2025 Policy Address
Regional Intellectual Property Trading Centre

Promote Intellectual Property Trading

Intellectual property (IP) is a legally protected intangible asset and the cornerstone of encouraging I&T development and creativity. Hong Kong ranks sixth globally on the criterion for "intellectual property rights", an improvement of six places since the current-term Government took office. We will push forward measures in IP financing, valuation and protection, and strengthen external promotion to boost IP trading.

Bolster Intellectual Property Financing

The CEDB and the Intellectual Property Department (IPD) will collaborate with the HKMA to launch an IP financing sandbox to assist pilot sectors (particularly the technology sector) in leveraging IPs for financing with the support of the banking, insurance, valuation, legal and other professions.

Patent Valuation Services and Subsidies

Upon the official operation of the Hong Kong Technology and Innovation Support Centre, by the end of this year, the Government will support the centre in providing local small and medium I&T enterprises with patent evaluation based on national standards, and launching a two-year pilot programme to subsidise patent valuation as a reference for credit financing.

Protect Intellectual Property Rights

Following the completion of the public consultation on enhancement of the Copyright Ordinance regarding the protection for AI technology development in September last year, the Government will formulate a code of practice in respect of relevant legal principles and prepare a legislative proposal. We are also reviewing the local registered designs regime for consultation by the end of the year.

External Promotion

The Government and the HKTDC will promote IP financing in the Business of IP Asia Forum 2025. The IPD will also nominate local enterprises to compete for the China Patent Award jointly organised by the China National Intellectual Property Administration and the World Intellectual Property Organization.

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