

## New Release

Department of Intellectual Property in collaboration with Royal Thai Police, Thai Customs Department, and Department of Special Investigation organized a destruction ceremony of 80 tons counterfeit and pirated goods at Crime Suppression Division (Phaholyothin) Bangkok, worth 2,010 million baht

On 25 September 2014, Crime Suppression Division (Phaholyothin) Bangkok : Mrs. Apiradi Tantraporn, Deputy Minister of Commerce, revealed that the event was the cooperation between Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Commerce, Royal Thai Police, Thai Customs Department, Department of Special Investigation and intellectual property right owners.

Department of Intellectual Property in collaboration with Royal Thai Police, Thai Customs Department, Department of Special Investigation and IPR owners have been held twice destruction ceremonies this year. The first ceremony was held in Phuket on 4 th July, 2014 where over 86,603 items of counterfeit and pirated goods, worth over 495 million baht. The ceremony organized today is second in the series of destruction ceremonies, with 692,961 items of IPR infringing goods, estimated 80 tons, worth 2,010 million baht. The counterfeit and pirated goods confiscated by Royal Thai Police 229,377 items, Thai Customs Department 86,671 items and Department of Special Investigation 376,913 items. The varieties of IPR infringing goods were destroyed such as clothes, brand name, watches, shoes, parts, CDs, DVDs and cosmetics.

Mrs. Apiradi Tantraporn, Deputy Minister of Commerce stated that these counterfeits and pirated goods, are destroyed, are illegal products. The destruction of IPR infringing goods in the final judgment is the last steps of enforcement which should proceed with transparency and accountability. The IPR owners will be ensured that no IPR infringing goods will never be redispensed into the channel of commerce or export to foreign countries to comply with the TRIPs Agreement.

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