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In 2025, TIPO participated in a series of IPR conferences with partners from across the world and continued to facilitate international IPR cooperation through bilateral meetings, MOU signings, examiner exchange programs, and international seminars.

## 1. Multilateral Cooperation

### WTO/TRIPS

TIPO took part in three regular meetings of the WTO/TRIPS Council and co-sponsored "IP and Innovation" proposals. This has allowed Taiwan to share its expertise and explain measures taken in regards to topics such as "Technology Transfer Cases Studies" and "Technology Transfer Case Studies and Lessons Learned."

### APEC/IPEG

TIPO gave presentations at the 60th and 61st APEC/IPEG Meetings on "The Pilot Program for Accelerated Examination of Invention Patent Applications Filed by Female Applicants," "Enhancing the Efficiency: 'Development of the Design Patent Image Search System,'" "Patentability of AI-related Inventions," and the "TIPO's Enterprise IP Empowerment Action Plan," sharing perspectives and experience with member economies.

In addition, TIPO attended related workshops, including "Enhancing Innovation with More Efficient Patent Systems: Tools, Resources, and Work-sharing" at the 60th meeting, and "Copyright Protection and Enforcement Against Illicit Streaming" and "A Practical Guide to Safeguarding Trade Secrets for (M)SMEs" at the 61st meeting.



APEC/IPEG Meetings

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/tipo1/114.html>

## 2. Bilateral Cooperation

### Taiwan–Japan

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

In March, the Director General was invited by the Japan–Taiwan Exchange Association to visit Japan, where he spoke on the "Overview of TIPO and Its Future Outlook" and the "Measures for Assisting Industrial Innovation and Development and Directions for Design Patent Amendments," as well as exchanged opinions with industry experts.

#### ◆ Taiwan–Japan Economic and Trade Conferences

Taiwan and Japan held the 48th Taiwan–Japan Economic and Trade Conference Mid-Year Review Meeting in July and the 49th Taiwan–Japan Economic and Trade Conference in November. Both sides discussed topics such as legislative revisions and IPR collaboration.

### ◆ Patent and Trademark Examiners Exchange

In May, the Japan Patent Office (JPO) dispatched two patent examiners to TIPO to exchange views on examination practices in the fields of genetic engineering and wireline communications.

In July, TIPO dispatched two patent examiners and two trademark examiners to Japan to exchange views on the latest trends in patent and trademark trials and appeals at both offices.

In October, JPO dispatched four trademark examiners to TIPO for the 2025 Taiwan–Japan Trademark Examiner Exchange. Discussions covered a wide range of topics, including the latest policy developments in both offices, recent revisions to examination guidelines, the protection of well-known trademarks, trademark registration marking systems and practices, external trademark search systems, AI-assisted examination, the protection of geographical marks (including site visits), classification of goods and services, and practical case studies.

### ◆ 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 2025, 194 patent applications were filed under the program - 165 by Japanese nationals, 25 by Taiwanese nationals, 2 by Korean nationals, 1 by French national, and 1 by Singapore national.

## Taiwan–Korea

### ◆ Examiners Exchange

In March, the Ministry of Intellectual Property (MOIP) dispatched two patent examiners to TIPO to exchange views on office automation experiences, as well as examination practices in the fields of transportation and semiconductors.

### ◆ Cooperation on Mutual Recognition of Deposit of Biological Materials

TIPO and the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), now the Ministry of Intellectual Property (MOIP), 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 2025, a total of 62 patent applications were filed by Korean nationals under the program.

## Taiwan–EU

### ◆ Taiwan–EU IPR Working Group Meeting

The Taiwan–EU IPR Working Group meeting under the Trade and Investment Dialogue was held in March. Both sides exchanged views on topics such as the progress of IPR and trade secret-related law amendments, strategies and practical experiences, IP protection and enforcement, and future IP cooperation between the two sides.

## Taiwan–France

### ◆ Taiwan–France Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH)

The 2025 Taiwan–France Economic and Trade Dialogue was held on May 21. Witnessed by Taiwan’s Representative to France, Hao Pei-Chih, and the Director of the French Office in Taipei, Franck Paris, TIPO Director General Cheng-Wei Liao and INPI Director General Pascal Faure signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the Taiwan–France Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH), which took effect on July 1.



Signing Ceremony of the MOU on the Taiwan–France PPH

### ◆ Taiwan–France Industrial Property Rights Meeting

In May, the Taiwan–France Industrial Property Rights Meeting was held. Both sides exchanged views on issues such as combating counterfeiting and future IP collaborations between Taiwan and France.

## Taiwan–Germany

### ◆ Taiwan–Germany Patent Data Exchange Agreement

On December 10, TIPO and the German Patent and Trade Mark Office (DPMA) signed a Patent Data Exchange Agreement, further strengthening bilateral cooperation on the exchange of intellectual property data.

