

# DIRECTOR GENERAL'S MESSAGE

As AI integrates with various fields of technology, it has become a key driver of innovation and a powerful engine for enhancing industrial competitiveness. Concurrently, it poses challenges to the IP system, prompting industries to undertake more proactive and strategic IP portfolios. Keeping pace with the times, TIPO remains committed to continuously fostering a high-quality IP environment for the public. In 2025, TIPO introduced a range of measures to improve the quality of patent and trademark examinations, provide digital services, support the creation and use of high-quality IP, and strengthen international exchange and cooperation, ensuring that IP serves as a key booster for Taiwan's industrial innovation and competitiveness.

TIPO's core mandate is to enhance the efficiency and quality of patent and trademark examinations. In 2025, TIPO maintained stable, reasonable, and predictable examination timeframes for both patents and trademarks. To accelerate the acquisition of patent rights in advanced technology fields, we expanded the eligibility for accelerated examination by revising the Positive Patent Examination Pilot Program for Startup Companies to include startups that have received national awards or participated in TIPO-sponsored programs. In addition, TIPO launched the Pilot Program for Accelerated Examination of Invention Patent Applications Filed by Female Applicants to value female participation in innovation and encourage the protection of their inventions through patents.

Furthermore, for the "Five Trusted Industry Sectors" – semiconductors, artificial intelligence (AI), military, security and surveillance, and next-generation communications – TIPO promoted the Collaborative Examination Program for Reexamination to enhance examination efficiency and quality of cross-disciplinary patent applications. In response to the booming R&D in AI-related patents, we completed the "Collection of AI-Related Invention Cases in Taiwan" to formulate examination principles and assist industries in improving the patent drafting quality of their AI inventions. Additionally, TIPO published the "Global AI Patent Landscape Analysis Report" to help our domestic industries strengthen their technological advantages.

TIPO proactively leverages AI technologies to enhance examination efficiency and elevate the quality of digital services. To lower the search threshold for users, following the launch of the image-based trademark search system, we introduced an AI-based image search service for domestic design patents, enabling users to quickly find relevant patent cases simply by uploading an image. Moreover, auxiliary functions such as intelligent literature mining and cross-class recommendations for goods and services, support examiners in improving examination accuracy and efficiency. This further elevates examination quality and helps applicants acquire IP protection more rapidly. Furthermore, TIPO has made the aforementioned search systems available to the public, creating a win-win situation.

In terms of copyright, to address numerous issues arising from generative AI, TIPO continues to monitor international regulatory frameworks and latest litigation trends, hosting the Rights Holder Exchange Meeting on Generative AI Training and Copyright Issues to gather insights from domestic rights holders as a reference for strategic policy planning. Additionally, in response to the practical needs in copyright dispute mediation, we promulgated the amendments to the Regulations of Copyright Dispute Mediation to facilitate the early resolution of disputes.

To assist Taiwan's outstanding patent technologies in expanding into global markets, TIPO introduced Taiwan Patent GO to connect domestically award-winning patents with international markets and expand industrial matchmaking opportunities. Furthermore, TIPO has conducted patent landscape analyses across key domains including next-generation batteries, smart grids, and AI servers, and has established the Standard Essential Patent (SEP) Service Platform to ensure the widespread application of industrial R&D breakthroughs while safeguarding reasonable returns for innovators.

Meanwhile, in support of Taiwan's goal of 2050 Net-Zero Emissions, TIPO provides industry with the information required for their R&D and application of carbon-reduction technologies. In addition to support initiatives such as accelerated examination program (AEP) for green patents, the Green Technology Section, and green trademarks, TIPO continues to conduct trend analyses on green technology patents and update the Net-Zero Emissions Certification Marks Info Section to assist industries in developing roadmaps for green transition.

In terms of international IP exchange and cooperation, TIPO has achieved remarkable milestones. We signed a Statement of Intent (SOI) on the PPH with INPI France, as well as an MOU on the PPH MOTTAINAI and an MOU on IP Cooperation with ILPO Israel, ushering in a new chapter for bilateral cooperation with France and Israel. In 2025, TIPO convened seven bilateral IP meetings, including the Taiwan–France Industrial Property Rights Meeting, the Taiwan–Canada IP Policy Dialogue, and the Taiwan–UK IPR Video Conference. It also hosted the EU–Taiwan Seminar on Generative AI, and the Taiwan–Japan Intellectual Property Symposium to strengthen IP policy exchanges and collaborative partnerships with international IP offices.

Reflecting on 2025, TIPO has made significant progress in advancing strategic initiatives. Looking ahead, I will work together with all TIPO colleagues to continuously optimize IP services, build a legal regime that keeps pace with the times, and expand international IP exchange and cooperation. TIPO will further construct a forward-looking IP system and environment that meets industrial needs, serving as a solid backing for industrial innovation and development.

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