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Quarterly Report on Intellectual Property Rights Protection in Taiwan

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Special Report

Program on Mutual Cooperation in the Field of Deposit of Biological Materials for the Purposes of Patent Procedure in Effect Since September 1, 2020

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Implementation of the program means that TIPO henceforth recognizes deposits made at KIPO's designated depositaries; equally, KIPO recognizes deposits made at TIPO's designated depositary. Therefore, any Taiwanese applicant filing patent applications relating to biological materials with KIPO or any South Korean applicant filing patent applications relating to biological materials with TIPO is able to deposit his/her biological samples in a local designated depositary. This streamlines the deposit procedures for patent applicants in both countries, avoids problems arising from the instability of biological materials that may be caused by cross-border deposits, and also reduces the cost of repeated deposits.

At present, the depositary designated by TIPO is the Food Industry Research and Development Institute (FIRDI), while the depositaries designated by KIPO are the Korean Collection for Type Cultures (KCTC), the Korean Culture Center of Microorganisms (KCCM), the Korean Cell Line Research Foundation (KCLRF) and the Korean Agricultural Culture Collection (KACC).

Moreover, both offices also recognize deposits of biological materials in a depositary designated by the other office made before the implementation of this cooperative program, provided two conditions are met. Patent applicants are not required to make repeat deposits in either Taiwan or Korea if: 1) their patent application is filed after September 1, 2020, i.e., the implementation date of this cooperative program; and 2) their patent application is filed along with copies of the deposit certificates submitted before the corresponding deadlines.

The *Operational Directions Governing the Mutual Cooperation between TIPO and KIPO in the Field of Deposit of Biological Materials for the Purposes of Patent Procedure* and related Q&A information can be found on TIPO's website. *Operational Directions Governing the Mutual Cooperation between TIPO and KIPO in the Field of Deposit of Biological Materials for the Purposes of Patent Procedure*:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/cp-86-880829-9b795-1.html>

Q&A :

<https://topic.tipo.gov.tw/patents-tw/lp-766-101.html>

Legislative Amendments

1. Amendments to the Regulations Governing Application for Approval of Compulsory License of Musical Works and Royalties for Use Thereof

To ensure conformance with the provisions set forth in the Copyright Act as well as relevant court decisions, partial revisions have been made to the Regulations Governing Application for Approval of Compulsory License of Musical Works and Royalties for Use Thereof. The Ministry of Economic Affairs announced the amendments on August 4. Points of note are as follows:

- I. To facilitate the copyright competent authority's handling of procedural matters, such as notification of right holders, the identity of any exclusive licensee to the musical work concerned shall henceforth also be indicated as an item on the application form. (Amendment to Article 3)
- II. Where a musical work has been exclusively licensed, the copyright competent authority shall notify the exclusive licensee about his/her right to submit an opinion as well as the scope thereof. (Amendment to Article 7)
- III. The wording of certain provisions has been fine-tuned so as to strengthen procedural guarantees afforded to exclusive licensees. (Amendments to Articles 9–11 and Articles 16–18)

Regulations Governing Application for Approval of Compulsory License of Musical Works and Royalties for Use Thereof:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/en/cp-295-364367-f8121-2.html>

2. Operational Directions for the Processing of Third-Party Observations on Patent Applications in Force Since September 1

On August 25, the Ministry of Economic Affairs released the Operational Directions for the Processing of Third-Party Observations on Patent Applications. These are designed to implement the provisions of Article 39 of the Enforcement Rules of the Patent Act and improve the system for third-party observations as a tool for public participation in the patent examination process. The new directions lay out the details for submission of a third-party observation. These include the relevant time period, situations allowing for a submission, and the documents required to be filled out and those that should be supplemented as well as the manner of submission. The directions also outline the processing principles employed by TIPO in relation to third-party observations.

Operational Directions for the Processing of Third-Party Observations on Patent Applications (in Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/dl-275717-cc920f86ae5b4385bfcd1ab7ff837bbf.html>

General overview and point-by-point explanation of the guidelines (in Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/dl-275716-518e904cbe2a4381a94cea8cbaba4add.html>

Latest News

1. 2020 Taiwan Innotech Expo Opens to Great Fanfare

On September 24, the 2020 Taiwan Innotech Expo officially opened its doors to the public. The event, which ran until September 26, took place in Hall 1 of the Taipei World Trade Center. In a bid to further promote and strengthen international ties, this year's expo welcomed a whole host of research and manufacturing heavyweights, chief among them Thailand's National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA), Siemens, Corning, Microsoft, Logitech and Cisco – this doesn't even include the scores of pioneering international SMEs in attendance. Altogether, there were 459 manufacturers exhibiting more than 1,300 technologies and patented inventions. Needless to say, the fair attracted huge crowds – upwards of 53,000 visitors in total.

