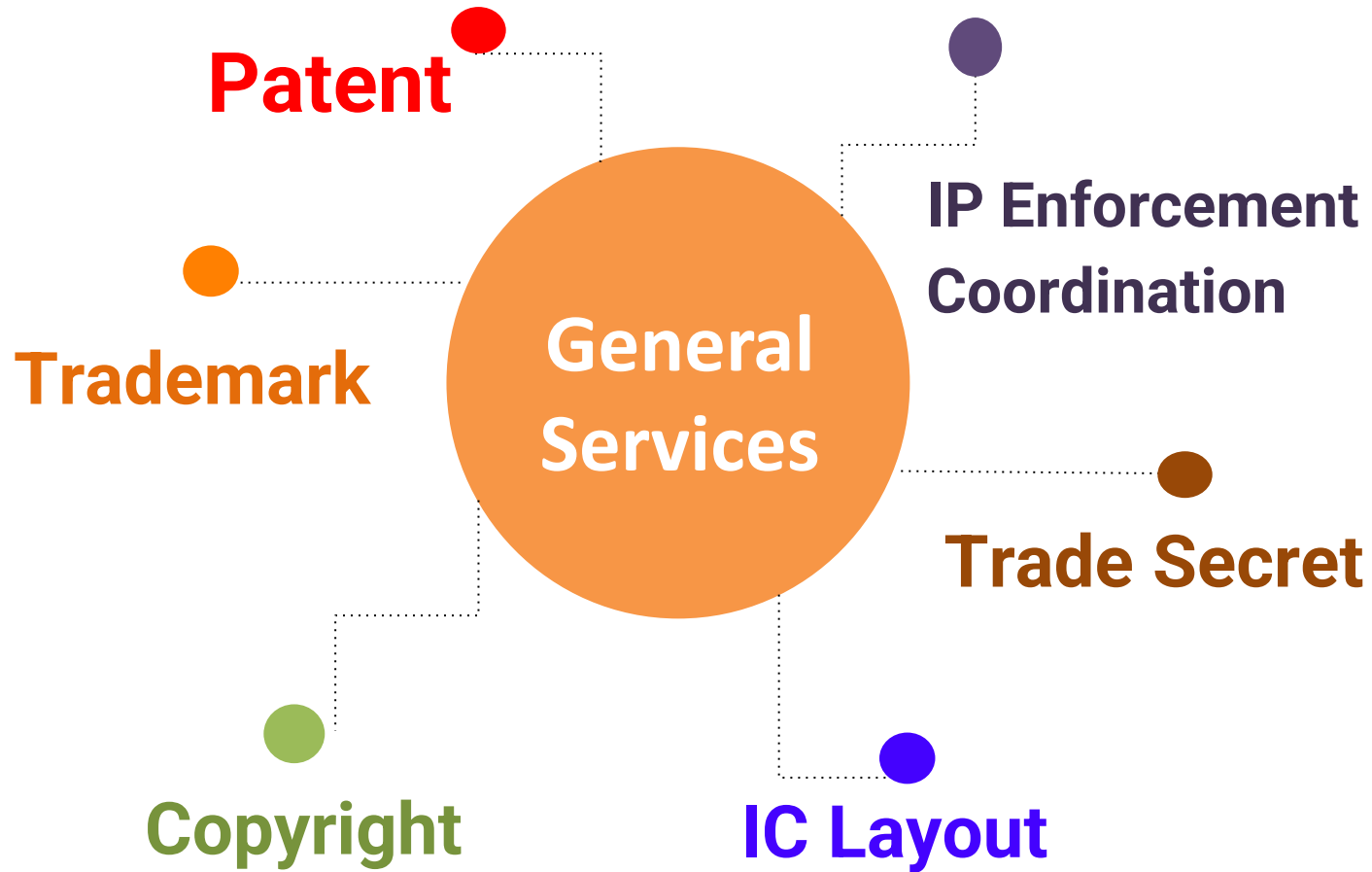
TIPO at a Glance

- 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



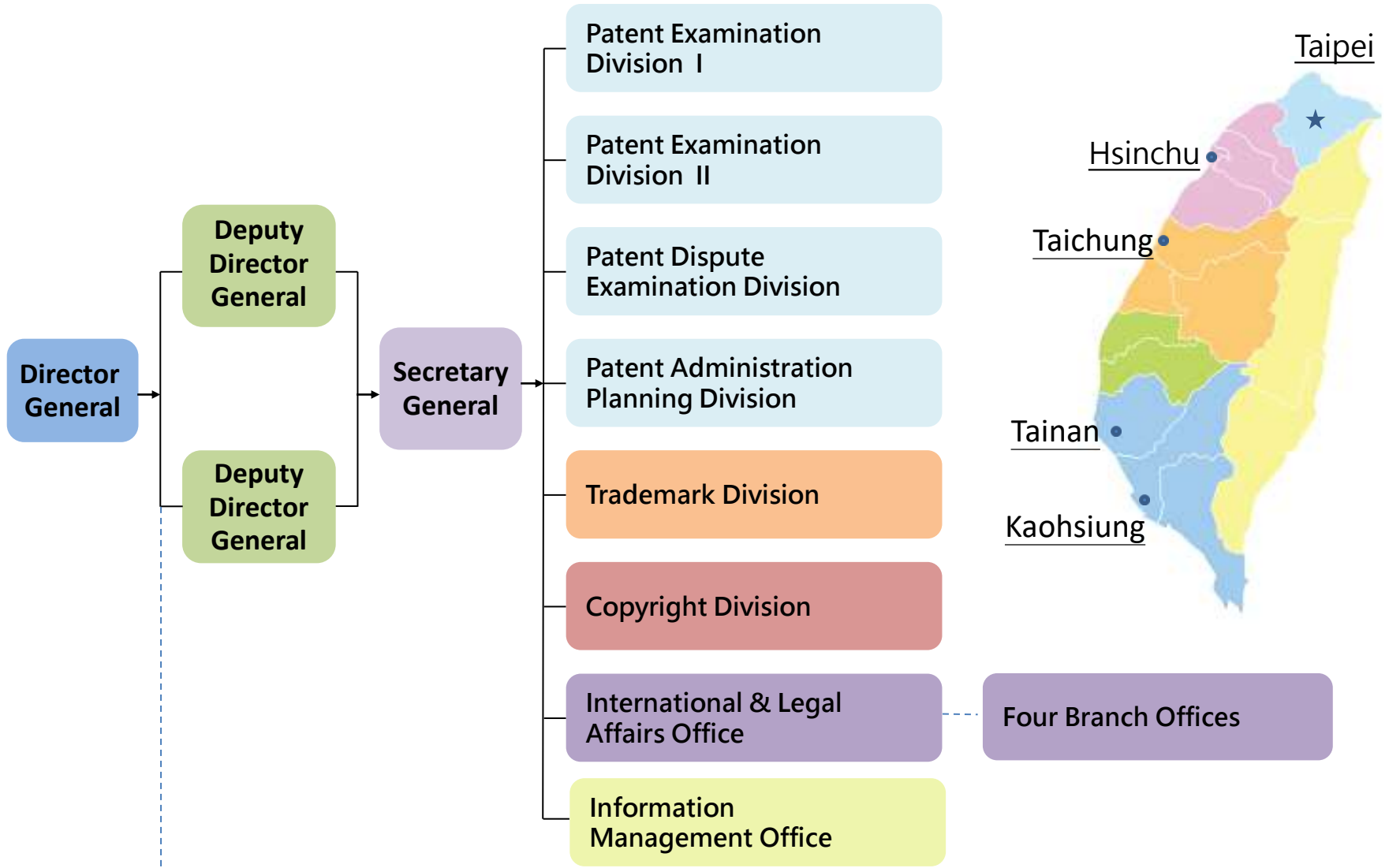


TIPO at a Glance





Organization Structure

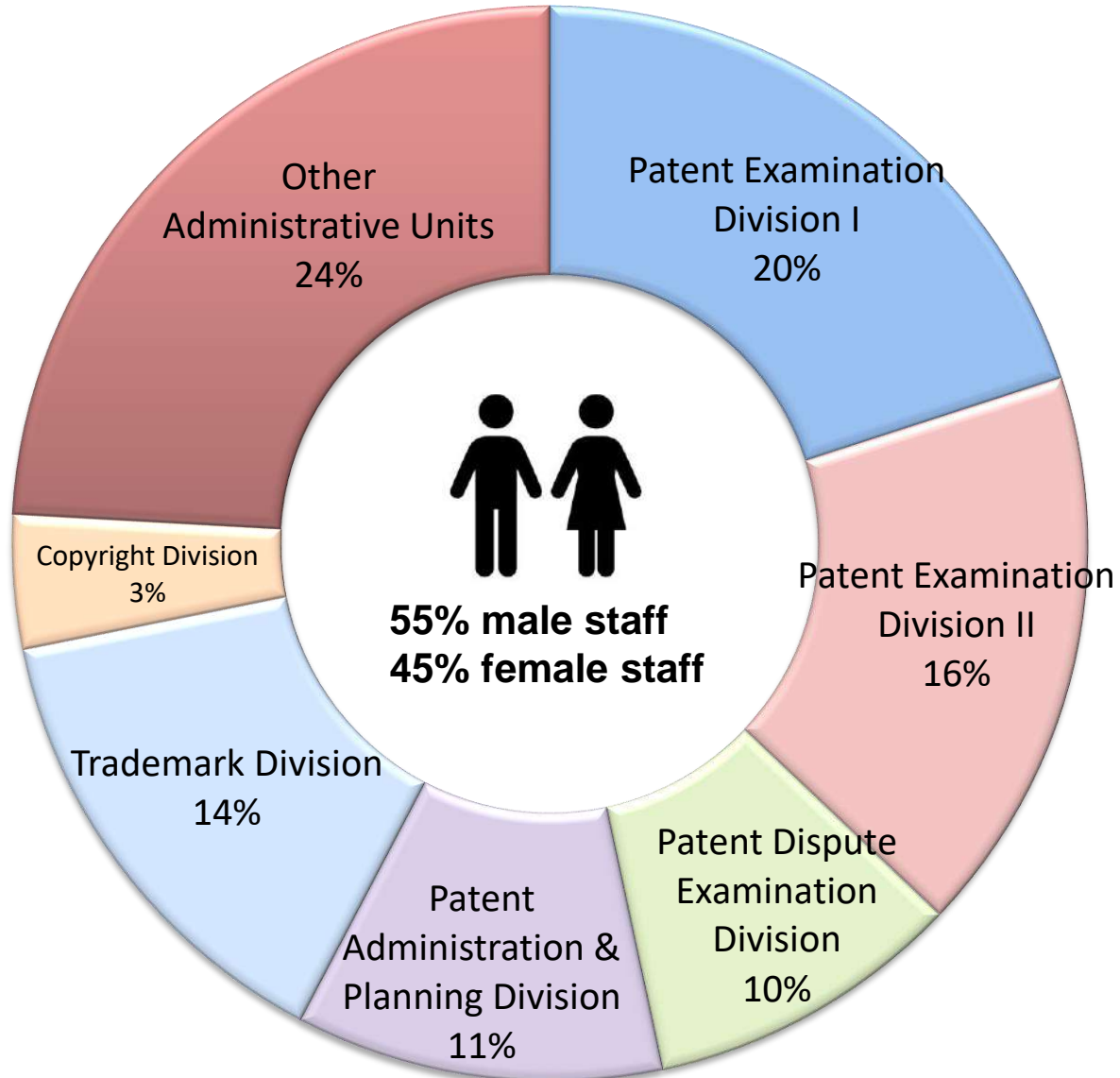


Joint Optical Disk Enforcement Taskforce, MOEA



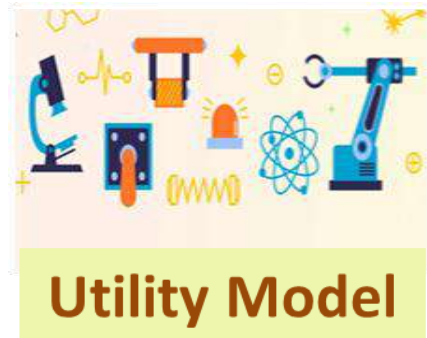
Human Resources

Full-time Employees – 785 (as of Dec. 2025)





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



Formality examination
Technical evaluation report
Term of right: 10 years

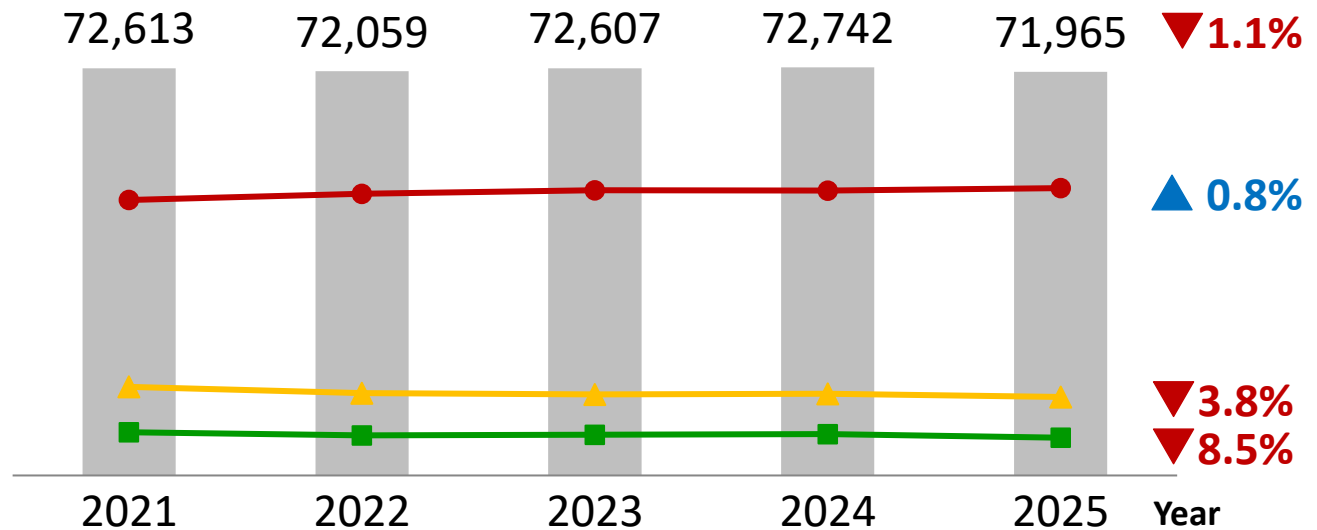


Substantive examination