## Taiwan–UK

### ◆ Taiwan–UK IPR Video Conference

In May, the 14th Taiwan–UK IPR Video Conference was held. Both sides exchanged views on topics such as recent IPR developments, copyright and artificial intelligence (AI), shared experiences and outcomes of applying AI technology to trademark pre-application services, and the promotion of IPR awareness.

### ◆ Cooperation on Mutual Recognition of Deposit of Biological Materials

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 2025, 33 patent applications were filed under the program – 25 by UK nationals, and 8 by Taiwanese nationals.

## Taiwan–Canada

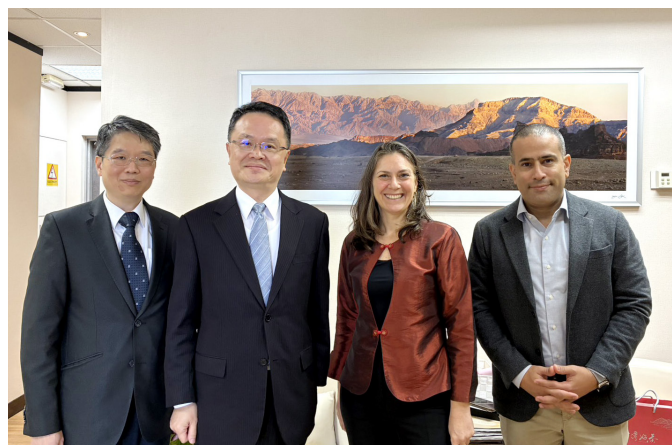
### ◆ Taiwan–Canada IP Policy Dialogue

In November, the 6th Taiwan–Canada IP Policy Dialogue was convened. Under the theme of "Intellectual Property in Innovation Policy," both sides exchanged views on the commercialization of academic research, providing IP support for enterprises, and ensuring the public interest in government-funded IP.

## Taiwan–Israel

### ◆ Signing of Bilateral MOUs

The 15th Taiwan–Israel Economic and Technological Cooperation Conference was held on November 17. Witnessed by MOEA Deputy Minister Cynthia Kiang, Israel's Foreign Trade Administration Trade Commissioner Roey Fisher, TIPO Director General Cheng-Wei Liao, and ILPO Executive Director Mordechay Sorek, two Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs)—the MOU on the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) MOTTAINAI and the MOU on IP Cooperation—were signed by Abby Ya-Ping Lee, Representative to Israel, and Maya Yaron, Representative of the Israel Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei.



Group photo after the signing of the Taiwan–Israel bilateral MOUs

## Taiwan–Philippines

In May, the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOP HL) dispatched three trademark examiners to TIPO for the 2025 Taiwan–Philippines Trademark Examiner Exchange. Discussions covered a range of topics, including the introduction to relevant laws and guidelines, information tools, non-traditional trademarks, the examination of the geographical indications, and the handling of bad-faith applications.

## Taiwan–India

Under the 2025-2026 activity schedule between TIPO and Intellectual Property India (IP India), TIPO provided materials such as "Examination Procedures for Integrated Circuit Layouts," "Competition for Patent Portfolio Analysis," and "Introduction to Search System Services" to the Indian side for reference.

### 3. International Seminars

#### 2025 EU–Taiwan Seminar on Generative AI

In March, TIPO co-hosted the 2025 EU–Taiwan Seminar on Generative AI with the European Economic and Trade Office (EETO) and the European Business and Regulatory Cooperation (EBRC). Public and private sector experts from both sides were invited to share and exchange views on AI and copyright issues, including the EU AI Act, global trends in copyright legislation, and the practical developments and challenges of generative AI. The seminar attracted over 180 participants from industry, government, and academia.



2025 EU–Taiwan Seminar on Generative AI

#### 2025 TIPA International Symposium

In June, TIPO hosted the 2025 TIPA International Symposium, themed "Trial Model of Patent Infringement Cases: US and Taiwan Comparison," inviting judges from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, experienced U.S. patent litigation practitioners, U.S. academic experts, and domestic experts and scholars. Through keynote speeches and mock U.S. Federal Circuit trial, the symposium explored adjudication models for patent infringement litigation, attracting a total of 315 participants from industry, government, academia, and research institutions.



2025 TIPA International Symposium

#### 2025 Taiwan–Japan Intellectual Property Symposium

In September, TIPO held the 2025 Taiwan–Japan Intellectual Property Symposium with the Taiwan–Japan Relations Association and the Japan–Taiwan Exchange Association. Focusing on the legal systems and practices of patent infringement litigation in Taiwan and Japan, the event invited public and private sector experts to share the latest developments from both governmental and corporate perspectives, as well as enterprises' challenges and strategies in responding to patent infringement. The symposium attracted over 160 participants from the industry, government, and academia.



2025 Taiwan–Japan Intellectual Property Symposium