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Intellectual Property Office of Singapore

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN & CHIEF EXECUTIVE

NAVIGATING A PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY

The financial year 2025 (FY 2025) unfolded against a backdrop of heightened global uncertainty, shaped by geopolitical fragmentation and rapid technological change. For small, open economies like Singapore, resilience is not just key to surviving these changes but excelling as a global business hub.

In this environment, trust and adaptability are critical. Singapore's position as a trusted global intellectual property (IP) hub is anchored in its ability to adapt and reinvent, while remaining reliable – qualities that define both our national character and the IPOS ethos.

FY 2025 marked several milestones in Singapore's IP journey, including 30 years as a signatory of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), 10 years as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, and 5th place in the Global Innovation Index. From a trusted national IP registry, we have evolved into a globally recognised IP office that goes beyond registration to enable enterprises to navigate and succeed in an increasingly complex and competitive world.

STRATEGIC VALUE OF IA AND IP

We observed continued progress in how enterprises leverage intangible assets (IA) and IP for business growth.

IA and IP are increasingly recognised not just as legal protection but as indicators of enterprise value and future performance. An FY 2025 IPOS study[1] established a clear positive correlation between Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) and stock market valuation, underscoring their relevance to investors as indicators of long-term potential.

Clearer disclosure of these assets also supports more informed decision-making. Firms that effectively articulate and manage their IA and IP are better positioned to realise value from their innovation efforts.

The Singapore IP Survey 2025 reinforces this trajectory. One in four enterprises is actively engaged in innovation, using IA and IP to strengthen competitiveness, enable partnerships, and support market expansion. At the same time, the findings point to the next phase of development, which is to strengthen value realisation.

With only around one in six enterprises undertaking formal IA and IP valuation, IPOS will continue to support firms in strengthening capabilities in valuation, commercialisation, and disclosure.

[1] Firm Market Valuation and Intellectual Property Assets study

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN & CHIEF EXECUTIVE

ADVANCING THE IP ECOSYSTEM

Our focus this year was on strengthening enterprises' capabilities, advancing the global IP ecosystem and improving operational effectiveness.

We continued to provide practical support through initiatives such as IP Start, IP Management Clinics and the IP Grow platform. Through IPOS International, 606 enterprises were engaged, many in partnership with various public agencies, TACs, accelerators, and incubators. Also, more than 5,000 visitors engaged with IP Grow's digital resources.

In supporting enterprises' IA disclosure, the first benchmark report under the Foundational Intangibles Disclosure (FIND) framework was released in FY 2025, with Nanofilm Technologies International Limited as the first adopter. FIND builds on Singapore's Intangibles Disclosure Framework (IDF), providing a structured approach for companies to identify, manage, and communicate their IA. As intangibles account for an increasing share of enterprise value yet remain inconsistently disclosed, these efforts strengthen the ecosystem for IA disclosure and valuation, and support more effective engagement with investors.

Responding to rapid developments in artificial intelligence (AI), we convened global conversations through the International Tech & IP Disputes Exchange (I-TIDE 2026). Seminars in New York and San Francisco brought together participants to examine emerging issues such as authorship, ownership, and liability arising from AI-generated outputs. These efforts support Singapore's role as a trusted place for resolving complex cross-border IP and technology disputes.

In parallel, IPOS contributed to industry and expert roundtables with legal practitioners, IP professionals, and industry stakeholders to help ensure regulatory frameworks remain responsive to developments in generative AI. These discussions seek to balance support for innovation while safeguarding the interests of rights holders.

Progress was also notable in the following key areas: More than 7,000 locals and 2,000 foreigners were trained through our IP Academy, strengthening capabilities across sectors. Internationally, demand for the Patent Prosecution Highway grew significantly, with requests increasing year on year since 2021. At the operational level, in-house tools such as AI-driven Trade Mark indexing improved service delivery and turnaround times.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN & CHIEF EXECUTIVE

LOOKING AHEAD

As we advance the Singapore IP Strategy 2030, we have made steady progress in strengthening Singapore's position as a trusted global IP hub, expanding enterprise capabilities and support, and advancing frameworks for valuation, disclosure, and commercialisation.

In 2026, as IPOS marks its 25th anniversary, our focus ahead will be on translating these foundations into tangible economic outcomes. This includes accelerating IP commercialisation by scaling access to platforms such as IP Grow, deepening capabilities in IP and IA management and advancing IP financing solutions to better unlock enterprise value.