Term of right: 15 years



Patent Applications Over the Past 5 Years

Trends in Patent Applications

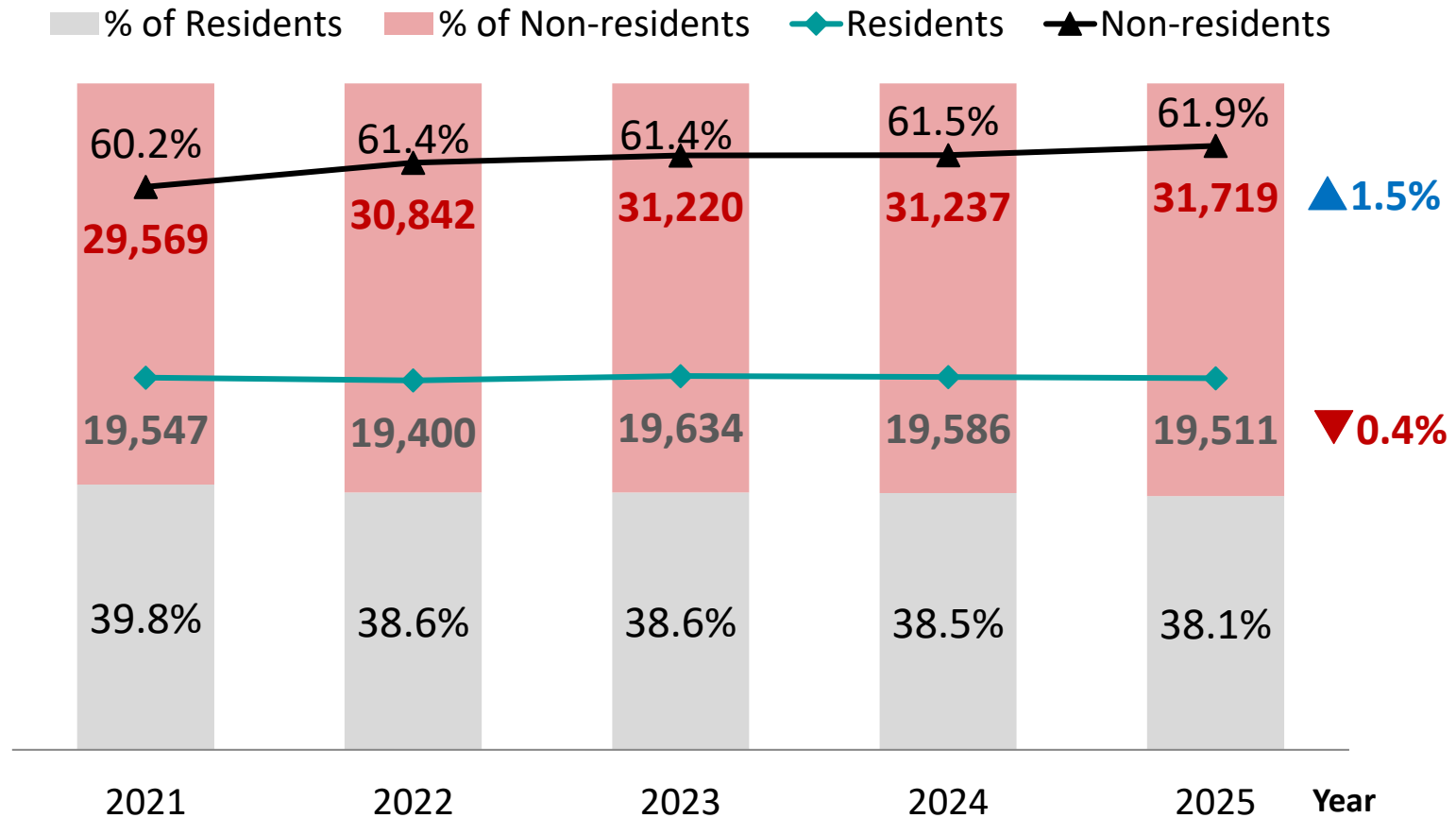


	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Year
■ Total	72,613	72,059	72,607	72,742	71,965	
● Invention	49,116	50,242	50,854	50,823	51,230	
▲ Utility Model	15,796	14,662	14,466	14,559	14,000	
■ Design	7,701	7,155	7,287	7,360	6,735	

In 2025, TIPO received a total of 71,965 patent applications, down by 1.1% compared to 2024. Of these, invention patents (51,230) grew by 0.8%, while utility model (14,000) and design patents (6,735) decreased by 3.8% and 8.5%, respectively.



