



IPR EXAMINATIONS AND SERVICES

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IPR EXAMINATIONS AND SERVICES

TIPO remains committed to providing high-quality examination and services, maintaining stable examination timelines for invention patents and trademarks. It introduced the Pilot Program for Accelerated Examination of Invention Patent Applications Filed by Female Applicants. In addition, TIPO is actively working to enhance examination mechanisms for patents and trademarks, combat online piracy, and strengthen the copyright licensing market, while continuing to address the evolving needs of intellectual property stakeholders.

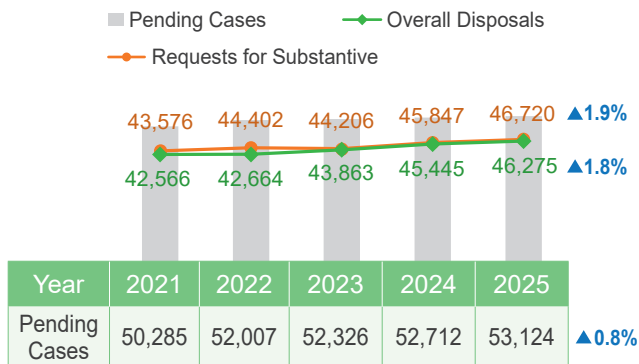
1. Patent Examination

Examination Performance

Through active implementation of various controls and online systems to facilitate examination, TIPO has maintained stable and predictable timelines for examination, with an average first office action pendency of 8.0 months and a disposal pendency for invention patents of 13.8 months in 2025.

◆ Invention Patent Examination

Invention Patent Examination Cases



In 2025, substantive examinations (46,720) increased by 1.9% from 2024, disposals (46,275) increased by 1.8%; and pending applications (53,124) increased by 0.8%.

TIPO maintained a balanced ratio of requests and disposals for substantive examinations of invention patent applications.

Examination Outcomes of Invention Patent Applications

Item		Year				
		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Allowance	Cases	31,833	32,622	33,821	35,485	36,364
	Percentage	74.8%	76.5%	77.1%	78.1%	78.6%
Rejection	Cases	9,945	9,250	9,284	9,095	9,161
	Percentage	23.4%	21.7%	21.2%	20.0%	19.8%
Others (including withdrawals and not accepted)	Cases	788	792	758	865	750
	Percentage	1.8%	1.8%	1.7%	1.9%	1.6%

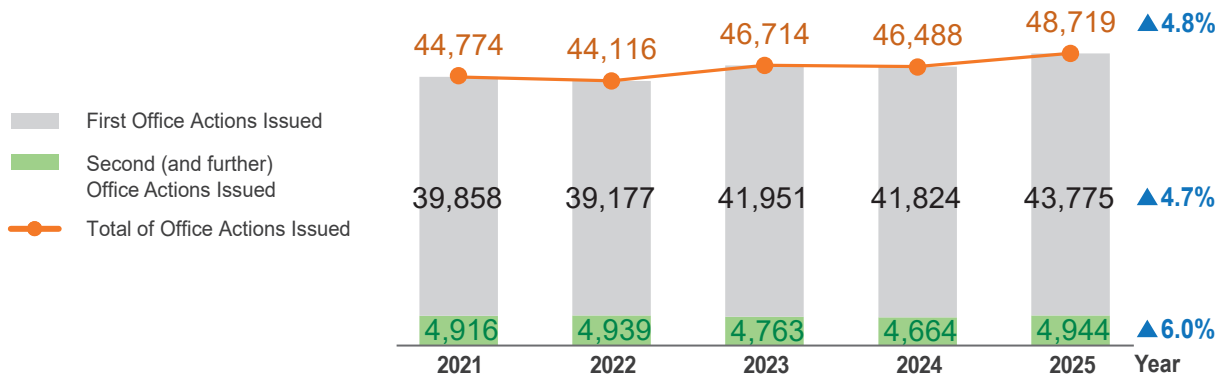
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2. Overall disposals include allowances, rejections, and others (including withdrawals and not accepted).

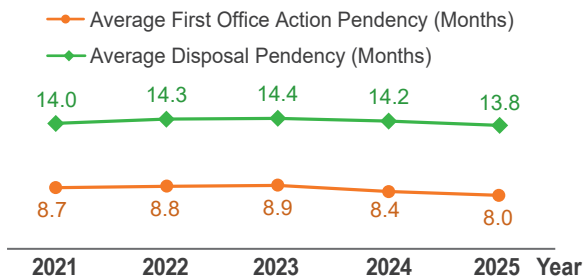
Examination outcomes in 2025 included 36,364 allowances (78.6% of overall disposals), 9,161 rejections (19.8%), and 750 others instances of other outcomes (1.6%), including withdrawals and not accepted.

Number of Office Actions for Invention Patent Examination

In 2025, office actions for invention patent applications (48,719) increased by 4.8% from 2024. Of these, 43,775 were first office actions, and 4,944 were second (and further) office actions. TIPO also issued 55 final office actions.



Pendency for Processing Examination of Invention Patent Applications



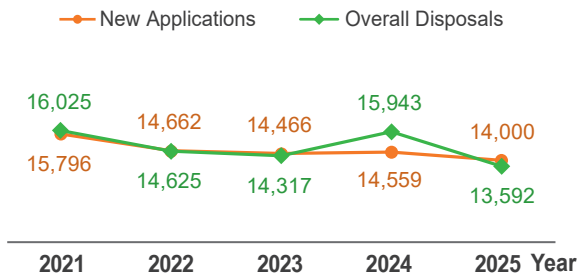
The average first office action pendency for invention patents in 2025 was 8.0 months, and the average disposal pendency was 13.8 months – both within the bounds of reasonable processing times.

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◆ Utility Model Patent Examination

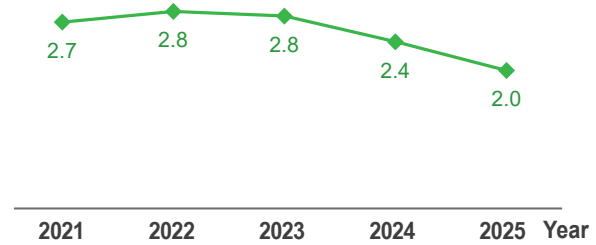
In 2025, the number of disposals of utility model patent applications stood at 13,592. The average disposal pendency for utility model patents was 2.0 months, allowing applicants to obtain utility model patents quickly.