Thank you for journeying with us as we continue to transform intangible ideas into tangible impact for Singapore.

Mr Nicky Tan
Chairman

Mr Tan Kong Hwee
Chief Executive

Intellectual Property Office of Singapore

SECTION 1

HUB

SINGAPORE AS A GLOBAL IP HUB

FILINGS AND REGISTRATIONS

Trade Marks

Filings	59,835	▲ 8.6%
Registrations	58,430	▼ -13.5%

Designs

Filings	3,893	▼ -8.9%
Registrations	2,379	▼ -1.7%

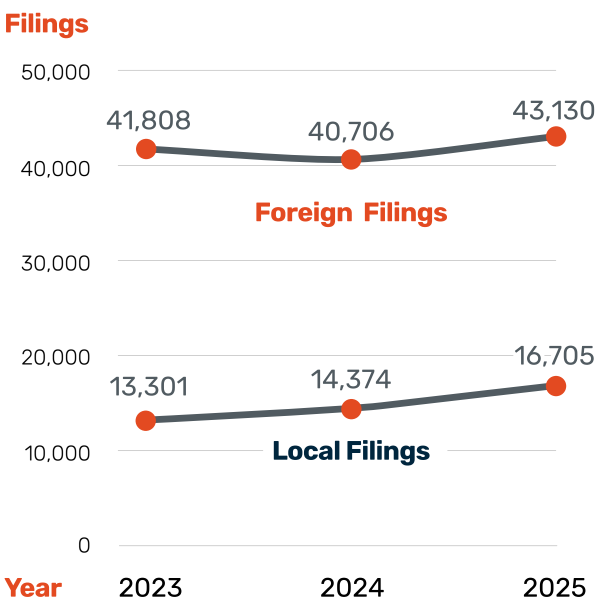
Patents

Filings	12,886	▼ -4.0%
Registrations	5,468	▼ -24.4%

Figures shown are based on calendar year 2025.
Note: All design-related figures reported include figures from the Hague System.

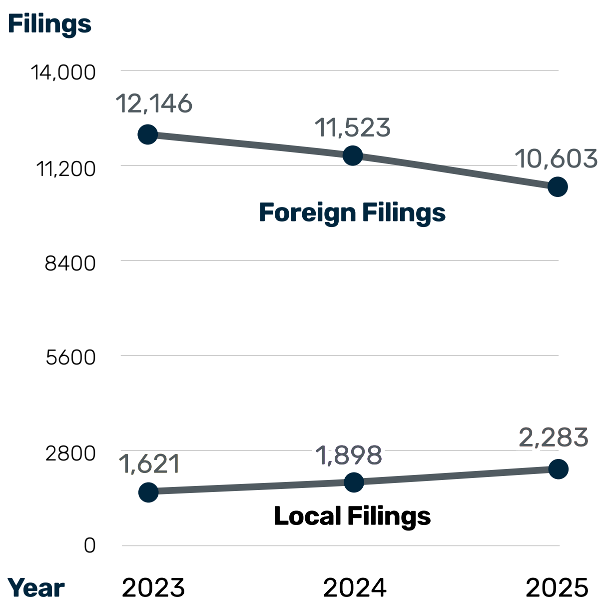
FOREIGN vs LOCAL FILINGS

TRADE MARKS



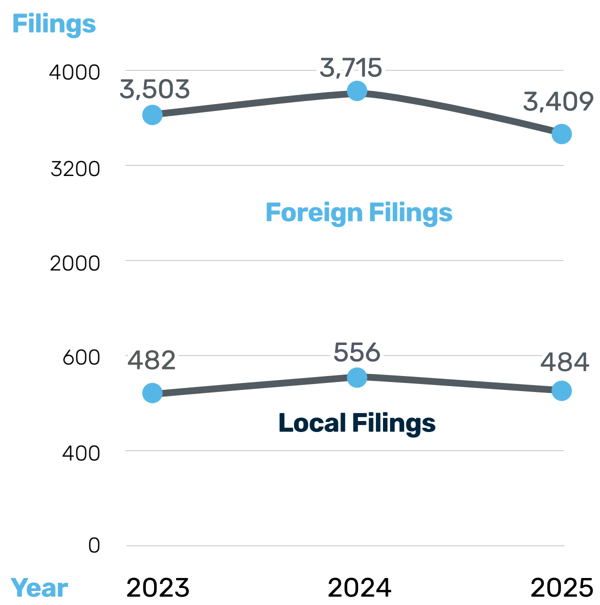
Trade mark filings increased in 2025 after two years of relatively stable filings in 2023 and 2024. The growth was supported by a 16% increase in local applications and a 6% increase in foreign applications, reflecting continued confidence among both local and international brand owners in protecting their trade marks in Singapore.