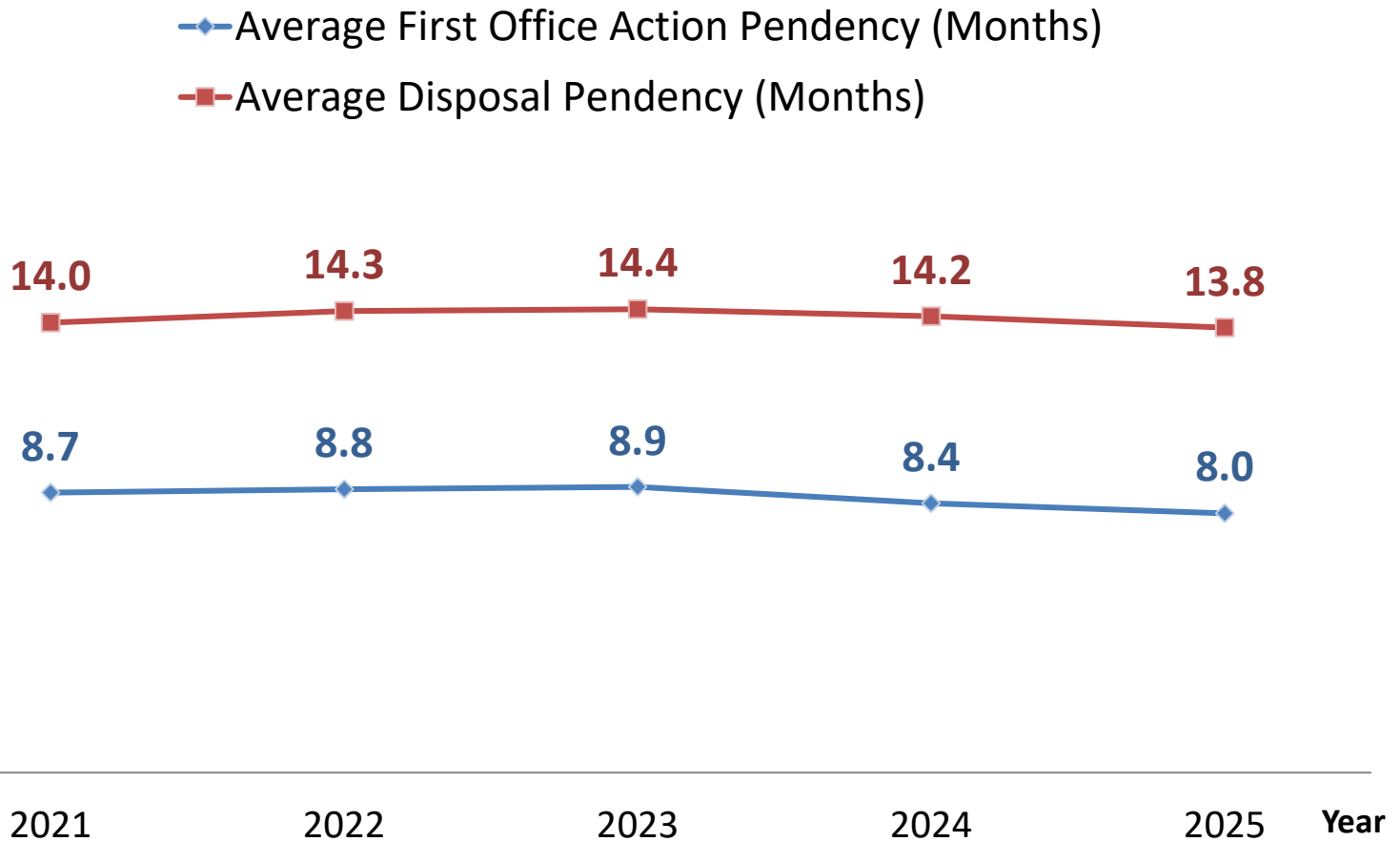
Invention Patent Applications



- In 2025, domestic invention patent applications (19,511) slightly decreased by 0.4%, while foreign invention patent applications (31,719) rose by 1.5%, marking an increase since 2021.
- Over the past 5 years, the ratio of invention patent applications filed by residents to non-residents was approximately 4:6.



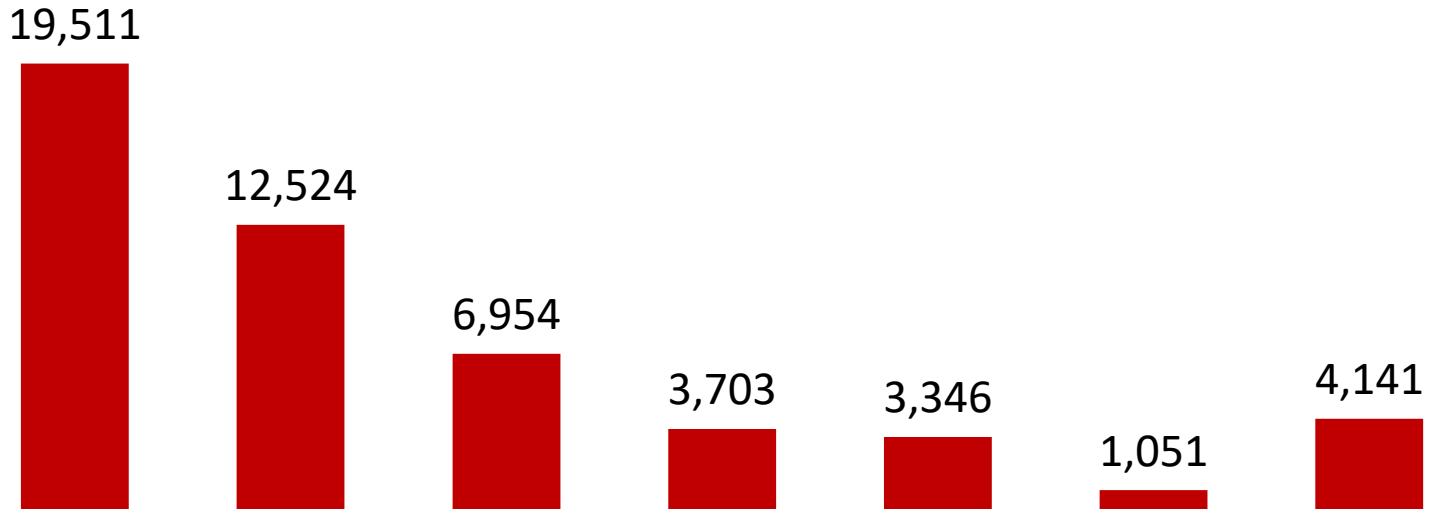
Pendency for Invention Patent Applications



In 2025, the average first office action pendency for invention patents was 8.0 months, and the disposal pendency was 13.8 months -- both within the bounds of reasonable processing times.



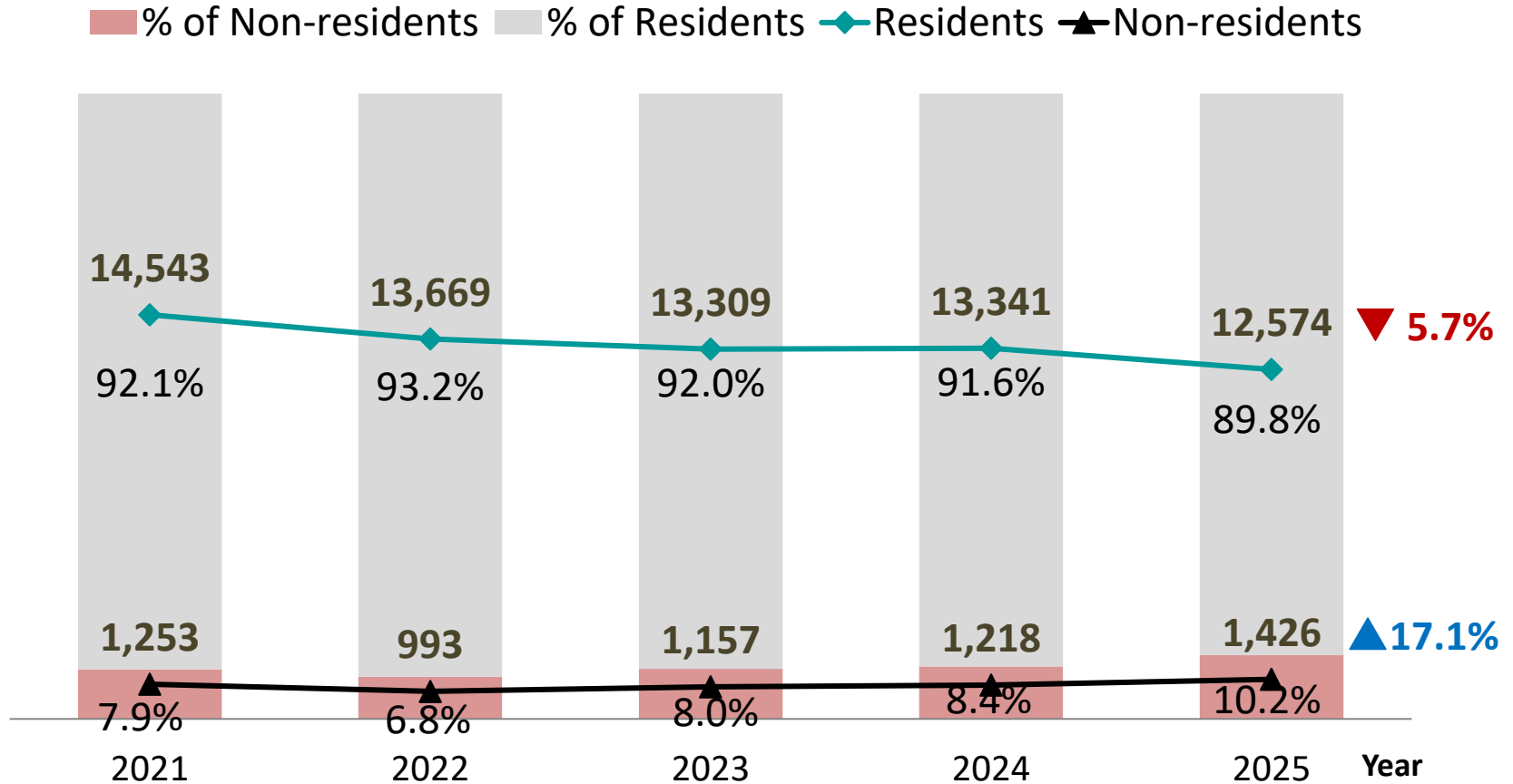
Invention Patent Applications by Nationality in 2025



	Taiwan	Japan	US	Mainland China	R. Korea	Germany	Others	Total
Invention Patent Applications	19,511	12,524	6,954	3,703	3,346	1,051	4,141	51,230
Ratio	38%	24%	14%	7%	7%	2%	8%	100%



