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- 01 Police uncovers infringement case involving illegal profits more than TWD30 million**

The First Company of the Criminal Investigation Brigade under the Second Special Police Corps recently ferreted out and seized 41,000 and more pieces of infringing goods, including garments bearing NIKE, ADIDAS, ROOTS, PUMA, Champion, Hollister, CHANEL, Moncler, Superdry marks, and printing screen, embroidery machines, sewing machines, tags, and labels, which involve huge value of more than TWD30 million. This is an infringement case rarely occurring in Taiwan and involving infringing goods which were not imported from China, but instead were made in the factories located in Sanchong and Xinzhuang in New Taipei City of Taiwan. (March 2018)

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02 IP Court decides against Warner/Chappell Music in copyright dispute

The famous Taiwanese songwriter, Vincent Liang (Chinese: 梁弘志) died of illness in 2004 and left a lot of music art pieces. In recent years, copyright dispute arose between Liang's family and Warner/Chappell Music Hong Kong Limited (hereinafter "Warner/Chappell Music") over the economic rights in seven well-known songs written by Liang which include "Restless Heart" (translation of Chinese song name, "驛動的心"), "Please Come With Me" (translation of Chinese song name, "請跟我來"), and other five songs.

After Liang's family filed a complaint with Taiwan IP Court against Warner/Chappell Music, the Taiwan IP Court rendered a judgment. According to this judgment, even though Warner/Chappell alleged to hold the economic rights in and to the seven songs in dispute, Warner/Chappell can present the relevant documents and contracts proving their rights in and to two of the seven songs in dispute which were assigned to them by Vincent Liang in 1989, but they failed to produce other original documents to prove assignment of the other five songs. Therefore, the IP Court decided that the economic rights in and to the five songs should subsist in Liang's family. This case is appealable. (March 2018)

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03 Taiwan NTHU develops high efficient OLED to set a new world record

Teamwork by and among Prof. CHENG, Chien-Hong, Prof. LIU, Rai-Shung of the Department of Chemistry and Prof. LIN, Hao-Wu of the Department of Materials, Science, and Engineering of Taiwan National Tsing Hua University has successfully achieved a significant breakthrough in the research of "new diboron illuminating materials", representing a great leap forward in OLED technology (organic light-emitting diode) which is commonly used in smartphone screen, high definition displays, and all kinds of illuminating lights. Tsing Hua University team presented this successful technology at the Ministry of Science and Technology, which technology uses new diboron materials in green OLED emitting layer to not only set the world record of efficiency but also lower down cost to a great extent. National Tsing Hua University's performance has been made public on the Nature Photonics. Moreover, the technology has been successfully patented in Taiwan and relevant patent applications for the same technology have been filed in the US, Japan, and China.

According to Prof. CHENG, Chien-Hong, the new diboron material is characterized by the 3rd-generation thermally activated delayed fluorescence and its rod-like compounds would cause materials to align horizontally under thermal evaporation and concurrently increase light extraction efficiency. Its structure breaks through the external quantum efficiency limitation of the conventional fluorescence and phosphorescence OLED. Highly efficient green OLED components are produced through combination of practiced components processing and variable-angle spectrum measurement technology, which achieves a high external quantum efficiency of about 38% with an efficiency roll-off of only 0.3% at 1,000 cd/m².

The teamwork performance will be further developed in the "Frontier Research Center on Fundamental and Applied Sciences of Matters" headed by Prof. LIU, TIPLo News April 2018 (E221)-page 2

Rai-Shung to expand its practical application in material derivatization and OLED lifetime testing with an expected goal of commercialization to be accomplished with two years. (March 2018)

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04 ITRI and Merck ink MOU for collaboration

Taiwan's ITRI (Industrial Technology Research Institute) and the American chemical company, Merck signed an MOU on March 26, 2018, announcing the establishment of the "Taiwan-Merck Biopharma R&D and Training Collaboration Program" in the ITRI's Guangfu Innovation Campus in Hsinchu, Taiwan in May. This program aims to cultivate high-end biopharma professional talents in Taiwan by combining ITRI's biomedical R&D strength and Merck's key technologies and advanced manufacturing processes, so as to expand Taiwan's global biopharmaceutical market to keep pace with the international market and further to create synergy value in Taiwan's biopharmaceutical industry.

ITRI-Merck collaboration can be divided into two stages and the "Taiwan-Merck Biopharma R&D and Training Collaboration Program" represents the initial one. The planned partnership is expected to introduce the international cutting edge purification technology and high-efficiency mass production process, incorporate the standards of validation and verification methods required by the European and American regulations, and combine basic, theoretical, and non-GMP practice training, so as to reinforce the key production technology of Taiwan's biopharmaceutical industry. Besides, the manufacturing and know-how of Merck's antibody-drug conjugates (ADC) will be introduced to boost Taiwan's precision medicine and new drug development competence and further to gain a portion of the global pharmaceutical market.

Merck, the leading company in the fields of healthcare, life science, and performance materials, now joins hands with ITRI to ensure that customers have access to the essential technology required for developing pharmaceuticals that accelerate human health. (March 2018)

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