Of the 535 domestic and international participants in this year's Invention Competition, 14 received the ultimate honor: the highly coveted Platinum Medal. A further 90 took home a gold medal, while winners of silver and bronze medals numbered 87 and 122, respectively.

The Three Major Themed Pavilions (Innovation Pilot, Future Tech and Sustainability) showcased the government's latest achievements in the field of R&D, highlighting the significant strides that have been made in the areas of pandemic and disaster prevention, digital services, precision health and the Green Supply Chain.

Taking place alongside the expo were 21 conferences, including an innovation technology forum as well as research and tech networking seminars. Here, participants got a chance to survey the latest patented technologies from Taiwan and abroad. It is hoped that the Innotech Expo becomes an indispensable platform for technological collaboration and partnership between Taiwanese and international R&D companies and start-ups.

2020 Taiwan Innotech Expo : <https://www.inventaipai.com.tw/en/index.html>

2. TIPO Releases IPR Statistics for the First Half of 2020

In the first half of 2020, TIPO received a total of 33,954 applications for invention, utility model, and design patents, marking a 4% decrease from the same period last year. On the other hand, the number of trademark registration applications hit a record high with 43,385 cases. Applications for invention patent and trademark registration by domestic applicants both registered growth.

As for resident applicants, TSMC topped the list with 375 cases, with MEDIATEK (211 cases) and AU OPTRONICS (210 cases) occupying the second and third spot, respectively. TSMC has come out on top for the fourth year in a row now. Among foreign companies filing for invention patents, Qualcomm led with 304 applications.

The number of applications for trademark registration (43,385 cases) saw a 3% increase from the same period last year. Applications by residents (32,843 cases) grew by 10%, whereas those by non-residents (10,542 cases) fell. Applications by residents reached a record high not seen since the year 2000.

A breakdown by Nice class shows that class 35 (advertising, business management, etc.) received the most cases (5,955) by residents. As to the resident applicants themselves, UNI-PRESIDENT led with 228 cases.

Class 9 (computer and technology products, etc.) received the most cases (2,100) by non-residents. Among non-resident applicants, HUAWEI filed the most applications with 95 cases.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/en/cp-282-880477-4ee7f-2.html>

3. TIPO Holds Public Hearing on the Amendment to the Substantive Examination Guidelines for Design Patents

After having reviewed design patent examination practices in recent years, TIPO drafted the amendment to parts of Chapter III of the Examination Guidelines for Patents, which deals with Substantive Examination Guidelines for Design Patents. The aim in doing so is to keep pace with the latest developments in digital and new technologies. A public hearing was held on July 23.

The key revisions pertain to the relaxation of requirements for disclosing descriptions and graphs, as well as those governing divisional application. The changes also include the addition of constructions and interior designs to the examples of subject matter eligible for patent protection, and the addition of computer program products to the examples of articles a graph design may be applied to.

For more information (in Mandarin), please visit:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/dl-275408-d182b09b2fe749fca489b99f77b64ca7.html>

4. TIPO Hosts Information Sessions on *Patent Search and Its Application in Building Patent Portfolios*

To make it easier for domestic businesses to build patent portfolios, TIPO hosted the Information Sessions on Patent Search and Its Application in Building Patent Portfolios. Participants were shown how to use TIPO's GPSS tool to search for patents worldwide, and how to use fishbone diagrams and technology life-cycles for the analysis of patent trends. In addition, strategies and useful steps for building patent portfolios were systematically introduced along with practical cases.

5. TIPO Holds Public Hearing on *Draft Regulations Governing the Registration and Supervision of Trademark Agents*

On August 17, TIPO held a public hearing regarding the introduction of a trademark agent regulation mechanism to the *2019 Draft Amendments to the Trademark Act*. Also up for discussion was the establishment of relevant rules pertaining to registration procedures and related regulatory measures. The open consultation, at which opinions from all sides were heard, was entitled *Public Hearing on the Draft Amendments to the Trademark Act (Articles Relating to Trademark Agents) and the Draft Regulations Governing the Registration and Supervision of Trademark Agents*.