Utility Model Patent Applications

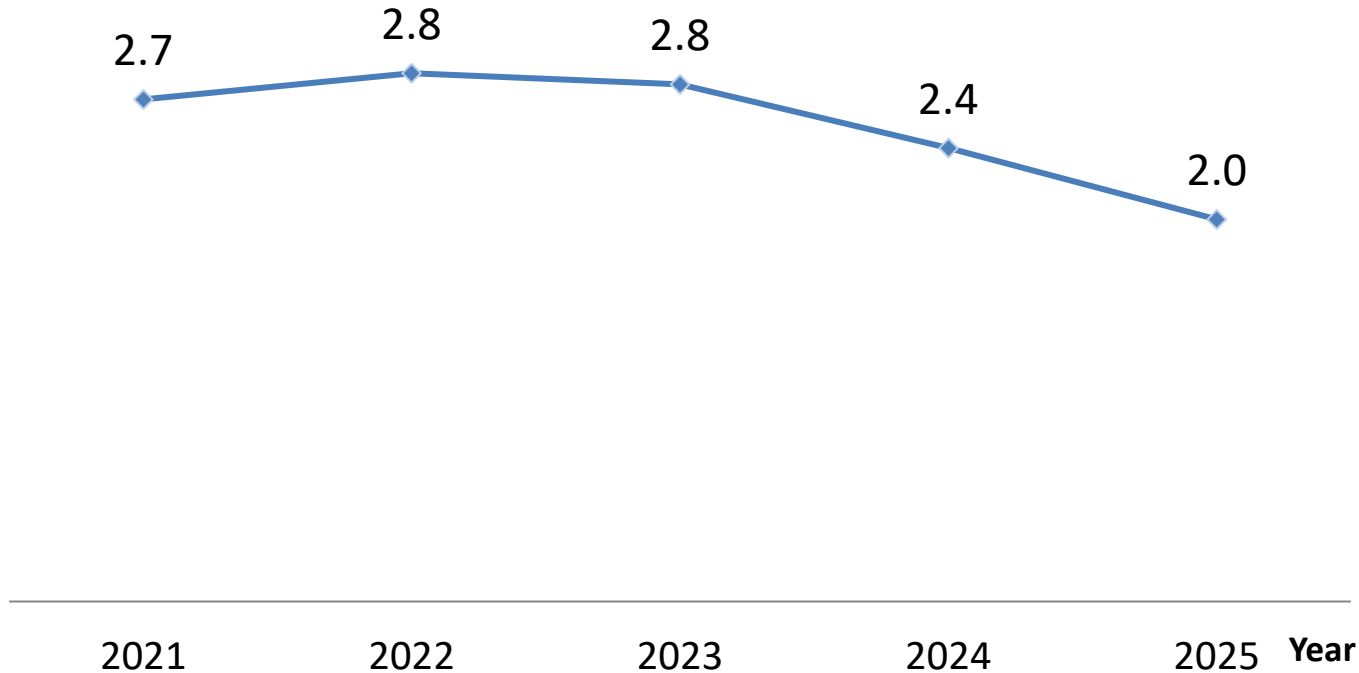


For utility model patents, 12,574 were domestic applications in 2025 (down 5.7%), while 1,426 were foreign applications (up 17.1%). Domestic applications accounted for around 90% of all utility model patent applications.



Disposal Pendency for Utility Model Patent Applications

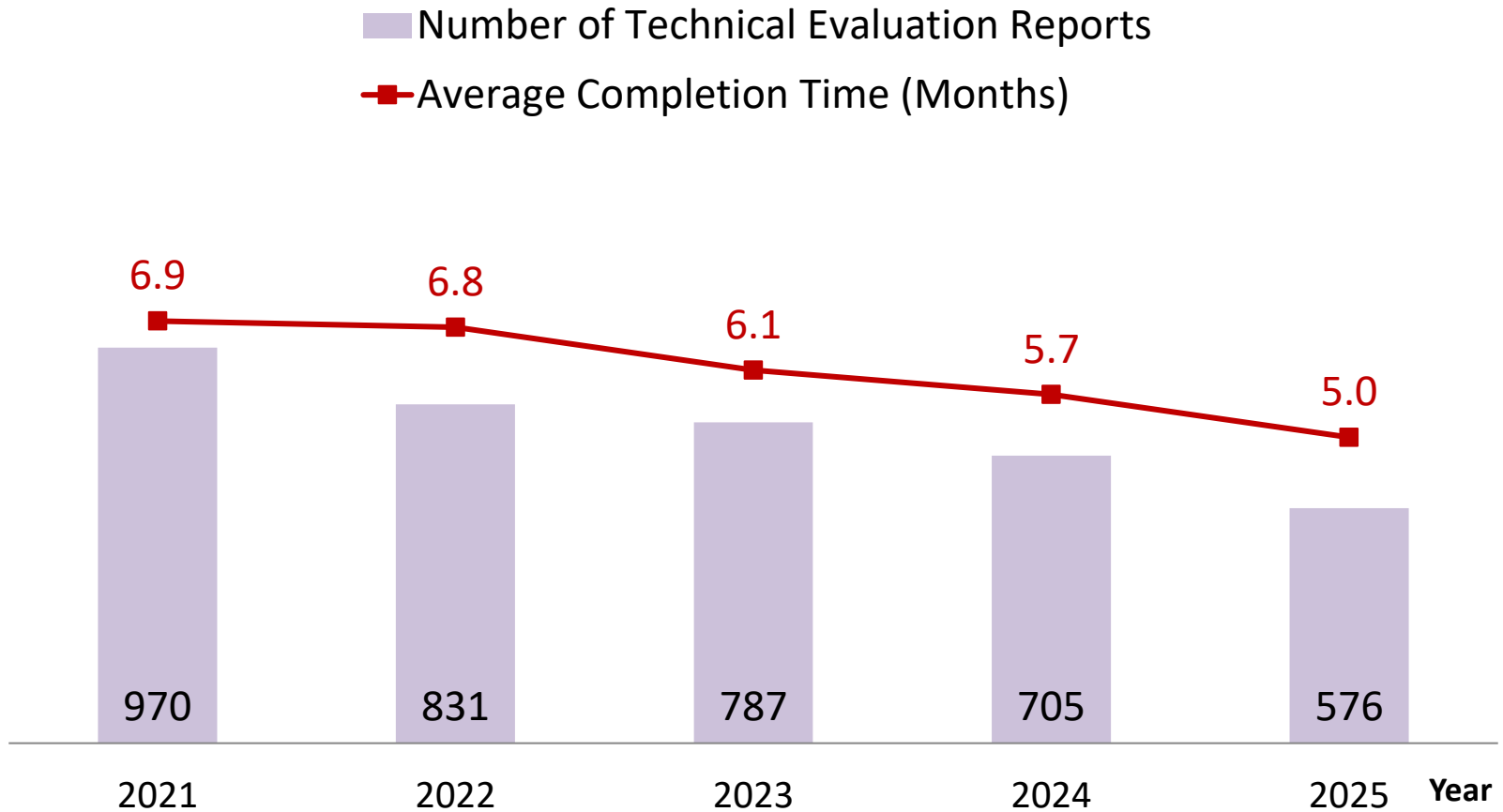
Average Disposal Pendency for Utility Model Patent Applications (Months)



The average disposal pendency for utility model patents was 2.0 months in 2025, allowing applicants to obtain utility model patents quickly.



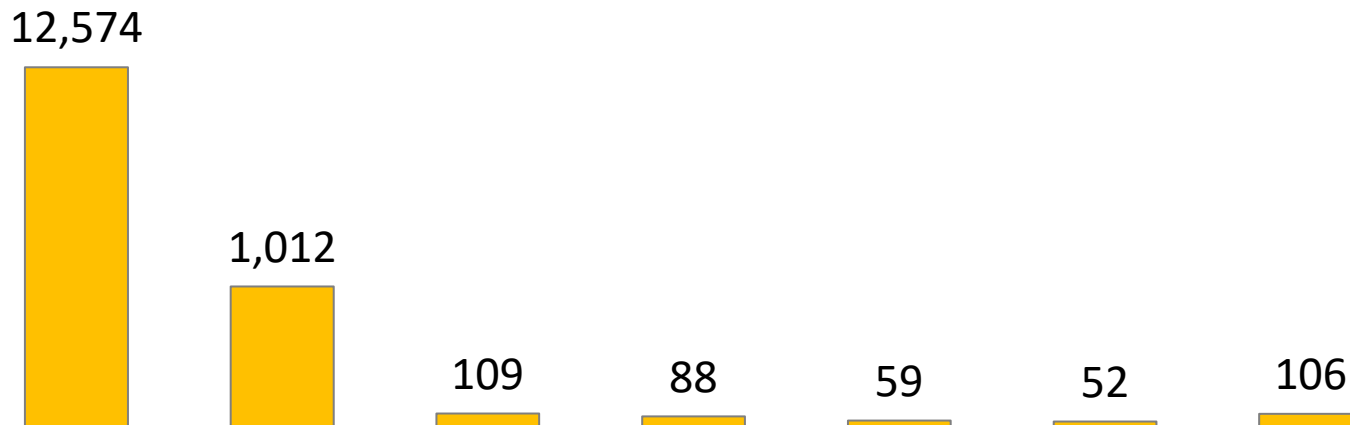
Technical Evaluation Reports for Utility Model Patent



A total of 576 technical evaluation reports for utility model patents were completed in 2025, with an average completion time of 5.0 months.



