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TIPLO—Taiwan International Patent & Law Office was founded in 1965 by M. S. Lin and a group of professional legal and technical associates specializing in intellectual property rights. Over four decades of evolution characterizes TIPLO as one of the largest and most reliable intellectual property law firms in Taiwan with diversified expertise to encompass IP as well as general legal services provided by a full service law firm.

TIPLO is conveniently located in the heart of the modern office building area of Taipei, occupying more than 7,800M² of office space. TIPLO now maintains two IBM AS/400 computer systems with more than 300 LAN connected PC terminals. With the firm's successful computerization launched in 1984, TIPLO's business operation is substantially conducted and accurately monitored under the sophisticated computerized management system.

TIPLO is staffed by over 240 full-time members*. Our members comprise multilingual professionals fluent in English, Chinese, Japanese, Taiwanese and other languages. In addition to several Ph.D. and Doctoral Candidates, thirty-three of over seventy technical engineers handling patent prosecution work hold Master Degrees in special fields of technology ranging from traditional engineering and art areas to high-tech genres. Among the twenty-five lawyers, more than half hold degrees from National Taiwan University, known as the top university in Taiwan, and most of the lawyers received LL.M. Degree and MIP Degree respectively from various prestigious universities including Tokyo University, Kyoto University, Hokkaido University, NYU, the University of Washington, and Franklin Pierce Law Center.

Above solid professionalism, time-honored proficiency and highly upheld ethic standards, simplicity of our organization is one of the major strengths of TIPLO. The firm is mainly composed of three departments:

Patent Department, Trademark Department and Legal Department.

Patent Department

Intellectual property has long been **TIPLO**'s major practice area. The firm provides services for patent related matters such as prosecuting applications (including: patent claims drafting, translation, preparing and filing applications, arranging interviews with Examiners and communicating with the competent authorities orally or in writing, patent searches and investigations, etc.), invalidation and cancellation proceedings for patents, infringement related matters involving infringement assessment, patent validity appraisal and patent mapping.

Our patent engineers and attorneys have an average age of around forty and career length of more than ten years with expertise and experience covering a wide range of technical backgrounds including electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, chemical engineering, applied chemistry, biochemical engineering, molecular biology, biotechnology, pharmaceutical, semi-conductor, computer technology and other emerging areas.

Trademark Department

Trademark prosecution and disputes resolution have long been TIPLO's feature merits since it was founded in 1965. Experienced lawyers and legal practitioners are involved in TIPLO's trademark services so

prosecution of each application and resolution of trademark related disputes both are steered under highly proficient legal sense and practical business perspectives. With our own comprehensive patent and trademark databases tracking all of Taiwan's published patents and trademarks, TIPLO's professionals are able to fine-tune each trademark application to its best caliber against all possible odds.

TIPLO's trademark expertise covers all aspects of trademark matters, including trademark searches, prosecution for registration, appeals, oppositions, invalidation and cancellation procedures, and relevant legal services involving investigation, infringement assessment, coordination of police raids and full-scale litigation.

Legal Department

As one of the most diversified and well-staffed law firms in Taiwan, **TIPLO** provides legal services encompassing civil and criminal litigation, unfair competition, corporate investment, administrative petitioning, finances, securities, insurance, international trade and dispute resolution, arbitration, licensing negotiation, contract & transactions, labor law and real estate law, patent, trademark and copyright infringement matters involving investigation, infringement assessment, police raids and full-scale litigation for infringement carried out in agile coordination with our colleagues in the patent and trademark departments.

Our proficiency in IP enforcement and corporate legal matters has been highly recognized by both the law enforcement institutes of all levels and the industry, and has reinforced TIPLO as the most effective law firm representing the interest of its clients.

The Computer Department and the Computerized Management

The Computer Department is one of the unique self-sustaining achievements by M. S. Lin, **TIPLO**'s founder with a view to providing our clients and associates with modernized comprehensive legal services.