PATENTS



Local patent filings increased by 20% in 2025. This reflects growing domestic innovation momentum.

DESIGNS



Local design filings remained steady, with Singapore retaining its position among the top filing countries.

TOP 5 COUNTRIES BY IP TYPES

Top Trade Mark Filers

1. Singapore
2. China
3. United States of America
4. Japan
5. Republic of Korea

Top Patent Filers

1. United States of America
2. Singapore
3. China
4. Japan
5. Republic of Korea

Top Design Filers

1. China
2. Switzerland
3. United States of America
4. Singapore
5. Germany

Singapore's filings remained healthy over three years, alongside filings from major jurisdictions across China, Japan and the United States of America.

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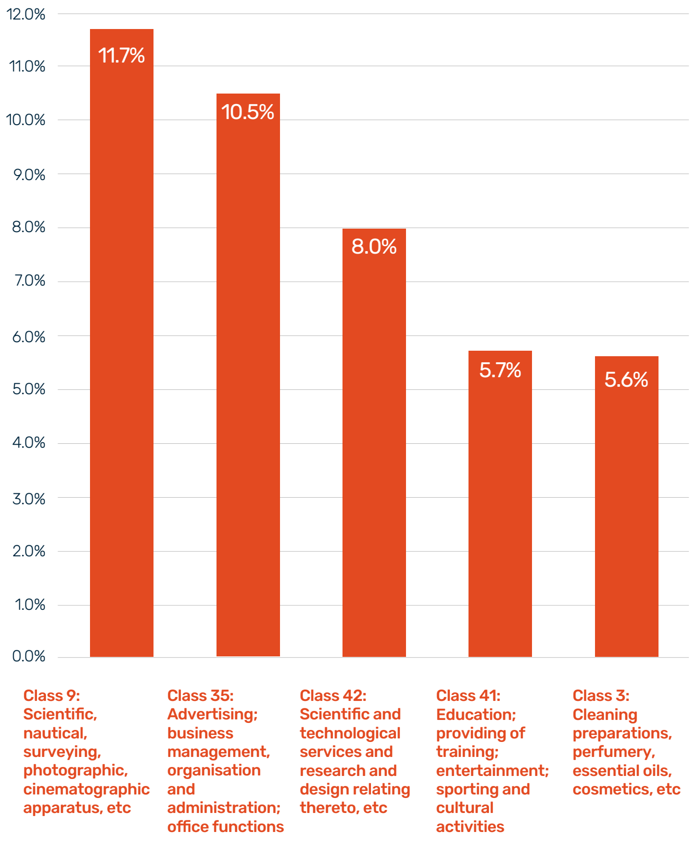
TOP 5 AREAS OF FILINGS