Utility Model Patent Examination Cases



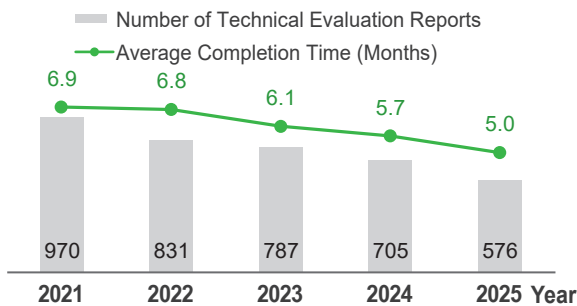
Note: Overall disposals include allowances, rejections, and others (including withdrawals and not accepted).

Average Disposal Pendency for Utility Model Patent Applications (Months)



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Number of Technical Evaluation Reports/ Average Completion Time



In 2025, 576 technical evaluation reports were completed for utility model patents, and the average completion time was 5.0 months.

◆ Design Patent Examination

Examination Outcomes of Design Patent Applications

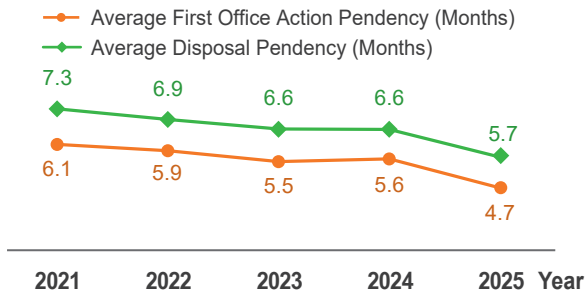
Item	Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
		Cases	7,304	6,564	6,268	6,609
Allowance	Percentage	86.7%	88.7%	87.5%	88.1%	87.5%
	Cases	760	582	635	583	655
Rejection	Percentage	9.0%	7.9%	8.9%	7.8%	8.7%
	Cases	361	254	262	310	286
Others (including withdrawals and not accepted)	Percentage	4.3%	3.4%	3.6%	4.1%	3.8%

Note: 1. Percentage is calculated by dividing the number of allowances, rejections, and others by the number of overall disposals.

2. Overall disposals include allowances, rejections, and others (including withdrawals and not accepted).

In 2025, the examination outcomes for design patents included 6,572 allowances (87.5% of 7,513 overall disposals), 655 rejections (8.7%), and 286 others (3.8%).

Pendency for Processing Examination of Design Patent Applications

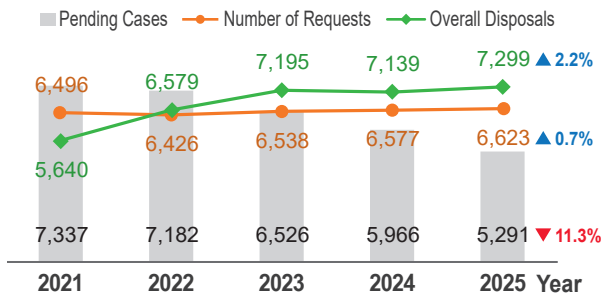


Note: Each figure in this chart is the average value for the end of each year.

The average first office action pendency for design patents in 2025 was 4.7 months, and the average disposal pendency was 5.7 months – both within the bounds of reasonable processing times.

◆ Invention Patent Reexamination

Invention Patent Reexamination Cases

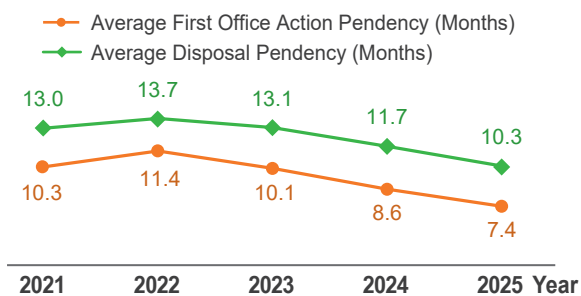


Note: "Overall Disposals" include allowances, rejections, and others (withdrawal and not accepted).

Requests for invention patent reexamination in 2023, 2024, and 2025 were 6,538, 6,577, and 6,623 respectively. Compared to 2024, reexamination requests increased by 0.7%. The numbers of reexamination disposals were 7,195, 7,139, and 7,299 within the same period, showing an increase of 2.2%.

Compared to 2024, pending reexaminations (5,291) decreased by 11.3%.

Pendency for Processing Reexamination of Invention Patent Applications

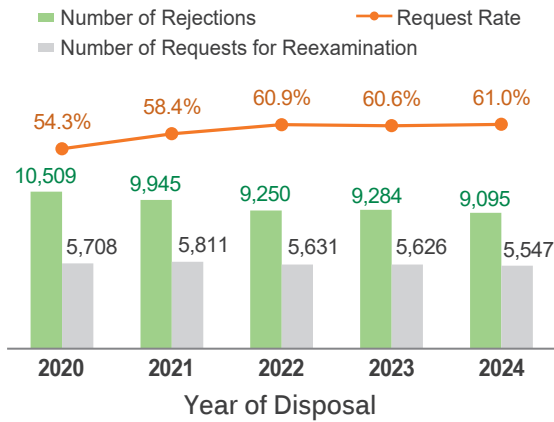


In 2025, both the average first office action pendency and disposal pendency for invention patent reexaminations remained stable at 7.4 months and 10.3 months respectively, reflecting a steady downward trend.

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Request Rate for Invention Patent Reexamination



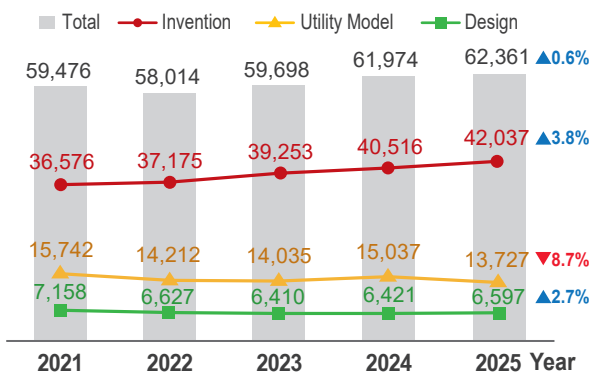
The numbers of rejections in substantive examinations for invention patents from 2022 to 2024 were 9,250, 9,284, and 9,095. Correspondingly, requests for reexaminations totaled 5,631, 5,626, and 5,547 with request rates of 60.9%, 60.6%, and 61.0%, demonstrating a stable annual trend.

Note: 1. "Request Rate" is calculated by dividing the number of requests for reexamination by the number of rejections based on the year of disposal, not the year the request was filed.

2. Applicants may request reexamination within two months after the date on which the rejection is served. As such, the latest figures may be unavailable by the publication of this report, and figures from the past year are used.

