

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2025

Optimizing Patent and Trademark Examination Procedures



- In **January**: Launched the "Collaborative Examination Program for Reexamination of Patent Applications from the Five Trusted Industry Sectors".
- In **July**: Launched the Pilot Program for Accelerated Examination of Invention Patent Applications Filed by Female Applicants to encourage female participation in innovation.
- In **October**: Published the "Collection of AI-Related Invention Cases in Taiwan" to provide a reference for industry when filing for AI-related patent applications.
- The average pendency to the first office action for the accelerated examination of trademark registration applications was **within one month** after acceptance.
- The average first office action pendency and the average disposal pendency for invention patents were **8.0** and **13.8** months, respectively.
- The average first office action pendency and the average disposal pendency for trademarks were **5.6** and **7.1** months, respectively.

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Bolstering the IPR Regime



- In **May**: Promulgated the amendments to the Regulations of Copyright Dispute Mediation.
- In **June**: Submitted the draft amendments to the Patent Act to the Executive Yuan for review.
- In **July**: Promulgated the amendments to the Examination Guidelines on Non-Traditional Trademarks, effective **August 1**.
- In **November**: Promulgated the amendments to the Examination Guidelines on Procedural Examination of Applications for Trademark Registration, effective **December 1**.
- In **December**: Promulgated the amendments to the "Operation Directions on Applying for Deferred Substantive Examination of Invention Patent and Design Patent Applications".

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Developing Innovative Digital Service



- In **August**: Completed the intelligent literature mining feature on the Global Patent Information Retrieval System, utilizing AI tools to assist in patent examinations.
- In **September**: Introduced the AI-based image search service for domestic design patents to accelerate the retrieval of similar cases.
- In **September**: Launched online examination functions for trademark management and renewal.
- In **October**: Implemented the online examination for patent correction cases.
- In **November**: Added a function for cross-class recommendation for goods and service names to optimize trademark examination efficiency.
- The percentages of online patent and trademark applications were **93.4%** and **93.7%**, respectively.
- The percentages of online delivery of patent and trademark documents were **94.5%** and **83.4%**, respectively.

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Driving IP Innovation in Key Industries



- In **April**: Established a dedicated section of Taiwan Patent GO on TIPO's official website to showcase Taiwan's award-winning patents at exhibitions and business opportunities.
- In **September**: Held the first Trademark Professional Capability Certification Examination to establish the certification system for professional trademark agents.
- In **October**: Established the Standard Essential Patent (SEP) Service Platform to provide industry with the latest information on SEP-related issues.
- By **October**: Completed multiple analyses, including studies aimed at enhancing startups' capabilities of IP strategies and patent portfolios, the patent analysis of the smart aging tech industry, and analyses of green trademarks.

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Expanding International IPR Collaborations



- In **March**: Hosted the EU-Taiwan Seminar on Generative AI.
- In **May**: Signed a Statement of Intent (SOI) on PPH with INPI France.
- By **September**: Organized the Taiwan-Japan Intellectual Property Symposium.
- By **November**: Signed an MOU on the PPH MOTTAINAI and an MOU on IP Cooperation with ILPO.

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