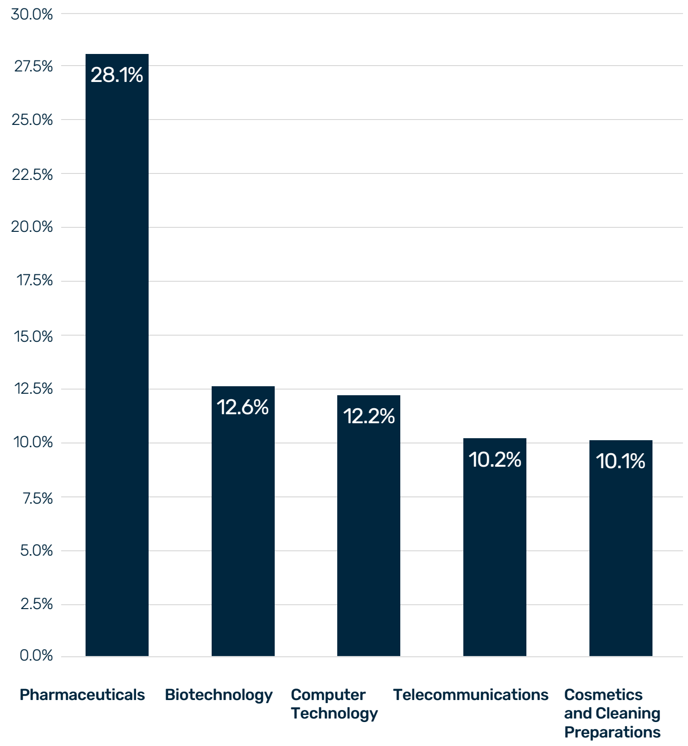
Trade Marks

Top Classes Filed***



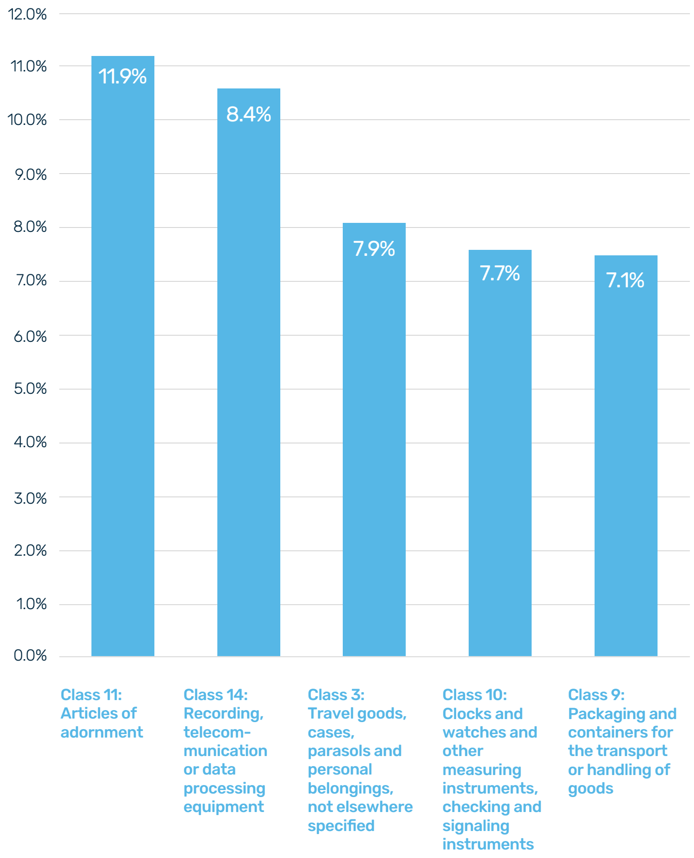
Patents

Top Technology Fields Filed**



Designs

Top Classes Filed*



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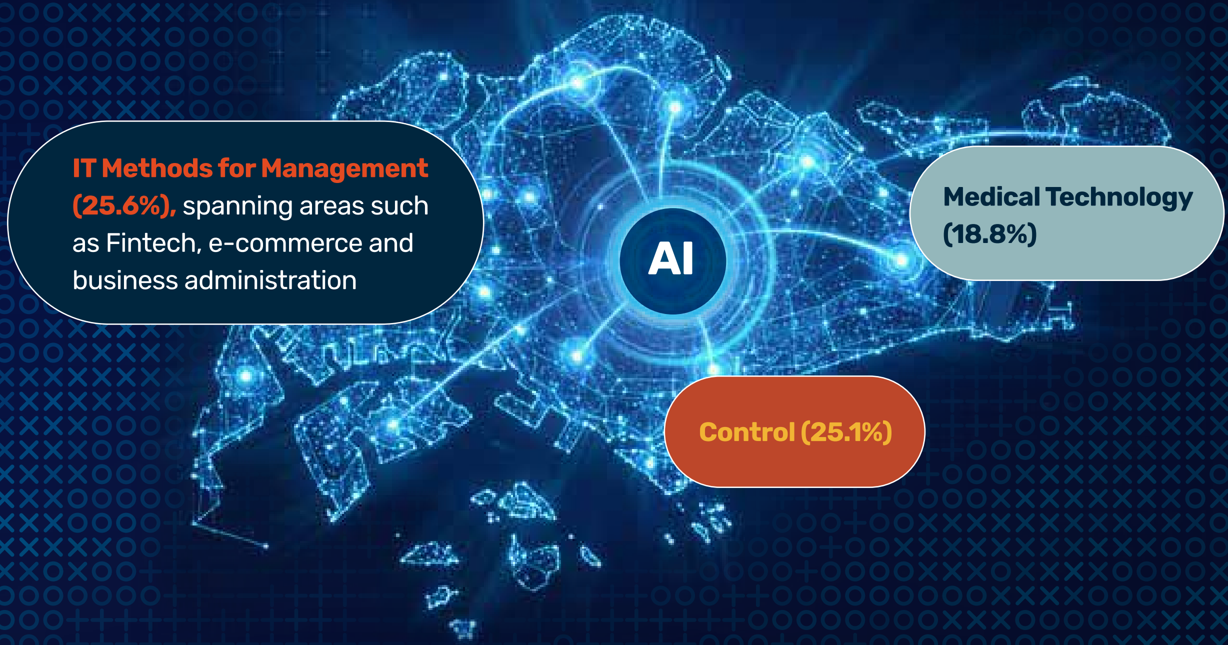
***Note: Goods and services for trade mark applications are classified according to the international standards – the Nice Classification.
**Note: Technology domains are mapped using the WIPO IPC-Technology Concordance. Technology domains of applications may overlap where an invention spans multiple technologies (e.g. computer technology applied in pharmaceutical).
*Note: Design applications are classified according to the international standards – the Locarno Classification.