Key areas of debate concerned clauses of the Draft Amendments to the Trademark Act relating to qualification requirements for trademark agents, registration procedures and transitional provisions. As for the *Draft Regulations Governing the Registration and Supervision of Trademark Agents*, the main points discussed were trademark agent registration, accreditation, professional training, regulatory measures, as well as nullification, cancellation and revocation of registration.

For more detailed information (in Mandarin), please visit:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/cp-85-879854-4fe4d-1.html>

6. TIPO Hosts the *2020 Seminar Series on Trademark Law*

TIPO hosted the 2020 Seminar Series on Trademark Law on August 27 and September 2, 3 and 7 across four different cities (Taipei, Kaohsiung, Tainan and Taichung). The seminars focused on judicial decisions concerning trademark use, specifically looking at the concepts of "use for maintaining registration" and "infringing use." Particular emphasis was placed on trademark revocation cases involving the determination of similarity of goods or services, the ascertainment of an earlier trademark as well as trademark squatting, and the fair use defense.

By highlighting actual cases to illustrate the latest developments in judicial practice, TIPO helped trademark owners familiarize themselves with the overall concept of trademark use.

7. TIPO Hosts Information Session on *Must-Know Facts about Trademark Protection and Application*

On July 15, TIPO hosted an information session on "Must-Know Facts about Trademark Protection and Application" at the Taiwan Startup Hub of the Executive Yuan. Speakers used a straightforward approach to share professional expertise and provide information about the latest trademark examinations to help attendees resolve trademark issues facing their startup businesses. Participants unanimously agreed that the event was highly informative.

8. TIPO Hosts the *2020 Meeting on the Direction for Adjusting the System of Review of CMO Royalties and on Streamlining Authorization*

Since the 2010 promulgation of the amendment to the Copyright Collective Management Organization Act, the system of review of royalties and streamlining licensing had been of concern to CMOs and users. In light of this, TIPO held a meeting on August 31 regarding these issues. CMOs, TV stations, broadcasters, OTT and online music platforms, as well as experts and academics, were invited to share thoughts on:

- how to promote substantive negotiations between CMOs and users
- the necessity for increasing the threshold for royalty review
- how to adjust the system of provisional payment
- how to resolve the issues over licensing to individual right holders who are not members of any CMOs.

9. TIPO Holds Seminars on *Appropriate Confidentiality Measures for Businesses*

To assist businesses in establishing comprehensive protective mechanisms for trade secrets, TIPO and the Taiwan Association for Trade Secret Protection (TTSP) cohosted the Seminars on Appropriate Confidentiality Measures for Businesses in Taipei, Taichung, and Tainan on August 14, 28 and September 11.

Experts experienced in relevant practices were invited, along with a prosecutor, to share their thoughts on appropriate confidentiality measures. They also gave an overview of how information technology is applied to trade secret security, while also touching on practices in trade secret investigations and the latest developments in the field.

TIPO hopes that these events can enable businesses to establish sound trade secret management systems and strategies for coping with infringement.

10. TIPO Releases Illustrative Three-Part Case Study on Trade Secrets

In an effort to promote the importance of trade secret protection, TIPO has analyzed three of the most prominent trade secret litigation cases from recent years. The resulting reports are entitled: *Infringing Trade Secrets: A Costly Affair*; *Infringing Trade Secrets: A Long Jail Stint*; and *Beware the Subcontractor*.

In addition to exploring the circumstances and summarizing the judgments of each case, the reports also go on to identify trade secret leakage channels while at the same time proposing adequate countermeasures. By highlighting these three real-world cases, TIPO hopes to raise awareness about corporate trade secret protection.

For more detailed information (in Mandarin), please click the following link:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/lp-9-1.html>

11. MOE Sets Up Email Service for Reporting TANet-Related IP Infringement Offenses

The Ministry of Education has set up an email address (abuse@moe.edu.tw) for reporting IP infringement offenses on TANet. Between July and September, the MOE received five reports from the Taiwan Book Publishers Association to block TANet's access to foreign textbook piracy websites. Access was completely blocked following confirmation from the Ministry.

12. Council of Indigenous Peoples Implements Protection Act for the Traditional Intellectual Creations of Indigenous Peoples

Since the Protection Act for the Traditional Intellectual Creations of Indigenous Peoples came into force in 2015, the Council of Indigenous Peoples has so far received 145 exclusive right applications, which were combined into 117 cases in total. Of these, 84 cases (72%) have already been concluded, 23 cases (20%) are still pending, 5 cases (4%) have been withdrawn, and 5 cases (4%) were dismissed. Of the 84 concluded cases, 74 (88%) were decided in favor of granting the exclusive right, 2 cases (2%) were due to be granted the exclusive right by October, 4 cases (5%) required further amendment, and 4 cases (5%) were dismissed.