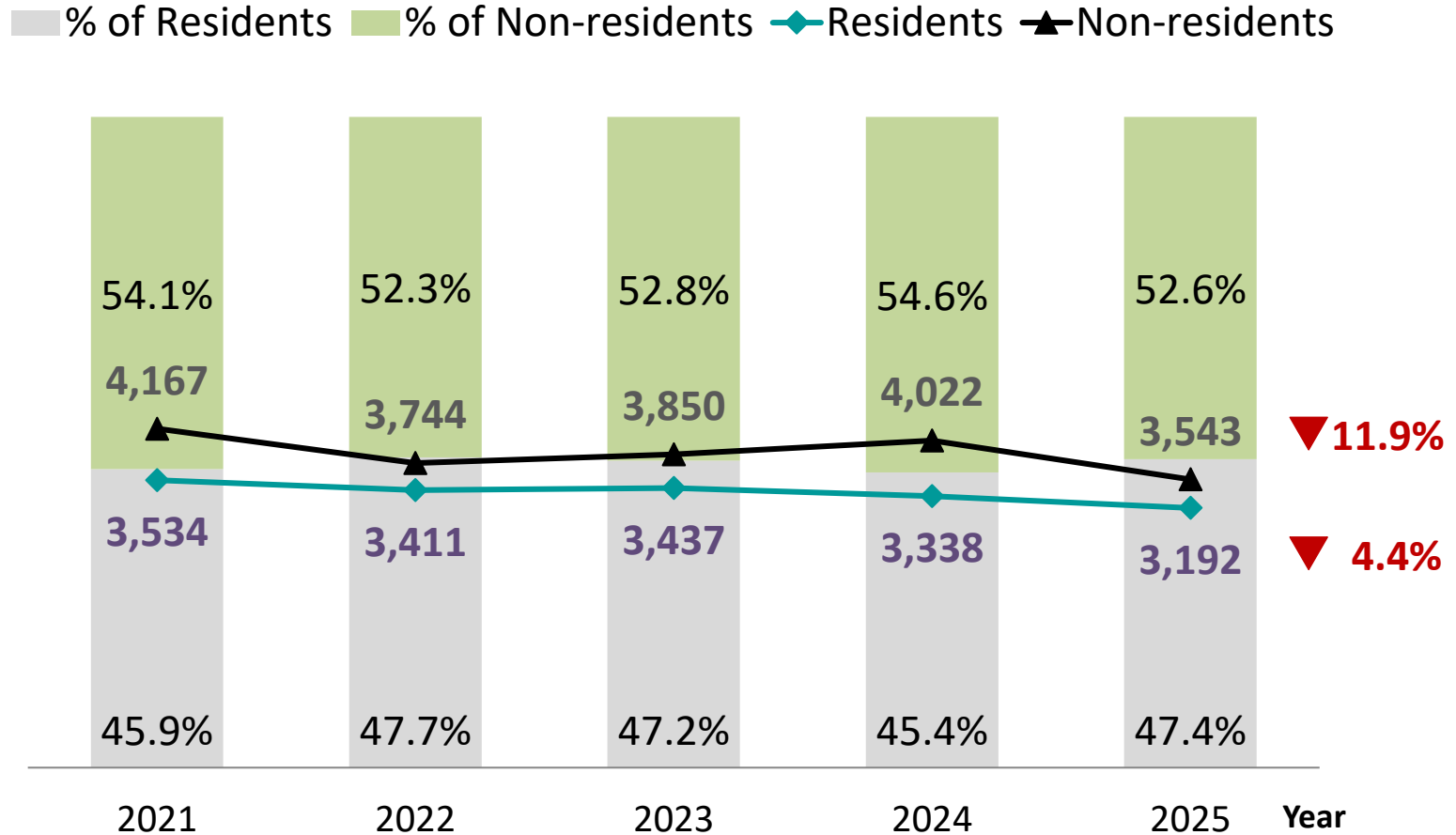
Utility Model Patent Applications by Nationality in 2025



	Taiwan	Mainland China	Hong Kong	US	Japan	R. Korea	Others	Total
Utility Model Patent Applications	12,574	1,012	109	88	59	52	106	14,000
Ratio	89.8%	7.2%	0.8%	0.6%	0.4%	0.4%	0.8%	100.0%



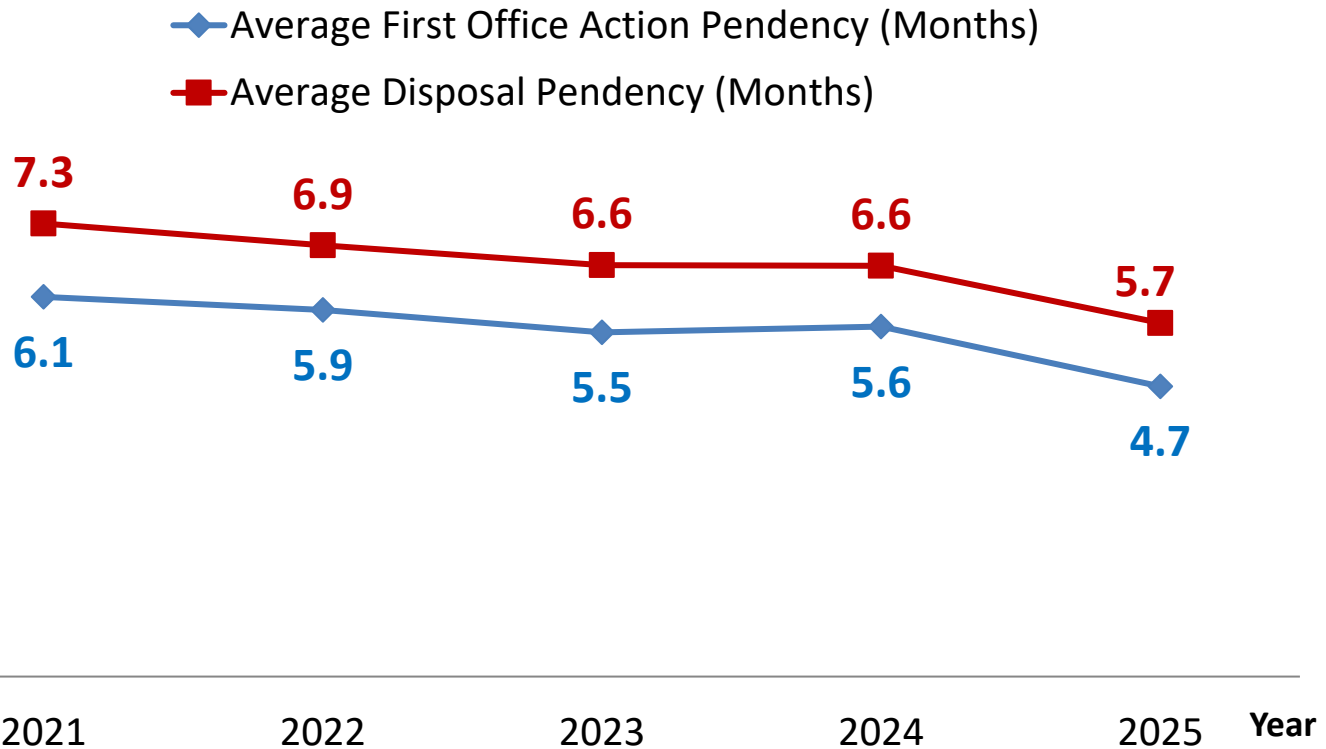
Design Patent Applications



In 2025, design patent applications filed by residents (3,192) and non-residents (3,543) fell by 4.4% and 11.9%, respectively.



Pendency of Design Patent Applications



In 2025, the average first office action pendency for design patents was 4.7 months, and the average disposal pendency was 5.7 months.



Design Patent Applications by Nationality in 2025

3,192

852

621

605

456

169

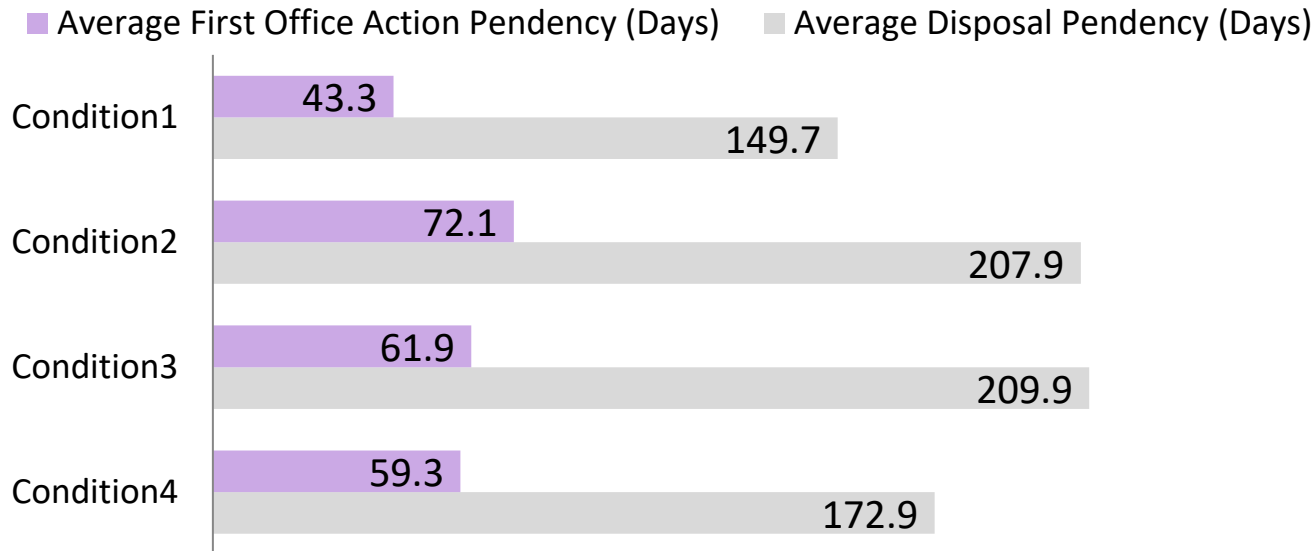
840

	Taiwan	Japan	US	Mainland China	Switzerland	R. Korea	Others	Total
Design Patent Applications	3,192	852	621	605	456	169	840	6,735
Ratio	47%	13%	9%	9%	7%	3%	12%	100%



Accelerated Examination Program (AEP)