AI'S ROLE IN SINGAPORE'S INNOVATION LANDSCAPE

Artificial Intelligence (AI) continues to be a key cross-cutting technology shaping Singapore's patent landscape. In 2025, AI-related patent filings accounted for 8.1%, with around one in every 13 filings in Singapore involving AI-driven inventions.

The convergence of AI with other digital technologies is evident in Computer Technology, the third largest technology domain by patent filings in 2025. Notably, around half of all filings in this domain relate to AI, underscoring its central role in advancing digital innovation.

Beyond Computer Technology, AI adoption is widespread across sectors. Technology domains with a high proportion of AI-related patent applications include:



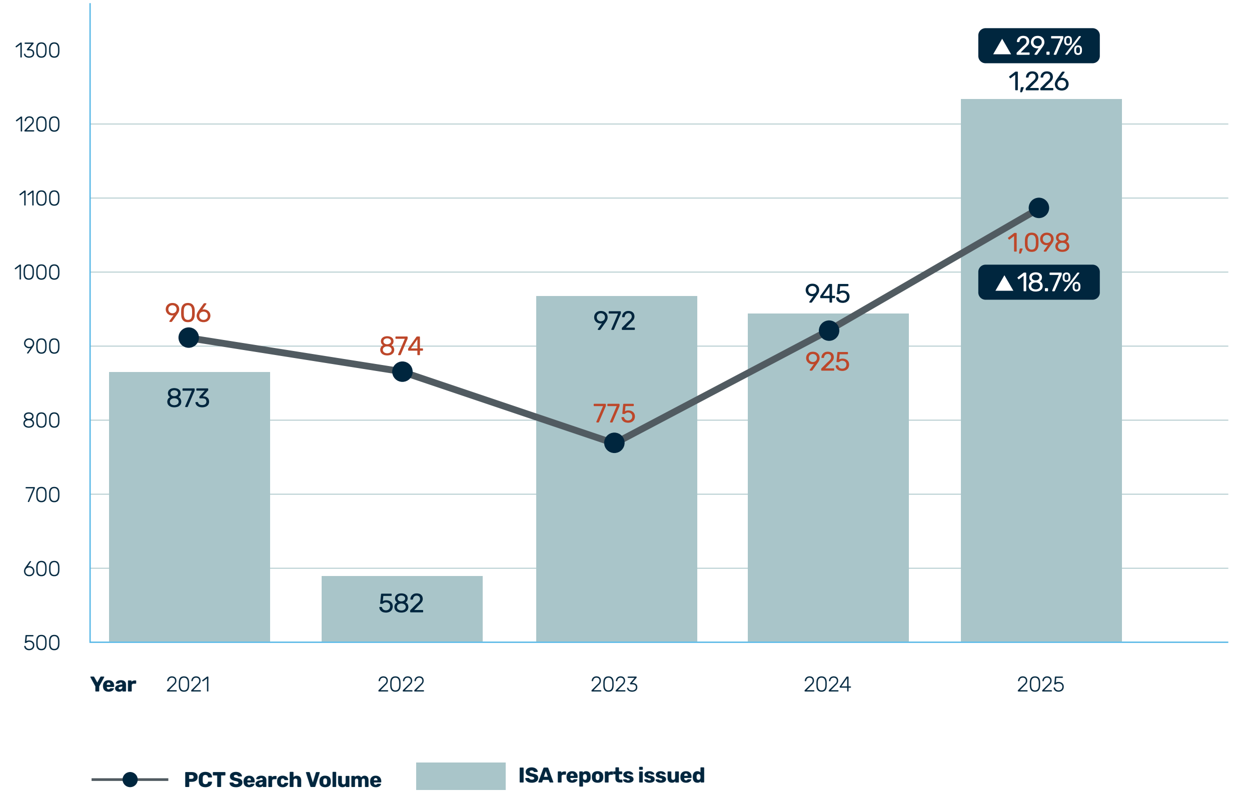
Singapore continues to attract leading global AI innovators seeking patent protection for their innovations. Top applicants include multinationals such as Visa International, Huawei, and Tencent Technology.