Law Enforcement Results and Statistics

The National Police Agency (NPA)

1. Law Enforcement Results

From July to September 2020, a total of 517 copyright infringement cases involving 657 suspects and resulting in losses of NT\$ 10.7 billion were recorded. (Figures for losses are based on data provided by the affected right holders). 488 trademark infringement cases involving 585 suspects and losses of NT\$ 468.7 million were also recorded, as was one trade secret violation case involving 2 suspects causing a loss of NT\$ 1 million. In all, there were 1,006 IPR infringement cases involving 1,244 suspects, with the amount of money lost as a result reaching NT\$ 11.2 billion. The above-mentioned cases were subsequently referred to district prosecutors' offices for further investigation.

Statistics for IP Infringement Cases by the National Police Agency, NPA

Unit: case/person (Jan.-Sep. 2020)

Year	Total		Trademarks		Copyright		
	No. of Cases	No. of Suspects	No. of Cases	No. of Suspects	No. of Cases	No. of Suspects	No. of CDs Confiscated
2020 Jan.-Sep.	2,773	3,392	1,465	1,732	1,301	1,639	55
2019 Jan.-Sep.	2,822	3,310	1,446	1,717	1,376	1,593	52
Percentage Change: 2020/2019 Jan.-Sep.	-1.74	2.48	1.31	0.87	-5.45	2.89	5.77

Source: National Police Agency (NPA), Ministry of the Interior

2. Major Cases

A special team made up of the Second Special Police Corps and the Telecommunications Investigation Corps recently cracked down on 8maple.ru, a major infringing website with the highest streaming traffic in Taiwan. This website had been publishing default links to audio-visual content not authorized by economic right holders and receiving revenue by placing ads on either side of the webpage and embedding them in pirated movies.

The website had infringed on the rights of reproduction, public broadcast, and public transmission of right holders across Taiwan, the US, the EU, and Asia, and it therefore became a key target for investigation for these countries and regions. By sharing information and tracking down the money flow of the website's advertising revenues for an extended period of time between Taiwan and the US, the team succeeded in breaking through the 25 virtual servers set up in 5 countries to circumvent investigation and, in doing so, seized the illegal proceeds totalling NT\$65 million. The market value of infringing content reached NT\$10.1bn. This accomplishment fully demonstrates the determination and capability of Taiwan's law enforcement agencies in their investigation of overseas infringing websites.

Following the successful crackdown on 8maple.ru, other infringing sites such as GIMY TV, 777TV, Eyny Forum, Love TV, 58B.TV, Meijutw, pptplay, and momovod shut down voluntarily. This has helped legal audio-visual sites expand their reach, which will significantly benefit the legitimate audio-visual works market.

Joint Optical Disk Enforcement Taskforce

From January to September 2020, the Joint Optical Disk Enforcement Taskforce (JODE) of the Ministry of Economic Affairs conducted a total of 72 inspections on OD factories, printing plate factories, and related facilities – 120 inspections fewer than for the same period last year (192) – this shortfall was due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

JODE also advised OD factories on how to put in place internal control and audit mechanisms. Ten documented audits have been carried out in relation to this, with no major violations reported.

JODE's Inspection Results

(Jan.-Sep. 2020)

		2019	2020
		Jan.-Sep.	Jan.-Sep.
Number of Inspections		192	72
Audit/Consultation		20	10
Number of Cases Found Violating the Optical Disk Act		0	0
Number of Plants Closed	Manufacturing Plants	0	0
	Packaging Plants	0	0
Number of Cases Prosecuted		0	0
Number of Suspects Prosecuted		0	0
Number of Administrative Dispositions		0	0
Number of Machines Seized		0	0
Number of Illegal ODs (Pieces)		0	0

Source: The Joint Optical Disk Enforcement Taskforce (JODE), Ministry of Economic Affairs

The Customs Administration

1. Law Enforcement Results

- I. The Customs Administration of the Ministry of Finance has been carrying out its duties regarding border protection in accordance with the Regulations Governing Customs Measures in Protecting the Rights and Interests of Trademark and the Operational Directions for Customs Authorities in Implementing Measures for Protecting the Rights and Interests of Patent and Copyright. Results reported by the Customs Administration from July to September 2020 are listed below:

Jul.-Sep. 2020	Trademark Violations		Copyright Violations		False declaration of SID codes	False declaration of trademarks
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports		
No. of cases	0	59	0	0	3	88
No. of items	0	4,473	0	0	6,106	12,236,466

* Here, "False Declaration of Trademarks" refers to failing to declare or untruthfully declared trademarks, as prescribed in paragraph 3, Article 17 of the Foreign Trade Act.
Source: Customs Administration, Ministry of Finance

- II. From July to September 2020, customs across Taiwan received 15 requests for lodging advice on protecting trademark rights, 43 requests for extending the terms for advice on protecting trademark rights, and 81 requests for updating documents and other matters. In total, there were 139 requests.
- III. In August, Taipei Customs seized 11 counterfeit CHANEL handbags. In September, Taipei Customs seized 72 counterfeit AIRPODS wireless Bluetooth earbuds and 27 counterfeit LV handbags. The items, which were imported via express delivery, were all confiscated.
- IV. In July, Keelung Customs seized 58 counterfeit HELLO KITTY dolls and 48 counterfeit pairs of Nike shoes imported via express delivery. All items were confiscated.
- V. As part of its efforts to step up the exchange of information on counterfeiting with its global counterparts, the Customs Administration provided 6 pieces of information for customs authorities of other countries between the months of July and September.

The Taiwan High Prosecutors' Office (THPO)

From July to September 2020, the District Prosecutors' Offices in Taiwan investigated and closed a total of 574 cases of suspected IPR infringement, involving 648 suspects. Among these, 204 suspects in 163 cases were indicted under ordinary procedures; 199 suspects in 191 cases had their cases heard in a summary judgment; 202 suspects in 177 cases were granted a deferred prosecution; and 43 suspects in 43 cases were not indicted on ex officio grounds. In total, 353 suspects were found guilty during this period, resulting in a conviction rate of 95.66%.

Comparing these statistics with those of the same period last year (2019), we find that the number of suspects indicted (including those who applied to have their cases heard in a summary judgment) in 2019 stood at 402, while in 2020, that figure reached 403 (+1), resulting in a 0.25% year-on-year increase. The number of suspects convicted was 213 in 2019 and 353 in 2020 (+140), representing a 65.73% year-on-year increase.

Status of adjudication on IPR infringement cases by Taiwan District Courts

unit: person

Area of infringement	Year	Results of Court Rulings													
		Total	Sentence								Remitted	Acquitted	Not to Prosecuted	Turned down	Others
			Subtotal	Under 6 Months	6-12 Months	1-2 Year(s)	2-3 Years	Over 3 Years	Detention	Fines					
Total	Jan.-Jun. 2020	750	563	185	6	8	-	-	340	24	-	49	7	131	-
	Jan.-Jun. 2019	560	378	130	2	2	-	-	225	19	-	36	-	146	-
	YoY %	33.93	48.94	42.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.11	26.32	0.00	36.11	0.00	-10.27	0.00

Source: Taiwan High Prosecutors' Office

IPR Awareness Campaigns

1. Judicial Yuanior

To strengthen judges' and judicial support staff's IPR expertise and increase adjudication quality and efficiency when it comes to IPR cases, the Judicial Yuan conducted a series of courses in Q3 of 2020, including an in-service training course for IP Court judges, an in-service training course for reassigned IP Court judges, a lecture series on IPR theories and practices, and an in-service training course for IP Court judicial associate officers, technical examination officers, and assistants of court judges.

2. National Policy Agency of the Ministry of the Interior

In Q3 of 2020, the Second Special Police Corps visited a total of 59 companies. In addition to providing information related to trade secret laws, it assisted in examining confidentiality measures and also conducted 53 courses on trade secret laws.

3. Customs Administration, Ministry of Finance

- I. On August 13 and September 23, Taichung Customs held the "Symposium for Customs Brokerage Operators." On September 28, Keelung Customs held the "Symposium on Customs Brokerage Operations." These were aimed at familiarizing relevant operators with IPR and border protection measures as well as all relevant laws and regulations.
- II. The Customs Administration held a series of seminars on "customs IPR border measures" and the "identification of genuine and counterfeit goods" between August 18 and 21 across all four of Taiwan's Customs Offices (Taichung, Kaohsiung, Keelung, and Taipei). The seminars were aimed at strengthening IPR border protection measures and customs officials' ability to correctly identify genuine and counterfeit goods.