Pendency for Processing AEP Requests as of Dec. 2025



- **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

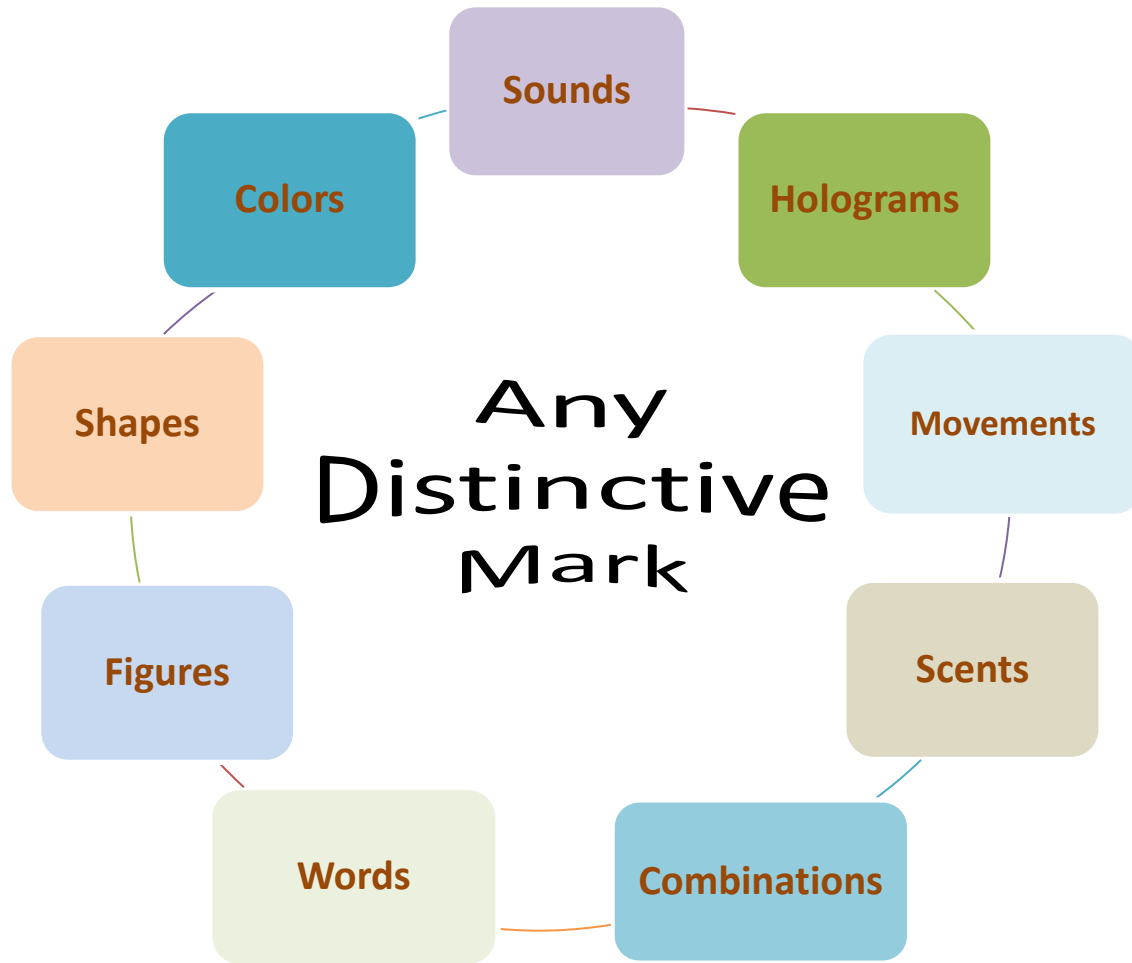
PPH Program	PPH Requests by Nationality									Total
									Others	
TIPO-USPTO	20	206	7	0	46	0	10	4	55	348
TIPO-JPO	0	2	354	0	0	0	0	0	10	366
TIPO-SPTO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TIPO-KIPO	0	2	1	0	20	0	0	0	1	24
TIPO-PPO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TIPO-CIPO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TIPO-INPI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal	20	210	362	0	66	0	10	4	66	738

Pendency for Processing PPH Requests as of Dec. 2025

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



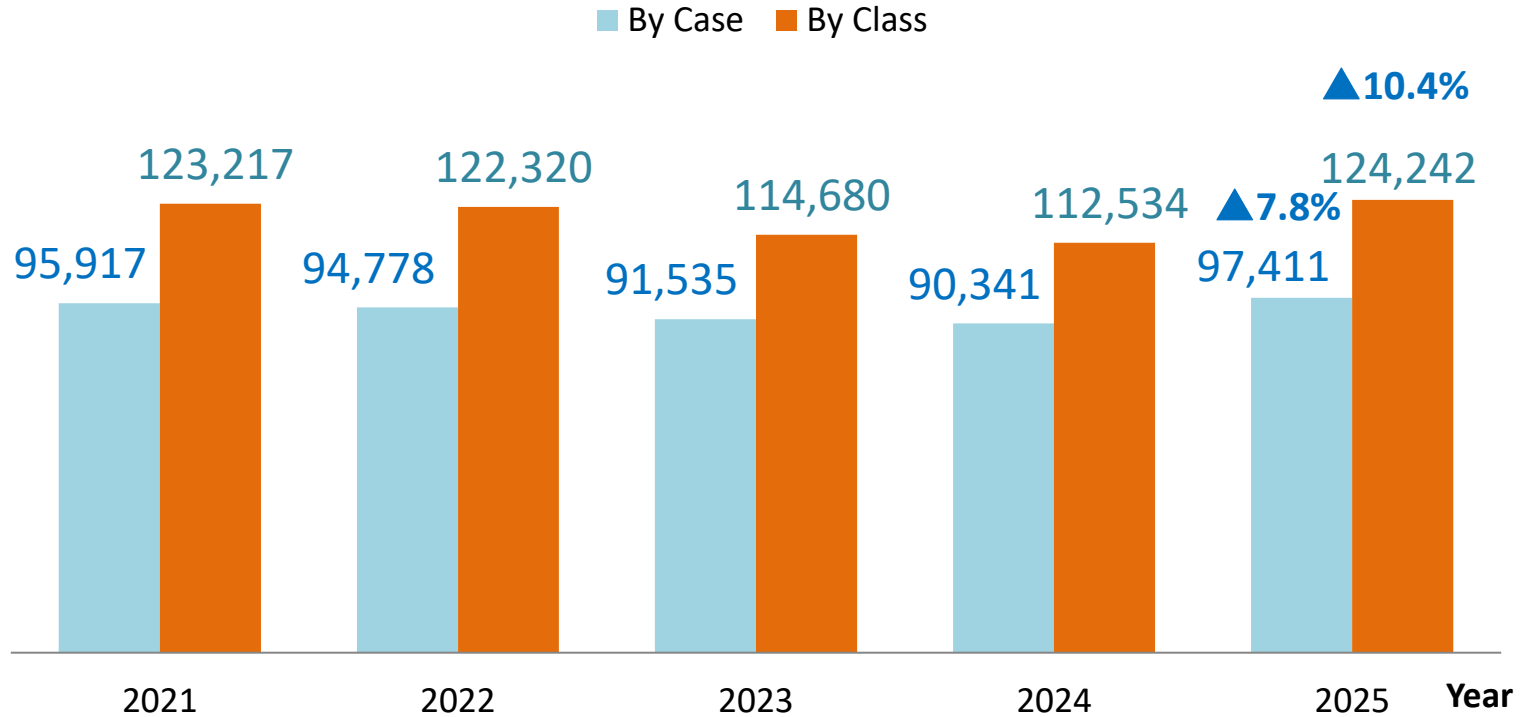
Signs Eligible for TM Registration



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.



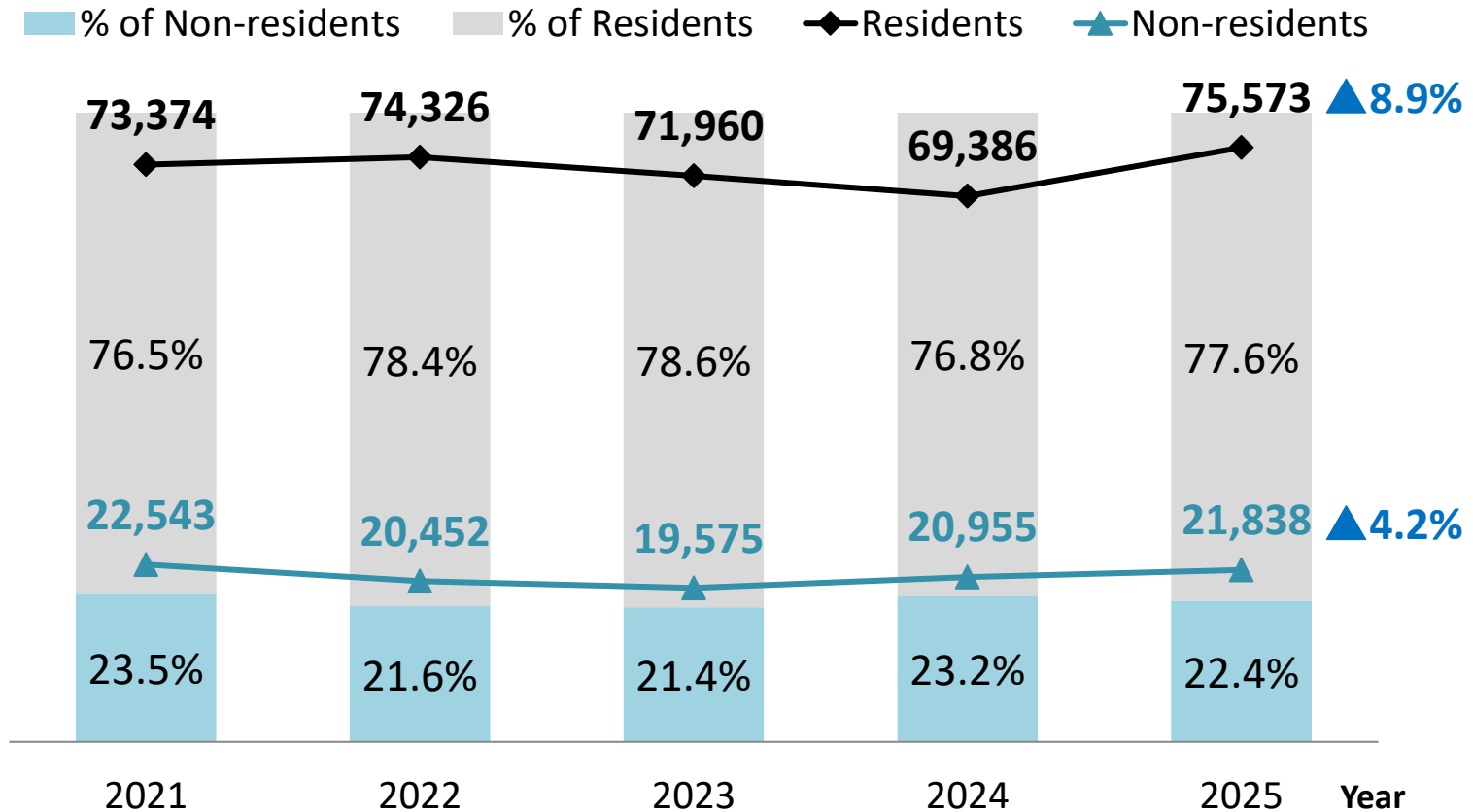
Trademark Applications



In 2025, the number of trademark applications rose by 7.8% to an all-time high of 97,411 (covering 124,242 classes – a 10.4% increase from the previous year).