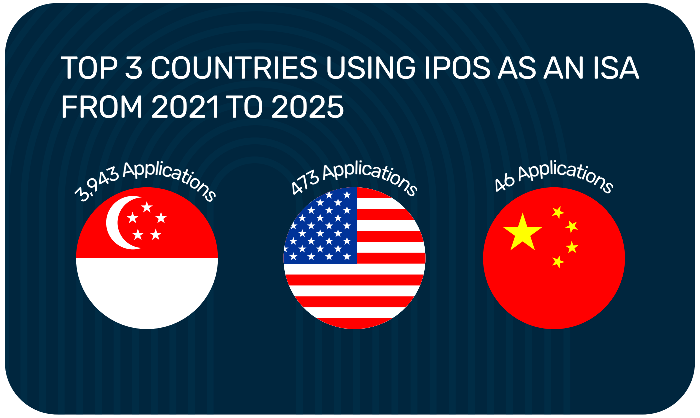
Local research institutions such as A*STAR and Nanyang Technological University also feature among the top filers, highlighting the strength of Singapore's domestic AI innovation ecosystem.

Note: Figures shown in parentheses denote the share of filings in each category related to AI.

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)

IPOS remains a trusted choice as an International Search Authority (ISA), with incoming requests surpassing 1,000 in 2025 – a reflection of applicants' confidence in the quality and value of IPOS's reports.





IMPROVING TRADE MARK INDEXING WITH AI

Developed by IPOS' Future Systems team, the Trade Mark AI Indexing and Classification Tool transforms how trade mark applications are processed by indexing officers.

The AI tool transforms the role of indexing officers by automating initial trade mark indexing, shifting them from manual processing to quality assurance. Instead of manually indexing applications, all officers now review, refine and apply judgement to AI-generated outputs, focusing their expertise on higher-value work. This produces richer, more comprehensive indices that improve search outcomes for examiners and applicants.

With annual applications exceeding 31,000 and rising, the tool ensures trade mark indexing remains efficient, scalable and future-ready.

KEY PERFORMANCE IMPACT

47.8% increase in indexing productivity

32.3% reduction in time required for indexing

70 hours saved monthly

Note: Reported performance data reflects the tool's first six months of operation.

SECTION

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BUSINESSES

ENTERPRISE ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

Across four platforms, IPOS reached and supported enterprises at every stage of their IP journey – from early-stage start-ups to established businesses seeking strategic IP counsel.

IP GROW

1,649

Consultation requests to connect with IP service providers

301

On-site consultations at Connect @ IP Grow events

IP START

304

Start-ups engaged through incubator & accelerator partnerships

104

IP Playbook downloads

IPOS CONSULTATIONS

146

Enterprise consultations conducted

IP LEGAL CLINICS

85

Clinics held, providing accessible legal guidance

SINGAPORE'S DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS

As IP activity in Singapore continues to grow, so too does the demand for robust dispute resolution. In FY 2025 alone, IPOS handled 431 new trade mark cases – a volume that speaks to the vibrancy and competitiveness of Singapore's innovation ecosystem. That's why we remain committed to providing a robust framework that allows businesses to navigate these challenges effectively.

431

NEW CASES RECEIVED
Correlates with overall growth in IP applications

14

CASES FIXED FOR HEARING
All within 3 months from the time the case is ready for full hearing; 2.6 months on average

105

MEDIA & LEGAL SECTOR REFERENCES
References made in FY 2025 by media and Court decisions to IPOS grounds of decisions

8

DECISIONS ISSUED
All within 3 months from last day of full hearing or written submissions, excluding exigencies; 2.8 months on average

390

CASES CLOSED
85% of cases closed within 18 months from initiation to closure

IPOS AS AN ENTERPRISE ENABLER

ENTERPRISE IP COMMUNITY (EIPC)

The Enterprise IP Community (EIPC) was established to help Singapore's small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) strengthen their IA/IP management capabilities through peer learning and the exchange of practical, business-focused insights. By bringing together business leaders and IP practitioners, EIPC provides a trusted platform for enterprises to learn from one another's experiences and build stronger IA/IP capabilities.