◆ Patent Grants

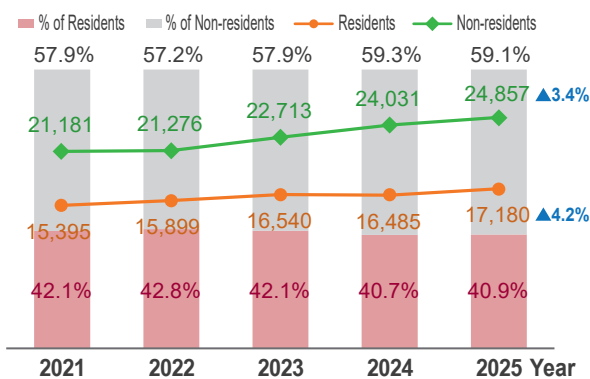
Types of Patent Grants



In 2025, a total of 62,361 patents were granted, marking a 0.6% year-over-year increase. These included 42,037 invention patents (up 3.8%), 13,727 utility model patents (down 8.7%), and 6,597 design patents (up 2.7%).

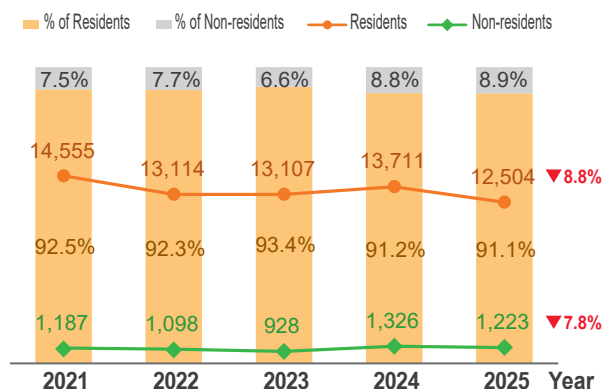
Over the past five years, invention patent grants have grown steadily. Utility model patents showed a slight increase in 2024, despite an overall declining trend. However, design patents have rebounded from previous declines.

Trends in Invention Patent Grants



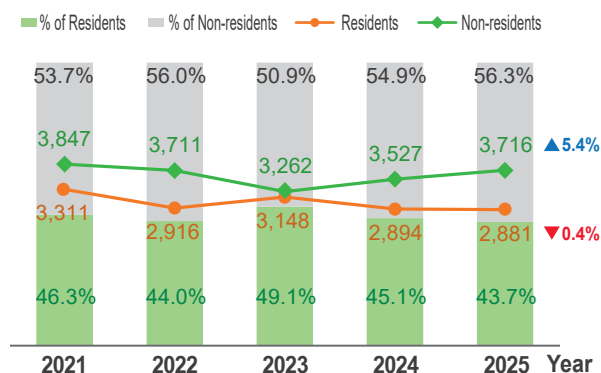
By nationality, 17,180 invention patents were granted to domestic applicants in 2025 (up 4.2%), and 24,857 were granted to foreign applicants (up 3.4%). The share between domestic and foreign applications remained roughly 40% to 60%, respectively.

Trends in Utility Model Patent Grants



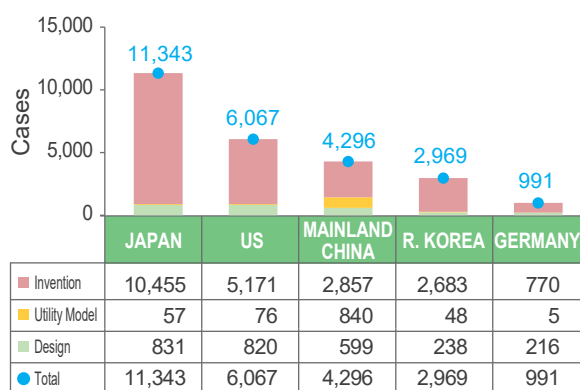
For utility model patents in 2025, 12,504 grants were issued to domestic applicants (down 8.8%), while 1,223 were granted to foreign applicants (down 7.8%). Domestic applicants accounted for approximately 91% of all utility model patent grants.

Trends in Design Patent Grants



For design patents in 2025, 2,881 grants were issued to domestic applicants, a slight decrease of 0.4%, while 3,716 were granted to foreign applicants, an increase of 5.4%. Domestic applicants accounted for around 44% of all design patent grants.

Top 5 Countries (Regions) Receiving Patent Grants from Taiwan in 2025

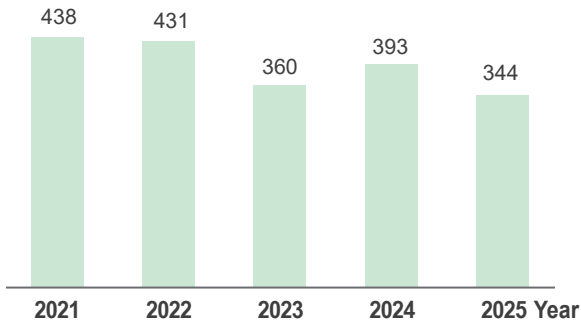


In terms of total patents granted in Taiwan in 2025, Japan topped the list with 11,343 grants, followed by the US (6,067), and mainland China (4,296).

By patent type, Japan led in invention patents with 10,455 grants, mainland China led in utility model patents with 840, and Japan also topped design patents with 831 grants.

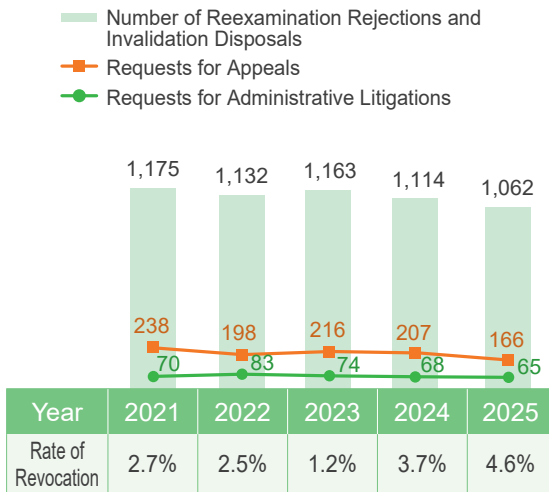
Invalidation and Administrative Remedy

Requests for Invalidation



The numbers of invalidation requests filed from 2023 to 2025 were 360, 393, and 344 respectively. Compared to 2024, the number decreased in 2025.