For legal, patent and trademark prosecution work, a solid and well-maintained computerized platform to precisely docket each legal case and application at all stages is indispensable for a well-established firm to be able to provide good services.

TIPLO's computer system is composed of PC-LAN and IBM AS/400 computer systems. The two systems are channeled with appropriate media to enhance the viability of the data processed. The PC LAN used in TIPLO is composed of more than 300 terminal PCs with strict access control, and the entire intranet is protected by advanced fire wall and security measures. Electronic mailing is strictly screened to safeguard our intranet.

TIPLO's computer system is operated in three spheres. It 1) stores the database of published Taiwanese patents and trademarks that traces back to the 1950's; 2) stores the key information of all the cases handled by **TIPLO** including the records of the work performed and the personnel data of the handling staff; and 3) clientele, office management and the billing system.

This powerful in-house developed computer system and our devoted and accuracy-minded working staff combined enables **TIPLO** to perform quality services with its limited number of staff in the face of one of the biggest workloads entrusted to Taiwan's IP service firms.

Proficiency and Loyalty

In **TIPLO**, we value relations with our clients and associates. We sincerely hope that all of our clients and associates will continue to appreciate **TIPLO**'s initiative and efforts to optimize our services in the best interest of the clients.

* Based on personnel data as of April 2007.



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M. S. LIN (1934 - 1997)

Vice President, Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA) (1985~1991, 1994~1997)

President of Taiwan Group, Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA) (1987~1993)

President, Taipei Bar Association (1990~1993)

President, Inter-Pacific Bar Association (IPBA) (1993~1994)

President, Federation of Taiwan Bar Association (1993~1995)

Chairman of Board of Trustees, NTU Law Foundation (1990~1997)

Chairman of Board of Trustees, Judicial Reform Foundation (1995~1997)



We-Sheng Building

TIPLO's home since 1980, is located on the "Wall Street" of Taipei—Nanking East Road. **TIPLO** currently hosts the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 11th and 14th floors of the 15-story building as its office space.



















Office & Information Management

Compact Organization and Coordinated Taskforce

Practice of the IP profession and resolution of IP issues each takes well-organized teamwork to tackle. This is why **TIPLO** has been investing not only in recruiting the best professionals and staff members, but also in improving its IT infrastructure and office automation system, securing an ergonomical and eco-friendly working environment that attracts talents to join us, and creating a friendly ambience where our staff as well as all of our clients and associates enjoy working within. **TIPLO**'s self-sufficient, multiple-functional and coordinated workforce enables the firm to help clients accomplish their goals to their satisfaction.

TIPLO's Data Bank and Computerized Management

TIPLO's computerized database and management system created in the 1980s is acclaimed by our clients and the IP society as a model of Taiwanese IP law firms' commitment to providing efficient quality legal services.

Our database of published Taiwanese patents, laid-open Taiwanese patent applications and published Taiwanese trademarks operates as an accurate and reliable source for conducting patent and trademark searches and handling all types of IP work. Unlike the other databases available nowadays, TIPLO's computer system is maintained by our full-time software engineers to meet the various and sophisticated demands from all users and clients of TIPLO. Clients may always tap TIPLO for the up-to-date patent status of the industry in general or any target for purposes of, among others, licensing negotiation, patent infringement assessment, and enforcement feasibility analysis. This increasing treasure trove will continue to hallmark TIPLO's services in Taiwan's IP industry.

The Information & Publication Department

To cope with the increasing demand for quality processed information searching and publication to assist our professional staff in handling complex work, **TIPLO** created a special data management team comprising members with professional librarian trainings.

TIPLO has been diligent in publishing "TIPLO Review", "TIPLO News", and "TIPLO Special Report" to communicate with clients and associates worldwide, and has received warm feedback from them.