Launched on 13 November 2025, EIPC's inaugural event brought together SMEs from diverse sectors for enterprise-led discussions on managing IA/IP in real-world business settings. Key highlights included:

Learning from Enterprise Leaders

A fireside chat with EIPC member Secretlab's Welly Tantono (Executive Head of Legal, Compliance & InfoSec). Moderated by Kok Kitt Wai (Managing Director, IPOS International), the session explored how Secretlab aligned legal, brand and commercial priorities throughout its growth journey.

Peer-to-Peer Knowledge Exchange

Facilitated by IPOS International IP strategists, members participated in focused breakout discussions on topics such as trade secret management, AI-assisted designs and IP-backed financing. The sessions encouraged candid conversations and the practical exchange of experiences among enterprises.

Building an Ongoing Community

The launch also introduced the EIPC WhatsApp Community, providing members with a dedicated channel to continue discussions, share insights and stay connected with fellow enterprises beyond in-person events.

SECTION 3

JOBS

BUILDING UP SINGAPORE'S IP WORKFORCE

Data from the Singapore IP Survey 2025 underscores the growing demand for IP-literate talent across the economy.

Jobs & skills

Around

1 in 2

enterprises consider IP skills a competitive edge when hiring

56%

of enterprises are willing to pay a premium for IP skills

Top 3 roles that benefit most from IP skills

Marketing & Sales

Research & Development

Customer Service

IP ACADEMY

As a leading regional hub for IA and IP education, the IP Academy delivers training programmes in IP law, management and value creation, supported by a multilingual faculty of industry and academic experts.

9,624 individuals trained

Professionals **2,397**

Overseas Delegates **2,044**

Public Officers **2,376**

Executives **1,293**

IHL Students **1,514**

IP ACADEMY PARTNERSHIPS

The IP Academy partners with six institutes of higher learning to equip students with foundational and specialised IP skills.

Number of Students trained

790
Polytechnic students

124
Undergraduate students

600
Postgraduate students

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Ngee Ann Polytechnic

School of Humanities and Interdisciplinary Studies
Innovation Made Possible

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Temasek Polytechnic

School of Business
IP Essentials for Business
(Integrated into Diploma in Law & Management)

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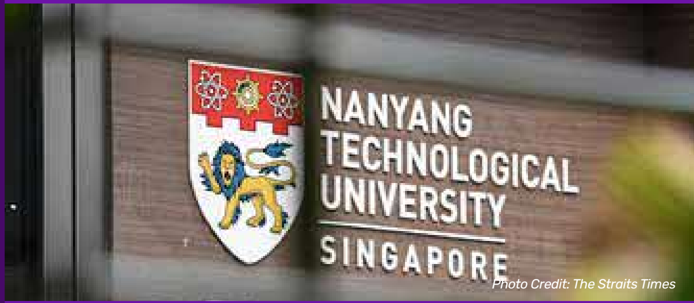
National University of Singapore

Faculty of Law
IP Arbitration • Law & Technology • IP Commercialisation

School of Continuing and Lifelong Education (SCALE)



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Nanyang Technological University

School of Mechanical Science Engineering (MSE), School of Chemistry, Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology (CCEB)
Fundamentals of IP in Engineering • Application of Patents & Registered Design in Engineering Related Industries • Appreciating IP in Research & Development

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Singapore University of Social Sciences

School of Business
Master of IP and Innovation Management (MIPIM) • Graduate Diploma in IP and Innovation Management (IP Management/Patent Agency)

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Singapore Management University

SMU Academy
Strategic IP Management for Businesses

4 SECTION

SUSTAINABILITY DISCLOSURE

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY DISCLOSURE FY2025

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY TARGETS & PERFORMANCE

In line with the Singapore Green Plan 2030 and GreenGov.SG, our sustainability efforts are anchored in four key areas.