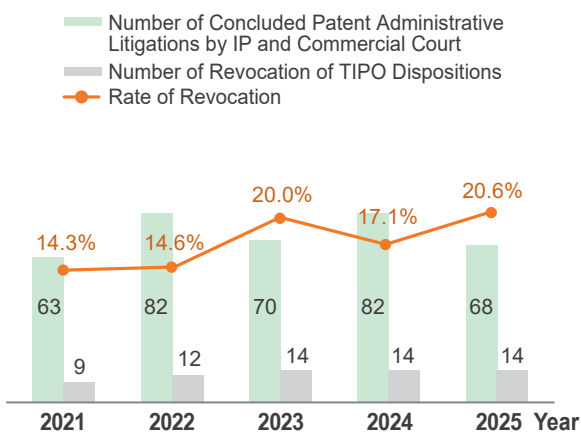
Requests for Administrative Remedy



Between 2023 and 2025, there was a total of 3,339 (1,163, 1,114, and 1,062 cases, respectively) reexamination rejections and invalidation disposals. In the same period, 589 appeals (216, 207, and 166 cases, respectively) and 207 administrative litigation requests (74, 68, and 65 cases, respectively) were filed against TIPO's original dispositions.

Of the requests for appeals between 2023 and 2025, the Ministry of Economic Affairs revoked 1.2%, 3.7%, and 4.6% of TIPO's original dispositions, respectively, showing an upward trend.

Rate of Revocation of TIPO Dispositions



207 administrative litigation requests were filed in the same period (74, 68, and 65, respectively, between 2023 and 2025). The IP and Commercial Court concluded 70, 82, and 68 administrative litigation cases in those years respectively, and revoked 14, 14, and 14 TIPO dispositions — including cases where the plaintiff fully or partially prevailed.

The rate of revocation in 2025 was 20.6%, with 8 cases (11.8%) ruled in favor of the plaintiff and 6 cases (8.8%) resulting in partial judgments. Most revocations stemmed from the IP and Commercial Court's differing interpretation of TIPO's assessment of inventive step, novelty requirements, determinations regarding patent term extension, and issues related to the admissibility of new evidence under Article 70 of the Intellectual Property Case Adjudication Act.

Patent Examination in Multiple Measures

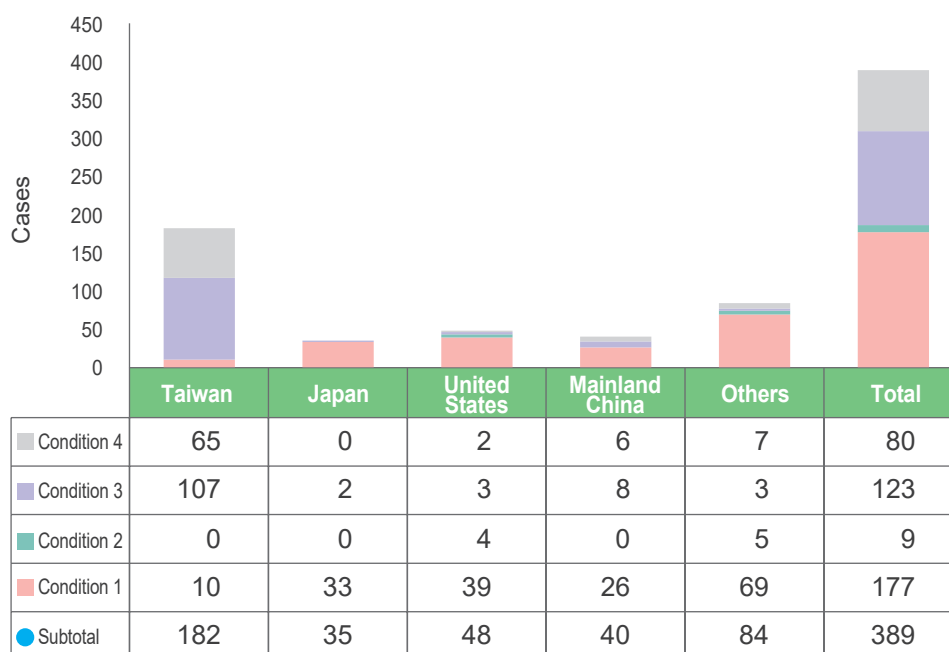
TIPO employs various measures to help applicants develop their patent portfolios. In addition to accelerating patent examinations, applicants may also choose to defer substantive examination and/or publication of approved patents, allowing for greater flexibility in their filing strategies, patent portfolio development, and/or patent commercialization timelines.

◆ Accelerated Examination Program (AEP)

A total of 389 AEP requests were filed in 2025. Of these, 177 requests were filed under Condition 1 (when the corresponding foreign application has been granted via substantive examination by a foreign patent authority), accounting for the majority of total AEP requests. Requests filed under Condition 3 (when the invention patent application is essential to commercial exploitation) ranked second, accounting for 123 requests.

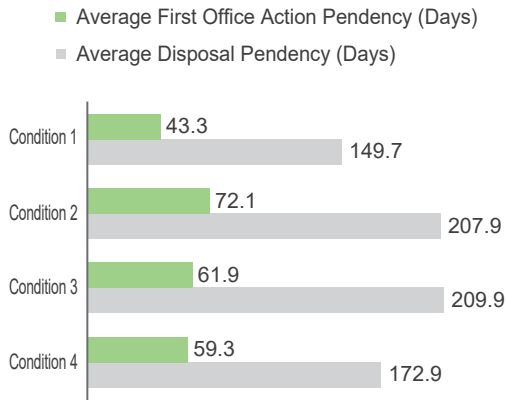
The majority of requests came from domestic applicants, accounting for 182 requests, most citing Condition 3, followed by Condition 4 (related to green technology). Among foreign countries, United States led with 48 requests, followed by mainland China (40).

AEP requests by Nationality AEP



Note: Condition 1 is when the application's corresponding foreign application has been granted under substantive examination by a foreign patent authority;
 Condition 2 is when the EPO, JPO or USPTO has issued an office action and a search report during substantive examination but has yet to allow the application's corresponding foreign application;
 Condition 3 is when the invention patent application is essential to commercial exploitation;
 Condition 4 is when the invention is related to green technology.

Pendency for Processing AEP Requests AEP











As of the end of 2025, the average first office action pendency was between 43.3 and 72.1 days, and the average disposal pendency was between 149.7 and 209.9 days.

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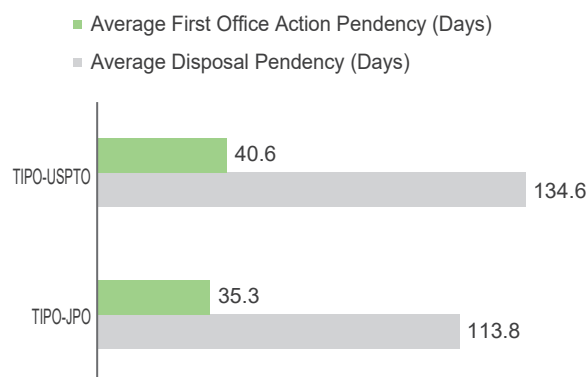
2. "Average disposal pendency" refers to the average time from the time document requirements are met to the time a final decision is issued. The said pendency is calculated based on disposals made in 2025.