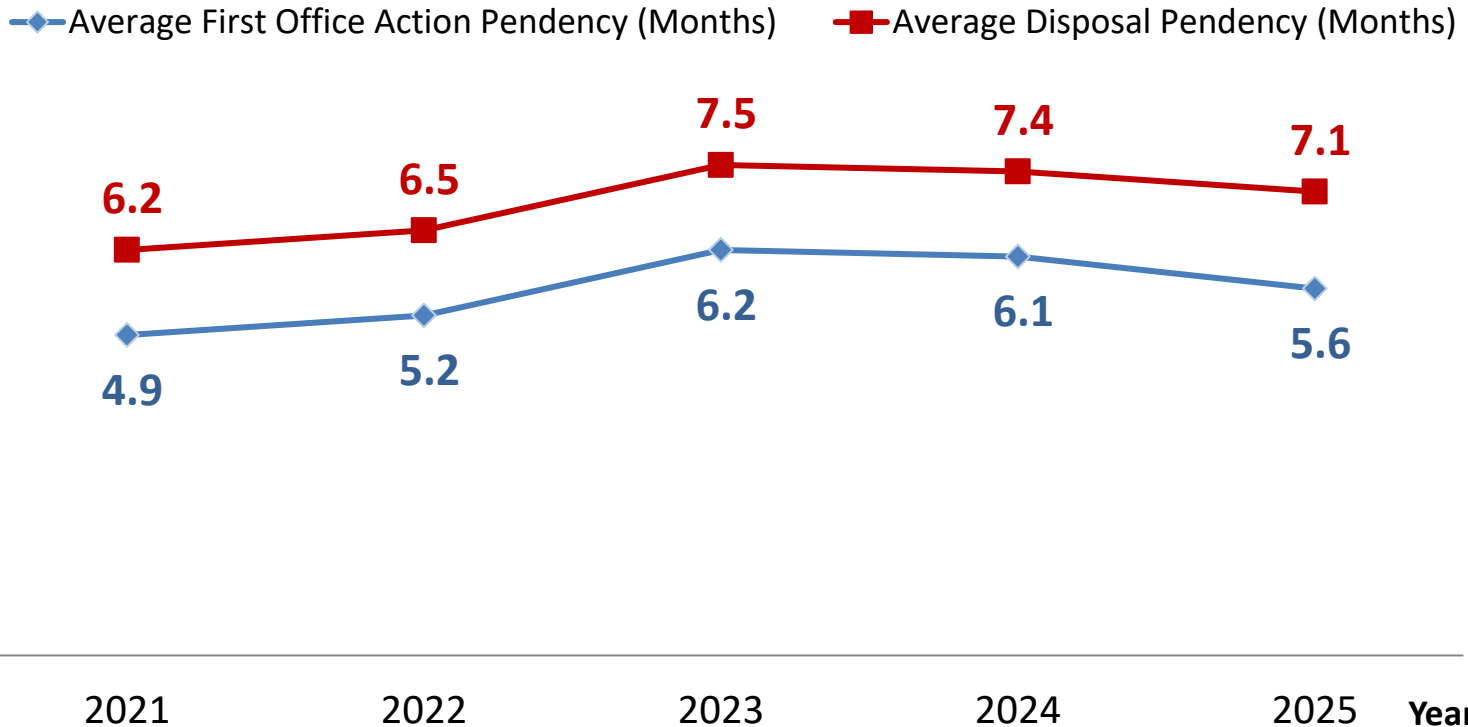
Trademark Applications



- In 2025, domestic trademark applications (75,573) increased by 8.9%, marking an all-time high. Foreign trademark applications (21,838) also rose by 4.2%.
- In 2025, domestic applications accounted for about 78% of all trademark applications.



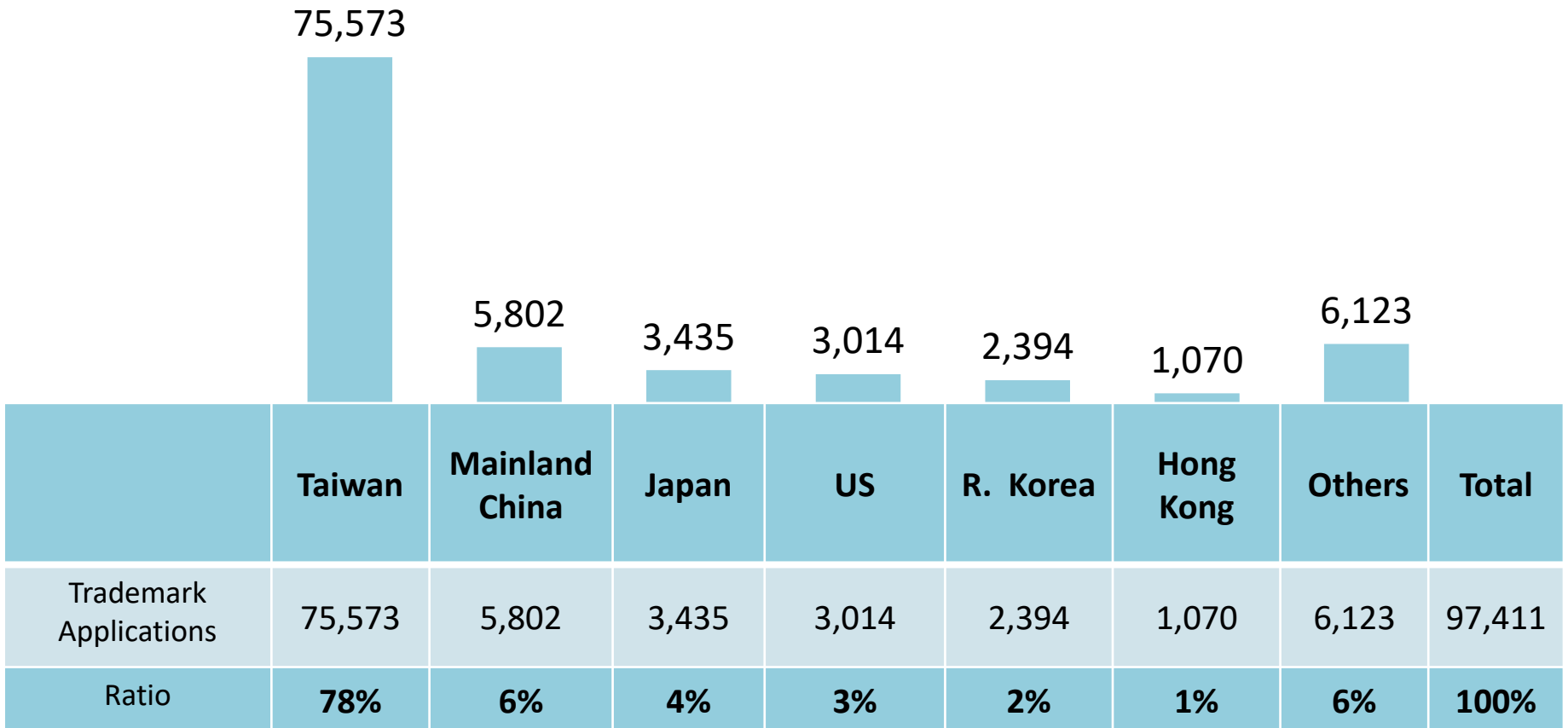
Pendency of Trademark Applications



In 2025, the average first office action pendency for trademark applications was 5.6 months, and the average disposal pendency was 7.1 months.



Trademark Applications by Nationality in 2025



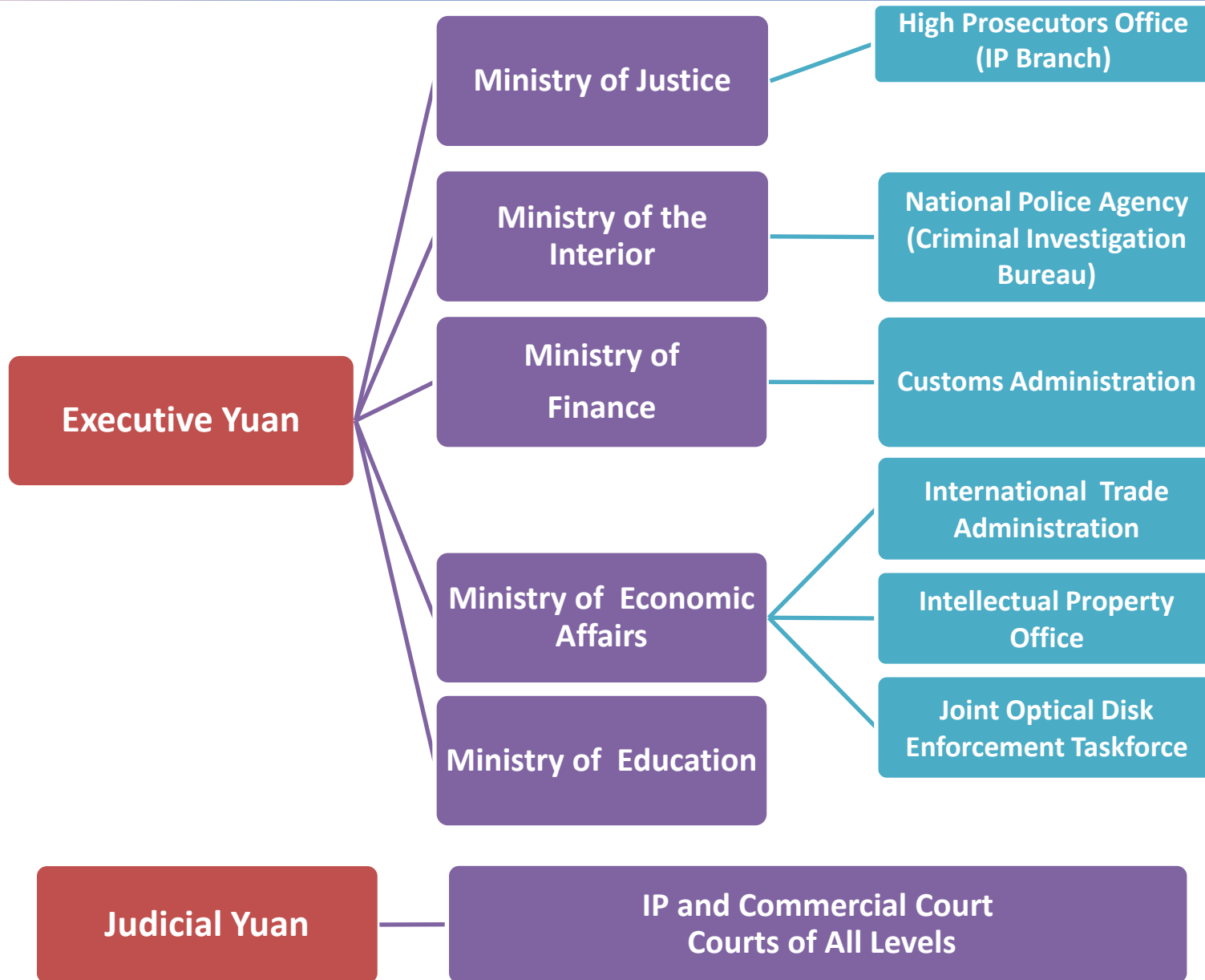


IPR Action Plan (2024-2026)