Modernized Office Space

Sufficient office space enables **TIPLO** to secure automated office environment and efficiently deploy staff and working stations for the best teamwork operation. Armed with ubiquitous internet wireless service, our meeting area could allow clients to communicate freely and engage in multiple video conference.

Tokyo Liaison Office

As an extension of our international contact, **TIPLO** Tokyo Liaison Office has been operating since the 1970's.

Our allegiance and finesse in serving the clients best interest is widely appreciated by the clients and associates.

Mission and Commitment

In **TIPLO**, we share in common the philosophy to always seek the best possible efficient approach to achieve optimal work results in the best interest of the clients and practice it with well researched and developed innovation. This straightforward value helps us build sustaining relationship with our clients/associates and will continue to represent **TIPLO** as one of the top choice law firms to IP right holders worldwide.

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TIPLO Attorneys-at-Law

Areas of Practice

Patent Dept.

- Sec. 1 Chemical, Chemical Engineering, Bio-Tech, Bio-Chemical Engineering, Pharmaceutical
- Sec. 2 Mechanical Engineering, Design

Sec. 3 Electronic & Electronic Engineering, Semiconductor

- Filing Applications & Providing Services Including Consultation, Management and Protection for Domestic & Overseas Patents (Inventions, Utility Models & Designs)
- Dealing with Official Actions, such as Lodging Amendments,
 Supplemental Argumentation, Arranging Interviews, and Search & Investigation
- · Recordal of Assignments & Licenses, etc.
- Invalidation, Cancellation and Compulsory Licensing Proceedings, as well as the Defense against such Proceedings, Administrative Appeals & Litigation
- Prior Art Search & Infringement Investigations, Assessment & Analysis, Patent Validity Appraisal
- Computerized Annuity Maintenance for Invention, Utility Model, and Design patents
- Administrative Remedy

Trademark Dept.

- Filing Applications, Dealing with Office Actions and Providing Related Consultation/Legal Analysis on Registration, Renewal, Recordal of Assignments, Licenses, Sub-Licenses, Change of Name etc. for Domestic and Overseas Trademarks, Service Marks, Certification Marks and Collective Marks
- Institution of or Defense in Opposition, Invalidation, Cancellation of Trademarks, Service Marks, Certification Marks and Collective Marks and Providing Related Consultation/Legal Opinions
- Filing Appeal, Administrative Suit, Re-trial against Rejection of Application and for Opposition, Invalidation, Cancellation and Providing Related Consultation/Legal Opinions
- Searches, Watch Services, Investigations, and Providing Related Consultation/Legal Analysis and Infringement Assessment Report on Trademarks, Service Marks, Certification Marks and Collective Marks

Computer Dept.

- Construction and Maintenance of the TIPLO Owned Database
 Containing All Patent and Trademark Publication Data in Taiwan
- Construction and Maintenance of the TIPLO Management Database
- Maintenance of the Computer Network and Data Processing Software Application Creation
- Compute hardware & Application Training and Trouble Shooting

Legal Dept.

Litigation

- General Legal Practice, Civil & Criminal Litigation, Administrative Petitions
- IP Enforcement Including Investigation, Infringement Assessment, Lodging Complaints, Filing Suits, Filing Motions for Police Raids and Preliminary Injunctions, etc. Defend Against Infringement Accusations
- Unfair Competition & Anti-Trust Law
- · Real Estate
- · Credit & Debt, L/C Service
- · Contract and Transactions; Labor Law
- · Trade Dispute Negotiation; Commercial Arbitration and Mediation

Corporate & Investment

- · Independent Power Plant Project
- Technology Transfer & Licensing
- · Corporate Finance
- · Incorporation, Dissolution and Liquidation
- Agency and Distributorship
- International Trade
- · Labor Law