◆ Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Program

TIPO is currently partnering with USPTO, JPO, SPTO, MOIP, PPO, CIPO, and INPI on the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Program. Patents applications filed under the TIPO-USPTO (348) and TIPO-JPO (366) PPH programs accounted for the majority of total PPH applications (738) in 2025.

PPH Program	Nationality of Applicants									Total
	 Taiwan	 United States	 Japan	 Spain	 Korea	 Poland	 Canada	 France	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-MOIP	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
Total	20	210	362	0	66	0	10	4	66	738

Pendency for Processing PPH Requests PPH



As of the end of 2025, the average first office action pendency for patents filed under the TIPO-USPTO and the TIPO-JPO PPH programs was 40.6 and 35.3 days respectively, and the average disposal pendency was 134.6 and 113.8 days respectively.

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◆ TW-Support Using the PPH Agreement (TW-SUPA) Examination Program

The TW-Support Using the PPH Agreement (TW-SUPA) Examination Program was launched on March 1, 2012, allowing applicants to request fast-tracking for invention patent applications within six months corresponding foreign application. This program has greatly increased the efficiency by which TIPO shares examination information with its global counterparts, and enables applicants to fast-track overseas patent applications in key technologies with TIPO's examination results.

Thanks to the well-executed Patent Backlog Reduction Project, only 20 TW-SUPA requests were filed in 2025. The average first office action pendency and the average disposal pendency were 1.4 and 4.43 months respectively.

◆ Positive Patent Examination Pilot Program for Startups

To assist startups with R&D capabilities in quickly obtaining invention patents, TIPO has launched the Positive Patent Examination Pilot Program for Startups since January 2021. The program received 75 eligibility applications from a total of 53 startups in 2025. The average processing time for applications was 65.8 days.



Positive Patent Examination Pilot Program for Startups
<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/tipo1/799-66083.html>

◆ Pilot Program for Accelerated Examination of Invention Patent Applications Filed by Female Applicants

The Pilot Program for Accelerated Examination of Invention Patent Applications Filed by Female Applicants has been implemented for a one-year trial period since July 1, 2025. Through an accelerated examination procedure, the program aims to encourage female participation in innovative inventions and provide patent protection, promoting gender equality and technological development. As of the end of 2025, a total of 9 applications had been received.

◆ Accelerated Examination Program for Reexamination Program

To expedite invention patent reexamination cases and reduce the workload for TIPO by allowing preliminary examination opinions to carry over, the Accelerated Examination Program for Reexamination of Invention Patents (AEPR_e) was launched on September 1, 2024.

In cases where the final rejection decision in substantive examination applies only to certain claims, and at least one claim remains allowable, the applicant may amend the application by deleting the rejected claims and converting the allowable dependent claims into independent claims. If the amended claims fall within the scope deemed allowable during substantive examination, the applicant may submit an AEPR_e request. Under this program, a reexamination opinion or decision will be issued within six months.

As of the end of 2025, a total of 58 cases had been accepted under AEPR_e, with 54 cases having received examination results. On average, it took only 22 days from submission of the AEPR_e request to issuance of a reexamination opinion or decision.

◆ Industry Collaborative Patent Interview Pilot Program

The Industry Collaborative Patent Interview Pilot Program has been implemented from January 3, 2025, and extended to December 31, 2026. The program enables patent examiners to rapidly understand the technical content of patent applications in forward-looking technologies, improving examination efficiency and quality. It also addresses applicants' needs for accelerated patent grants to support their patent portfolio strategies.

◆ New System for Telephone Communication with External Examiners and Remote Video Interview

This program was extended starting from September 1, 2025, with more flexible procedural requirements. For remote video interviews, it is no longer necessary to capture and retain screenshots of the participants in the case file; instead, participants are only required to present identification documents for verification by the examiner.

◆ Patent Search

The Patent Search Center (PSC) assists TIPO in conducting prior art search for patent applications. In 2025, 63 professional search personnel compiled 9,690 patent search reports, effectively enhancing the efficiency of patent examinations.

In 2025, the Patent Search Center continued to provide patent search and analysis services to promote the development and application of intellectual property across industry, government, academia, and research institutions. These services help clients enhance the value of technological research and development, manage and utilize patent resources more effectively, and support industrial innovation and competitiveness.

◆ Deferral of Patent Examination

As factors like applicants' filing strategies, patent portfolios, and timeline for patent commercialization may differ case by case, TIPO began accepting requests for deferral of invention patent substantive examination on April 1, 2015. As of the end of 2025, TIPO accepted a total of 1,921 deferral requests.

Since July 1, 2018, TIPO has accepted requests to defer substantive examination of design patent applications. As of the end of 2025, a total of 1,146 deferral requests have been submitted.

In 2024, TIPO revised the "Operation Directions on Applying for Deferred Substantive Examination of Invention Patent and Design Patent Applications", which took effect on January 1, 2025, allowing reexamination and divisional applications to also be eligible for deferral of substantive examination. To further address stakeholder feedback, TIPO again amended the Directions in 2025, extending the maximum deferral periods. This initiative aims to support applicants in patent portfolio development and commercialization by providing greater flexibility. These revised guidelines were published on December 16, 2025, and took effect on January 1, 2026. Key revisions include:

- (1) Stipulating that applicants for invention patents may apply for deferral only once, and extending the maximum period for deferring substantive examination and specifying a date for its continuation from three years to five years.
- (2) Stipulating that applicants for design patents may apply for deferral only once, and extending the maximum period for deferring substantive examination and specifying a date for its continuation from one year to two years.
- (3) Stipulating the grounds under which the patent authority may dismiss an application for deferral or terminate the deferral process.

Optimizing Patent Examination Quality

In addition to continuously reviewing examination cases and enhancing examiners' professional knowledge, TIPO also leverages insights from various sectors. It has published the "Collection of AI-Related Invention Cases in Taiwan", conducted the search quality survey, and launched the "Collaborative Examination Program for Reexamination of Patent Applications from the Five Trusted Industry Sectors", aiming to unify examination standards and continuously improve examination quality.

◆ Patent Examination Quality Review Mechanism

In 2025, TIPO reviewed 1,607 invention and 376 design patent applications, accounting for 3.2% and 5.2% respectively of all first office action decisions for those patent types. In addition, 671 invention patent reexamination cases and 32 technical evaluation reports were reviewed. The reviews indicated that patent examination quality was well-maintained. TIPO holds meetings for patent examination twice a year to analyze review results and identify common defects. The results serve as reference for future examiner training.