4. Council of Indigenous Peoples

- I. On March 30, the Council of Indigenous Peoples released the "2020 Talent Cultivation Program for Protecting Traditional Intellectual Creations of Indigenous Peoples." 26 universities and colleges have already put the program into effect by offering lectures, intensive courses, and credit courses, all of which commenced in September of this year. These have helped students familiarize themselves with the Protection Act for the Traditional Intellectual Creations of Indigenous Peoples.
- II. On August 6 and 7, the Council of Indigenous Peoples and the Civil Service Development Institute cohosted the "2020 Training Course on Protecting Traditional Intellectual Creations of Indigenous Peoples." A total of 22 civil servants from central and local government agencies handling relevant affairs attended the event. On September 2, the Council and National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology jointly held the "Seminar on the Application of Patterns of Indigenous Peoples and Practices of Protecting Traditional Intellectual Creations." 20 artisans skilled in heritage craft attended the seminar to increase participants' understanding of the essence and practices of protecting traditional intellectual creations and to implement the work prescribed in the Protection Act for the Traditional Intellectual Creations of Indigenous Peoples.

5. Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has published 11 reports on Taiwan Today's online news website detailing the current situation regarding IPR policy implementation in Taiwan.

6. Ministry of Education

The Ministry of Education has asked universities and colleges to promote greater respect for intellectual property on its campuses. The Ministry hopes that universities can proactively provide relevant information to their students and remind them to use original learning materials or second-hand books, as opposed to copying, scanning or downloading written works or materials without authorization. This should hopefully reduce the chances of copyright infringement. Learning materials provided as part of classes held online due to the COVID-19 pandemic must not violate copyright regulations either. Faculty members uploading materials for their online courses should also abide by the regulations stipulated in the Copyright Act.

7. Ministry of Economic Affairs

I. IPR Awareness Lecture Series

Starting in March, TIPO began accepting registrations for the 2020 IPR Protection Service Group lecture series, which were designed to strengthen IPR awareness among the public. Corporations, civil society groups, and schools of all levels were eligible to register. Once applications had been approved, on-site lectures on issues of interest (including patents, trademarks, copyright, and trade secrets) were arranged free of charge, along with consultations. From July to September, a total of 1,963 people had attended 42 lectures (involving schools: 19; civil society organizations: 21; government agencies: 2).

II. Work Continues for IPR On-Campus Task Force

From July to September 2020, the IPR On-Campus Task Force, a group of 119 seed instructors from 20 universities, visited 21 elementary, junior and senior high schools, including vocational schools, to promote IPR protection through fun, lively group activities. A total of 3,640 students took part in the events.

III. TIPO Hosts Copyright Information Sessions at Local Government Agencies

To help government agencies understand what copyright issues they may encounter in the course of their work, TIPO held the "Information Session on Copyright Issues in the Work of Government Agencies" on August 11, 21 and September 11 and 29 in Taipei City, New Taipei City, Taichung City, and Kaohsiung City. The events saw 460 people attend in total.

IV. TIPO Hosts Information Sessions on Copyright and Internet Copyright in the Cultural and Creative Industries.

From July to September, TIPO hosted a series of five information sessions on Internet copyright in the cultural and creative industries. The sessions were entitled "Must-know copyright for audio-visual and music industries"; "Must-know copyright for digital publishing industries"; and "Must-know copyright on image usage for online vendors, YouTubers and Internet celebrities."

The events saw legal experts and lecturers from the private sector explain these topics in depth, which in turn helped cultural and creative industries as well as users increase their knowledge of the Copyright Act.

V. TIPO Produces Video Clip to Promote IPR

Between July and August, TIPO aired its 30-second short clip "Must-know copyright concepts about online streaming" on six terrestrial TV stations, aiming to strengthen public awareness about online copyright. The clip was broadcast 431 times in total. It was also played on the digital billboards of the Executive Yuan at 24 popular locations across Taiwan, including railway stations, freeway service areas, the Civil Aeronautics Administration, affiliate hospitals of the Ministry of Health and Welfare, Kuo-Kuang Motor Transportation in Taichung, and the Taichung Harbor Visitor Information Center. The clip's purpose was to strengthen the public's awareness of Internet copyright use.

In August, TIPO also aired its audio-promotional ad "Stop illegal downloads of music, films and articles" on 137 stations across Taiwan. The 30-second ad was broadcast 11,055 times in an effort to increase public awareness surrounding copyright.