- **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



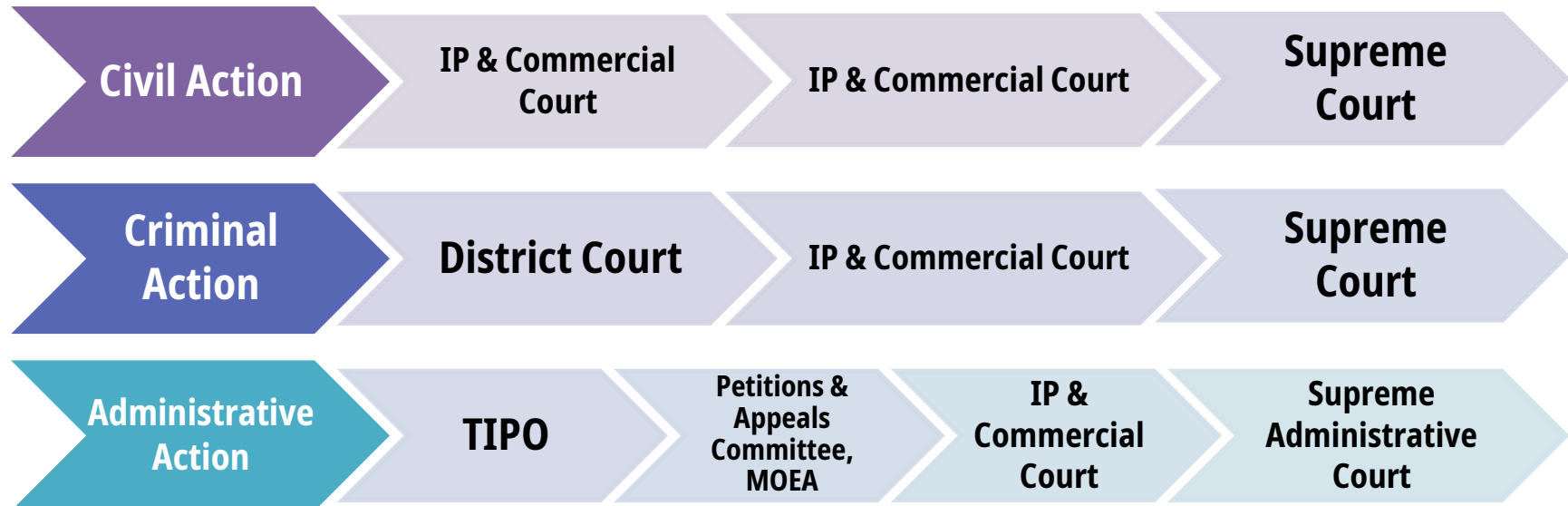


Litigation Procedures

- **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

GERMANY (DPMA)

- Data Exchange agreement

FRANCE (INPI)

- Patent Examiner exchange
- PPH

POLAND (PPO)

- PPH

SPAIN (SPTO)

- PPH

UNITED KINGDOM (UKIPO)

- Mutual recognition of biomaterial deposit
- IP dialogue

Continuous exchange and cooperation with European Union and European countries

- IP dialogues
- IP Symposium

ISRAEL (ILPO)

- Patent Examiner exchange
- MOU on IPR cooperation

R. KOREA (KIPO)

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

JAPAN (JPO)

- Patent and Trademark Examiners Exchange
- PPH · PDX
- Mutual recognition of biomaterial deposit
- IP Symposium

MAINLAND CHINA (CNIPA)

- Cross-strait coordination mechanism.



Continuous cooperation and exchange with South-East and South Asian countries

INDIA (CGPDTM)

- Patent Examiner exchange
- MOU on IPR cooperation

PHILIPPINES (IPOP HL)

- Patent, Trademark Examiner exchange
- MOU on IPR cooperation

CANADA (CIPO)

- PPH
- IP dialogue

UNITED STATES (USPTO)

- Patent and Trademark Examiners Exchange
- PPH · PDX

Multilateral Cooperation

- WTO/TRIPS · APEC/IPEG



Patent Prosecution Highway(PPH) Program

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

U.S.A. : Since SEP. 01, 2011

JAPAN : Since MAY 01, 2012

SPAIN : Since OCT. 01, 2013

R.KOREA : Since JUL. 01, 2015

POLAND : Since AUG. 01, 2017

CANADA : Since FEB. 01, 2018

FRANCE : Since JUL. 01, 2025

ISRAEL : Since JAN. 02, 2026

Examiner Exchange

UNITED STATES

- Patent examiner exchange
- Trademark examiner exchange

JAPAN

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R. KOREA

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Cross-Strait Exchanges & Cooperation

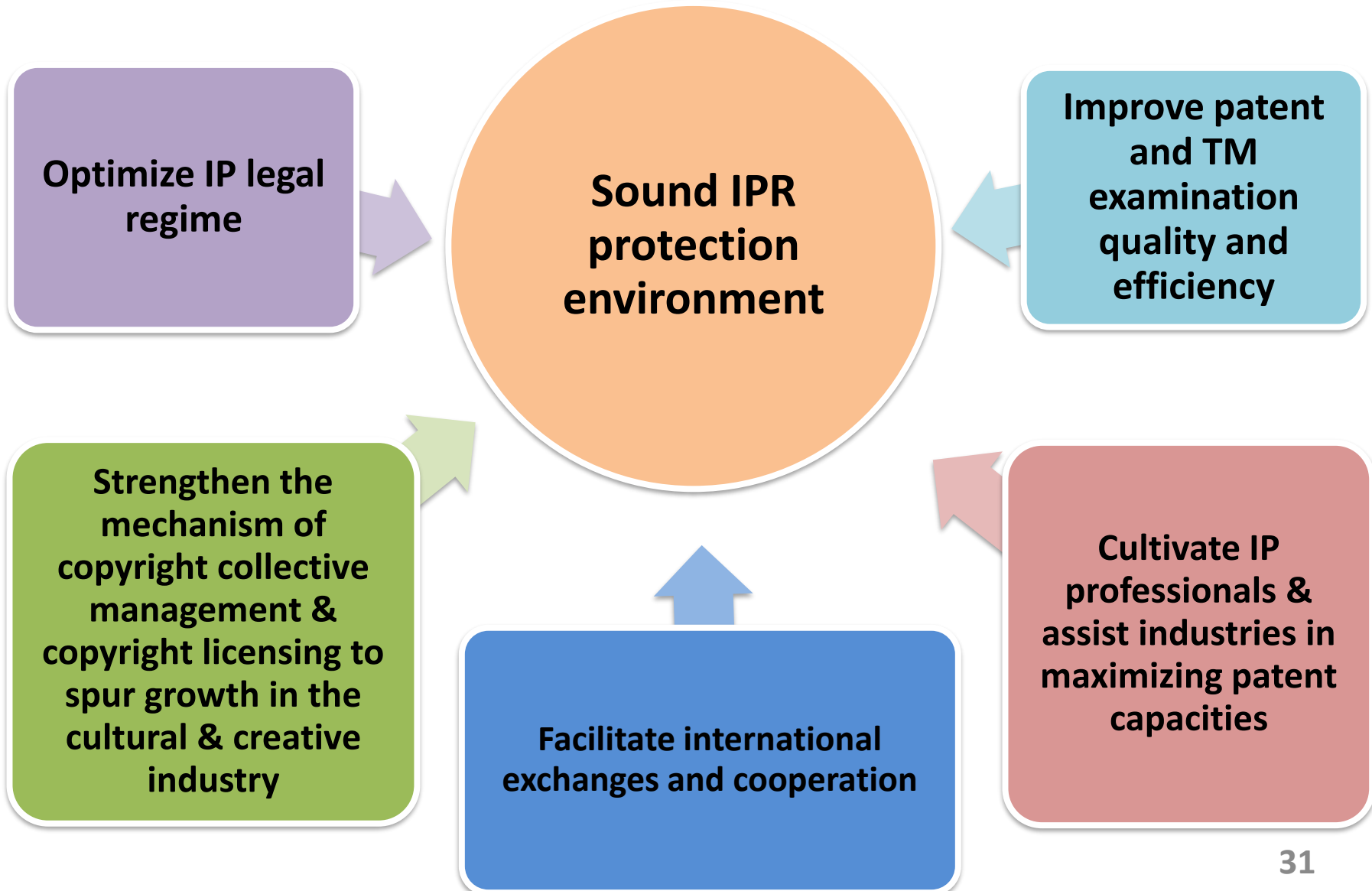
Cross-Strait Agreement on IPR Protection & Cooperation (2010)

**Mutual recognition of
priority rights**

**Copyright
authentication**

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

**Communication
platform &
coordination assistance
mechanism**



Thank you !