◆ Collection of AI-Related Invention Cases in Taiwan

To enhance the examination quality of AI-related invention patent applications and improve the drafting quality of patent specifications in Taiwan, TIPO developed the "Collection of AI-Related Invention Cases in Taiwan". In June 2025, experts and scholars from industry, academia, and research institutions were invited to participate in the "TIPA 2025 Workshop on AI-Related Invention Cases" to discuss and exchange views on case studies. In September 2025, a briefing and outreach seminar was further convened to broadly solicit comments and suggestions from participating experts. Based on their feedback, the collection was revised and finalized. The collection includes case studies and explanations regarding the definition of an invention, the enablement requirement, and the assessment of an inventive step.

◆ Collaborative Examination Program for Reexamination of Patent Applications from the Five Trusted Industry Sectors

With the rapid development of emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), the volume and complexity of related patent reexamination applications have continued to increase. To enhance the quality of invention patent reexaminations, TIPO launched the "Collaborative Examination Program for Reexamination Emerging Technology Patents" on January 1, 2024.

In alignment with Taiwan's policy goals of promoting industrial R&D transformation in the Five Trusted Industry Sectors—semiconductors, AI, military, security and surveillance, and next-generation communications—TIPO has implemented the "Collaborative Examination Program for Reexamination from the Patent Applications from the Five Trusted Industry Sectors" since January 1, 2025. This program continues to ensure the consistency and accuracy of examination standards through internal cross-disciplinary collaborative search and examination mechanisms. In 2025, a total of 15 applications were processed under this program, including 5 cases in the semiconductor industry, 7 cases in the AI industry, and 1 case each in the military industry, the security and surveillance industry, and the next-generation communications industry.

◆ Patent Search Quality Survey

To optimize the search quality of cases handled in collaboration with the Patent Search Center (PSC), TIPO randomly sampled 200 search records from PSC-collaborated cases in 2025. A questionnaire survey was conducted among the top 20 patent agencies by application volume, achieving a response rate of 78.5%. The survey revealed that 83.4% of the agencies gave a positive evaluation of TIPO's presentation of the search history, while 80.9% gave a positive evaluation of the overall search strategy. Regarding the various search deficiencies or suggestions provided by the agencies, TIPO reviewed and analyzed each case individually to serve as a reference for improving search-related measures, further enhancing the quality of its search services.

◆ Review and Analysis of Revoked Invalidation and Reexamination Cases

Every year, TIPO reviews and analyzes invalidation and reexamination cases revoked by the Ministry of Economic Affairs and the IP and Commercial Court. Important cases are selected for study, and TIPO also conducts case study sessions on the dismissal of patent administrative litigations. These cases are incorporated into analysis reports and compiled into the Compilation of Patent Administrative Litigation Cases Studies for future reference to make quality improvements.

◆ Training Professional Patent Examiners

In response to the rapid development of technology, TIPO is dedicated to furnishing our examiners with the requisite technological knowledge to grasp new trends in industries and technologies, resolve practical issues during the examination process, and improve examination quality.

As such, TIPO organizes basic training for new examiners and helps them transition to subsequent training in search techniques and examination skills. Additionally, TIPO also offers multi-level professional training for examiners, covering topics such as key points and applications to the patent examination guidelines and their application, patent examination case studies, and analyses of patent administrative litigation revocation cases.

Furthermore, in August 2025, TIPO organized a professional seminar for part-time patent examiners. The seminar covered topics such as prior art search practices and evaluation of invention patentability to enhance their search skills and professional examination capabilities.

TIPO also occasionally invites domestic experts to give lectures on specific industry topics such as "Strategies and Challenges of the Biomedical Translation Research Center in Promoting Taiwan's Biotech Startups," "From Patent Portfolio to Legal Battle: Practical Insights on Safeguarding Corporate Market Advantages," "The AI Boom: New Paradigms in the Tech Industrial Revolution Behind Artificial Intelligence," and "Navigating Semiconductor Innovations: Trends, IP Strategies, and Patent Challenges."

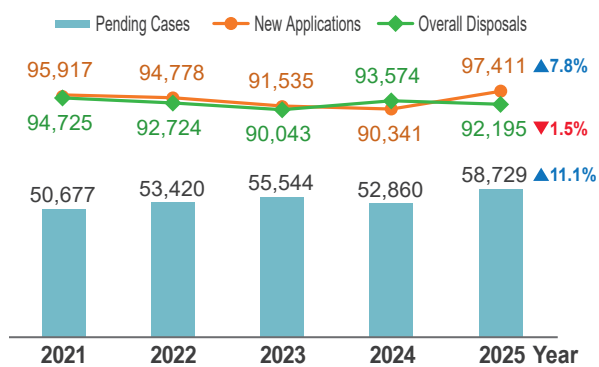
2.Trademark Examination

Examination Performance

Since 2015, the number of trademark applications by class has exceeded 100,000 annually. In 2025, trademark applications reached a record high of about 124,000 classes. To improve examination efficiency, TIPO introduced the Fast-Track Trademark Examination Program pilot in May 2020, followed by the Accelerated Examination Program in May 2024, supplemented by an online time-control system to ensure timely processing. In 2025, a total of about 117,000 classes were disposed, and the average first office action pendency was approximately 5.6 months.

◆ Status of Trademark Examinations

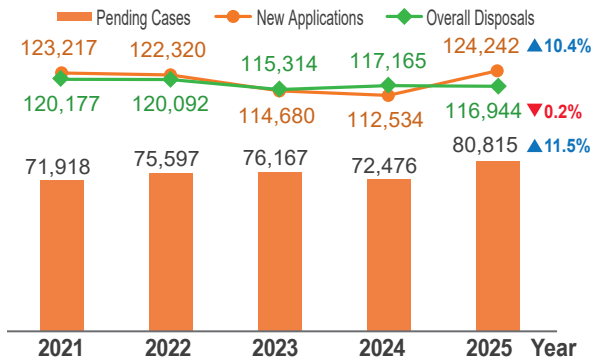
Trademark Application Examinations (by Case)



In 2025, TIPO received 97,411 trademark applications (by case), up by 7.8% from 2024 (90,341). A total of 92,195 cases were disposed, down by 1.5% from 2024 (93,574). The number of pending cases was 58,729, up by 11.1% from 2024 (52,860).

Note: "Overall Disposals" include approvals, rejections, and others. "Pending Cases" refers to pending applications as of December 31 of each year.