Copyright

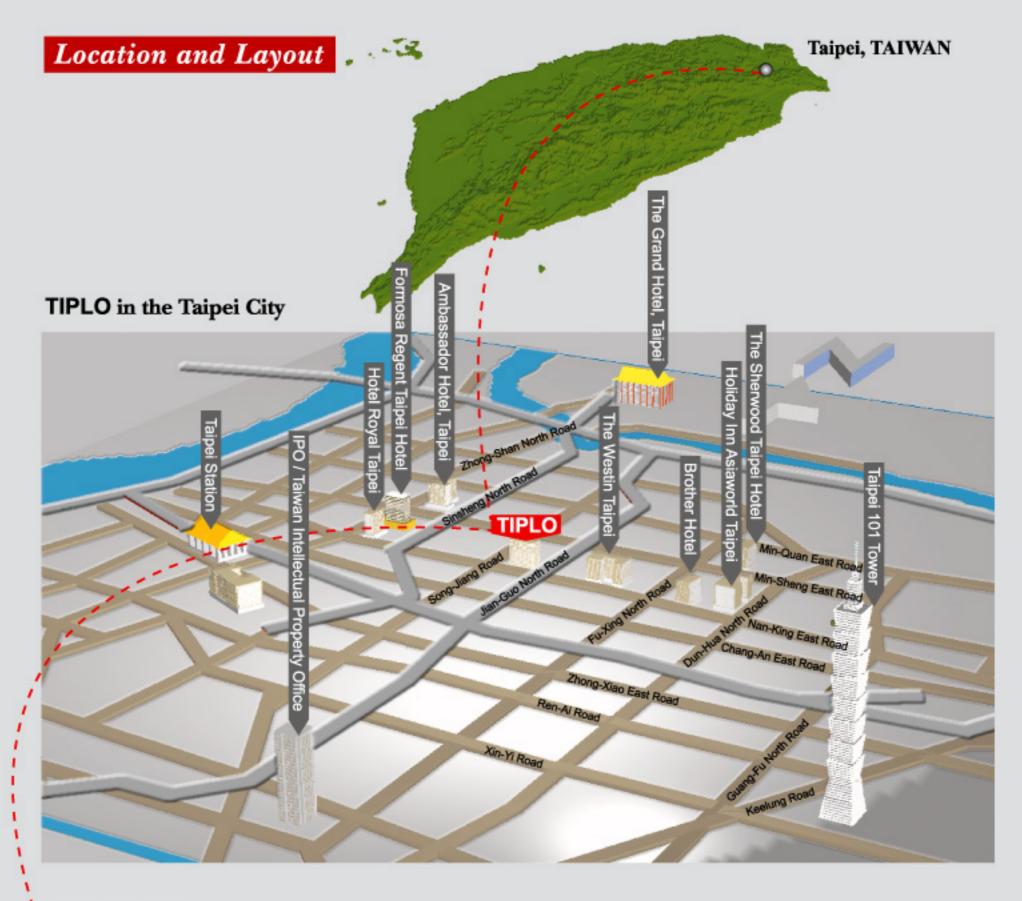
- Consultation
- Cancellation of Copyright Registration in early stage and Related Correspondence
- Appeal, and Administrative Suits Related to Copyrights and Related Correspondence
- Providing Preliminary Expert Opinions Related to Copyright Exercise or Infringement Cases
- Computer Software and other Copyrighted Works Protection Issues

Information & Publication Dept.

- TIPLO Library and Information Resources Management.
 Development & Maintenance of TIPLO Information Processing System
- Tracking & Analysis of Information Related to Major.
 Industries in Taiwan Used for General Reference & Licensing Projects
- · Updating & Reporting on Law Amendments and Court Decisions
- Digesting Information from Legal & IP Professional Sources and Gazettes to Construct TIPLO Information Data Bank
- Construction of TIPLO web-site, Publication of TIPLO Review, TIPLO News and TIPLO Special Reports

General Affairs & Administration Dept.

- Debit and Disbursement Management
- · Financial Administration
- · Personnel Administration
- · Facility Administration
- · Mail & Telecommunication Administration



Office Layout

