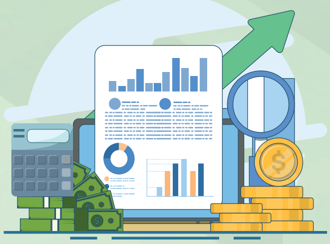
2026 Policy Address

Develop a Regional Intellectual Property Trading Centre

Intellectual Property Department
The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

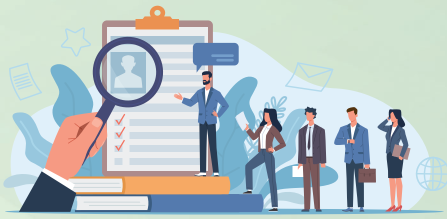
Promote Intellectual Property Valuation and Financing

Success cases have progressively been recorded since the launch of the intellectual property (IP) financing sandbox last year, unlocking a new financing channel for enterprises holding quality IP assets. We will, based on market response, prepare to launch the next phase of the sandbox with broader participation and more practical applications. The Business of IP Asia Forum, scheduled for November this year, with IP financing as the theme, will bring together experts from different places to pursue development opportunities.



Develop and Expand the Patent Examination Team

The Intellectual Property Department will continue to develop and expand its patent examination team and strengthen its in-house examination capacity for original grant patent (OGP) applications in major technology fields. The department will roll out pilot facilitation measures for the relevant OGP applications next year.

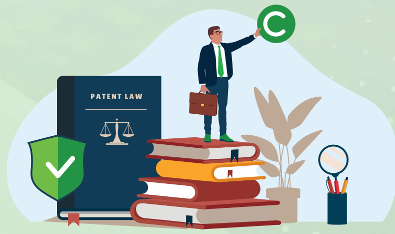


Launch the Hong Kong Intellectual Property Academy

The Hong Kong Intellectual Property Academy will be officially launched in the fourth quarter of this year. It will provide more systematic on-the-job, talent-training programmes with a higher level of recognition, raising the IP literacy of practitioners in sectors such as technological innovation, cultural and creative, commerce and industry, and professional services.

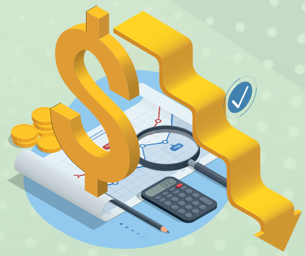
Formulate a Regulatory Framework for Local Patent Agents

The Government has completed an industry consultation on the framework for regulating local patent agency services and the key issues involved. The industry generally supports the setting up of a registration regime for patent-agency services, and agrees that professional titles and qualification requirements for registration should be provided for. A public consultation will be launched this year, and specific legislative proposals will be formulated next year.



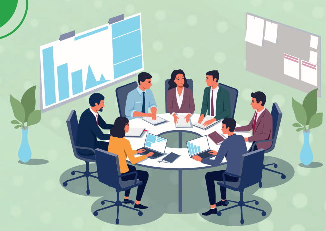
Reduce Intellectual Property Trading Costs

The Government will introduce a bill this year to implement tax-deduction arrangements for capital expenditure incurred for purchasing IP rights, or for the licence to use IP rights, in a bid to support IP trading's development.



Deepen Top-level Planning

The Government will establish the "Strategy Committee on Intellectual Property Trading Development". It will bring together representatives from innovation, technology and the creative industries, as well as from commerce and industry, IP professional services and other sectors, to assist the Government in formulating strategies and support measures for the promotion of IP trading.



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