

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON THE PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY (PPH) MOTTAINAI
BETWEEN
THE TAIWAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE (TIPO)
AND
THE SPANISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (SPTO)**

The Taiwan Intellectual Property Office (TIPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (SPTO), hereinafter referred to as "the Offices",

Recognizing the importance of patent protection in fostering technological innovation and economic development;

Taking into consideration the increasing necessity of coping with the ever-growing number of internationally filed patent applications, which have arisen from a growing need for patent protection in the context of globalization of the world economy;

Striving to ensure the benefits of expeditious, inexpensive and high-quality examination for applicants and the benefits of avoiding duplicative work and reducing the examination workload; and

Desirous of promoting inter-office cooperation and enhancing leadership in cooperative worldwide efforts in the patent field,

have reached an understanding on the following:

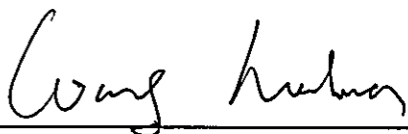
- 1 . The Offices will start a program of the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Mottainai for the patent applications filed with the Offices.
2. The basic concept underlying the PPH-Mottainai is that where the office of earlier examination (OEE) has assessed the patentability of a patent application, the office of later examination (OLE) ensures that the applicant enjoys the benefit of an accelerated examination for the corresponding application, provided that certain conditions are met. One condition is that the claims of the two applications must have sufficient correspondence. Another condition is that the search and examination results of the OEE

must be made available to the OLE.

3. The PPH-Mottainai Program will commence on April 15, 2016 and end on April 14, 2019. After three years, the program will be automatically implemented under the same conditions unless, at least two months before the end of the program, either Office gives the other one written notice of its intention to end the application of the program.
4. The Offices will prepare guidelines for the program before its start. The guidelines will include the conditions outlined in paragraph 2 as well as the requirements and procedures for participating in the pilot program.
5. The present Memorandum is not intended to, nor shall it give rise to any legal obligations under International Law.
6. This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on April 15, 2016 and may be amended at any time with the mutual written consent of the Offices. Either Office may terminate it by giving two months' prior written notice to the other Office.

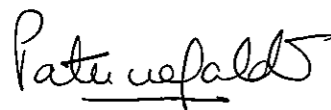
Signed in duplicate in English language.

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