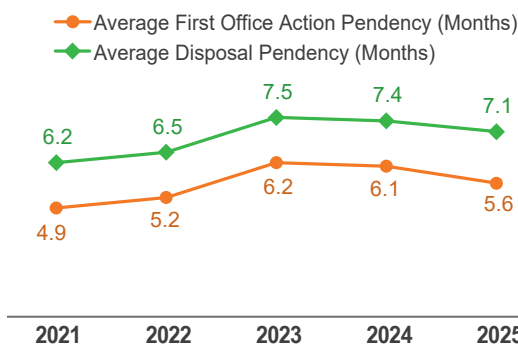
Trademark Application Examinations (by Class)



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In 2025, TIPO received 124,242 trademark applications (by class), up by 10.4% from 2024 (117,165). A total of 116,944 classes were disposed, down by 0.2% from 2024 (117,165). There were 80,815 pending classes, up by 11.5% from 2024 (72,476).

Pendency for Processing Trademark Applications

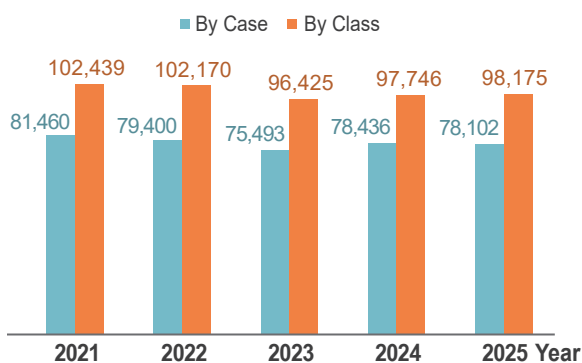


Note: "Average First Office Action Pendency" refers to the average time it takes to process an application from the time of filing to the time of issuing a first office action.

With the growing number of applications in recent years, TIPO has readjusted manpower to support and improve performance. The average first office action pendency was 5.6 months, and the average disposal pendency was 7.1 months.

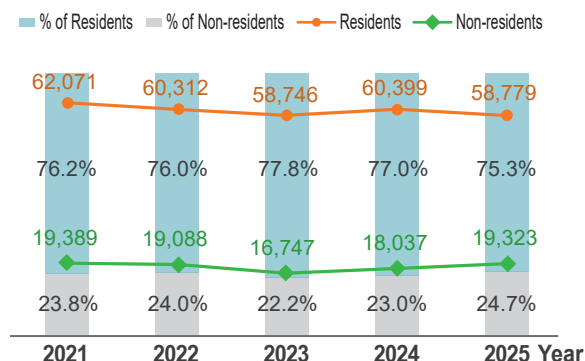
◆ Trademark Registrations

Trademark Registrations (by Case/ by Class)



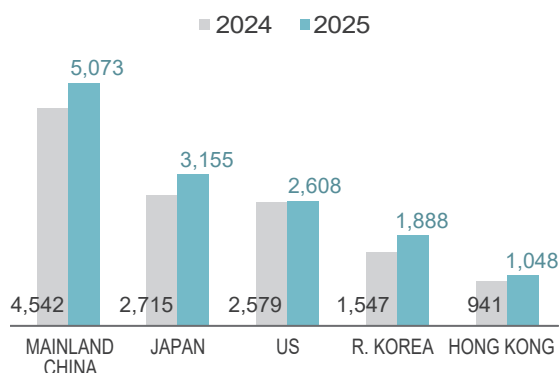
In 2025, there were 78,102 trademark registration cases, marking a decline from 2024, while covering 98,175 classes, showing an increase from 2024.

Trends in Trademark Registrations (by Case)



Of these, domestic applicants registered 58,779 trademarks in 2025, marking a decline from 2024, whereas foreign applicants registered 19,323, showing a year-over-year increase. Overall, domestic registrations accounted for approximately 75% of all trademark registrations.

Trademark Registrations of Top Five Countries (Regions) (by Case)



In 2025, the top five sources of foreign trademark registrations were mainland China (5,073 cases), followed by Japan (3,155), the US (2,608), R. Korea (1,888), and Hong Kong (1,048).

Registration of Non-traditional Trademarks

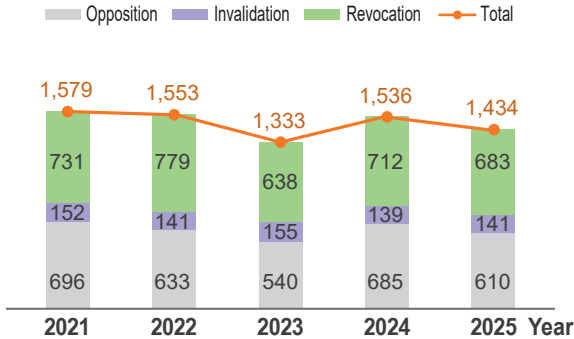
Unit: Case

Type \ Year	2023	2024	2025
3D	35	37	42
Sound	1	0	1
Color	1	0	2
Hologram	0	0	0
Motion	1	1	9
Others	4	3	8
Total	42	41	62

In 2025, a total of 62 non-traditional trademarks were registered, with 3D trademarks (42) being the most common.

Disputes and Administrative Remedy

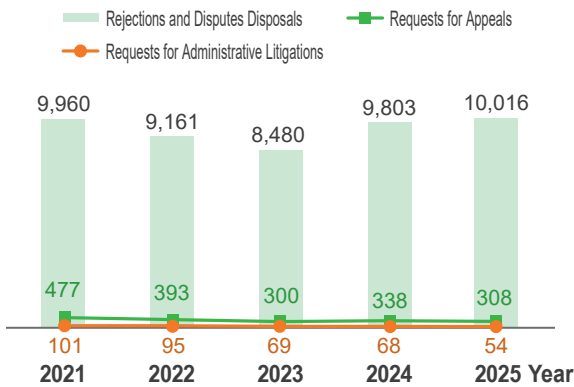
Trademark Disputes



Note: Trademark dispute requests include oppositions, invalidations, and revocations.

In 2025, 1,434 cases of trademark disputes were received, down by 102 from 2024 (1,536). These included 610 oppositions (down by 75), 141 invalidations (up by 2), and 683 revocations (down by 29).

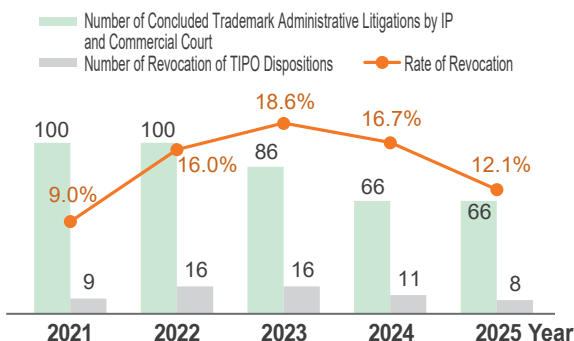
Requests for Administrative Remedy



In 2025, TIPO issued 10,016 decisions on trademark rejections and disputes. Of these, 308 decisions were appealed to the Ministry of Economic Affairs, representing an appeal rate of 3.07%, down slightly by 0.38% from 2024 (3.45%).

The number of administrative litigation cases filed with the IP and Commercial Court was 54, down by 14 from 2024 (68).

Rate of Revocation of TIPO Dispositions



In 2025, the IP and Commercial Court concluded 66 administrative litigation cases. Among these, 8 resulted in revocation of TIPO's original decisions – including full and partial victories for plaintiffs – yielding a revocation rate of 12.1%, down by 4.6% from 2024.

Trademark Examination in Multiple Measures

◆ Trademark Accelerated Examination

Accelerated examination for trademark registration applications was introduced on May 1, 2024. In 2025, 177 applications were received. For applications meeting the eligibility criteria, the average pendency from acceptance to issuance of the first office action was within one month. This mechanism supported industries in building their trademark portfolios and further enhanced the overall effectiveness of examination.

◆ Trademark Fast-track Examination

In 2025, 72.2% of trademark applications qualified for fast-track examination, significantly reducing the time for formality amendments. The average pendency to first office action for fast-track applications was 2.01 months shorter than that for regular cases, which was mutually beneficial for both applicants and TIPO.

Optimizing Trademark Examination Quality

TIPO spares no effort in pushing for the following measures to increase the number of trademark disposals and improve examination quality:

◆ Trademark Examination Quality Review Mechanism

In 2025, TIPO increased the percentage of pre-disposal sampling, reviewing 5,675 cases (6.2% of all cases). Substantive deficiencies were found in 1.6% of reviewed cases. Issues involving examination principles were communicated through examination workshops and incorporated into training programs to build consensus on examinations standards. Relevant cases were also compiled as references for future updates to the examination guidelines.

◆ Proposing Disputable Questions regarding Trademark Examination

To expedite the clarification of ambiguities regarding individual trademark examination cases, TIPO implemented the Measure of Proposing Disputable Questions regarding Trademark Examination, which facilitates faster case clarification and flexible discussion for similar cases in the future.

◆ Trademark Examination Workshops

To enhance examination consistency and strengthen the professional competencies of trademark examiners, TIPO organized three trademark examination workshops in 2025. Key topics included findings from quality review sampling of trademark registration applications; highlights of the revised Nice Classification of goods and services; the review and analysis of revoked dispositions in rejected and dispute cases; and examination principles for trademarks containing the term "fresh milk" or green terms in the reproductions.

In addition, participants were provided with information on the Analysis of Issues Related to Company Supervisors, practical experiences sharing on accelerated examinations, and the updated Trademark Search System available on TIPO's website. These efforts aimed to further improve the quality and consistency of trademark examinations.

◆ Review and Analysis of Revoked Dispositions

In response to dispositions of dispute and rejection cases revoked by the Ministry of Economic Affairs and the IP and Commercial Court in 2024, TIPO reviewed and analyzed each instance in accordance with the grounds of revocation to implement relevant internal training.

◆ Training Professional Trademark Examiners

To enhance expertise in technology transfer and licensing, TIPO invited domestic experts to deliver keynote speeches. The topics covered practical experiences in IPR protection, patent portfolios, and branding strategies, as well as technology transfer practices from R&D to commercialization.

In response to the emphasis on concepts of "green" and "sustainability," as well as the issue of greenwashing, TIPO organized an English study group this year to collect and analyze the recent examination trends in trademark registration applications in the US and EU that contain green terms such as "ECO," "GREEN," and "SUSTAINABLE" in their reproductions. This effort aimed to have a better grasp of the evolving trends of international examination practices.



Outstanding Patent and Trademark Examiner Award Ceremony

3. Copyright Affairs

In 2025, TIPO held an exchange meeting to gather the opinions of domestic rights holders on issues related to generative AI and copyright, and continued to strengthen measures to curb online piracy. TIPO also reviewed royalty rates for collective management, such as the blanket license royalty rates for broadcasting on satellite television (TV) stations and public transmission submitted by the Taiwan Music Collective Management Association (TMCA) and Asia-Pacific Music Collective Management Association (ACMA). In addition, TIPO optimized the online music search platform, promoted its use to the public, and worked on improving the copyright licensing market.

Collective Management Organization Affairs

◆ Royalty Rate Review

TIPO conducted twelve royalty rate reviews in 2025, two of which have been completed, nine of which are still under review, and one was withdrawn by the applicant.

◆ Optimizing the Online Music Search Platform

The online music search platform allows the public to search for song-related information. TIPO completed the update, correction, and integration of works managed by CMOs, and gather their suggestions for platform functionality. Additionally, TIPO organized briefing sessions for broadcasters, television stations, and other operators to enhance the willingness of users and CMOs to utilize the platform.

◆ Improving the Management Framework for CMOs

TIPO continued to commission professional accountants to audit the financial status of five domestic music and sound recording CMOs for fiscal year 2024, providing improvement suggestions to assist them in enhancing their licensing operations and financial management capabilities. To further strengthen the security and management of personal data among CMOs, TIPO provided the "Instructions for Completing the Self-Assessment Checklist for the Copyright Collective Management Organization's Personal Data Safety Maintenance" on May 14 for their reference. TIPO selected the Recording Copyright and Publications Administrative Society of Chinese Taipei (RPAT) to conduct an administrative inspection on personal data to strengthen CMOs' capabilities of personal data security and management.

Cracking Down on Online Piracy

To curb online piracy, TIPO continued to track the progress of the "Follow the Money" voluntary agreement between rights holders and advertising agencies. In 2025, the Taiwan Intellectual Property Alliance (TIPA) provided six batches of infringing website lists, with advertising agencies cooperating by refraining from placing advertisements on these infringing websites.

Processing of Copyright Requests

In 2025, TIPO processed four applications regarding the authorization to exploit orphan works. These included one partial revocation (involving one musical work), one rejection (involving two musical works), one approval (involving one audiovisual work), and one withdrawal by the applicant (involving two musical works).

IP Affairs Seminars and Meetings

◆ Rights Holder Exchange Meeting on Generative AI Training and Copyright Issues

On April 14, TIPO held the Rights Holder Exchange Meeting on Generative AI Training and Copyright Issues. Participants included rights holder groups from the music, audiovisual, and publishing industries, as well as experts, scholars, and representatives from government agencies such as the Ministry of Digital Affairs and the National Institutes of Applied Research. The meeting aimed to facilitate discussions and continuously gather rights holders' opinions on generative AI and copyright issues.

Copyright Training for TIPO Staff

TIPO organized six professional training workshops for its staff, covering copyright laws and practices, information-sharing on domestic and international copyright and CMO systems, and English reading groups.