Reducing electricity use

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions

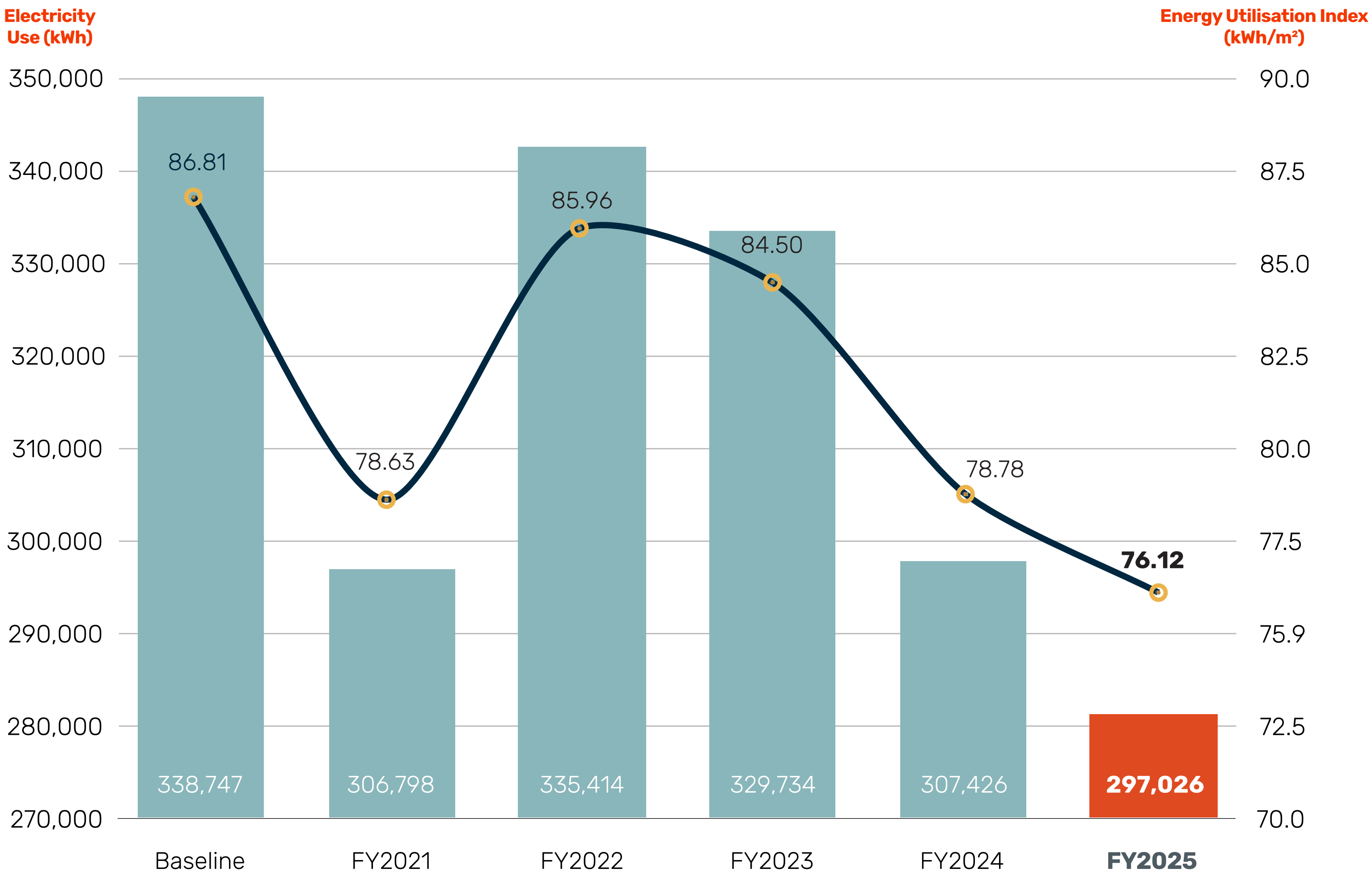
Reducing water use

Reducing waste

ELECTRICITY

Our Target

A 10% reduction in Energy Utilisation Index[1] (EUI) by 2030, against the July 2019 to March 2021 baseline[2].



Our Performance

Electricity consumption in FY2025 fell by 3.4% compared to FY2024, a result of ongoing energy-saving initiatives and optimised office practices sustained across our hybrid work environment.

This improvement is also reflected in our Energy Utilisation Index (EUI), which dropped by 3.4% this year, bringing us to our target of a 10% reduction in EUI against the July 2019 to March 2021 baseline.

Note:
[1] Energy Utilisation Index (EUI) is defined as the total electricity consumed by a facility in one year divided by its total gross floor area (GFA).
[2] The baseline is derived from electricity consumption in IPOS' leased office space, from our move-in date on 1 July 2019 to the end of FY2020 on 31 March 2021.

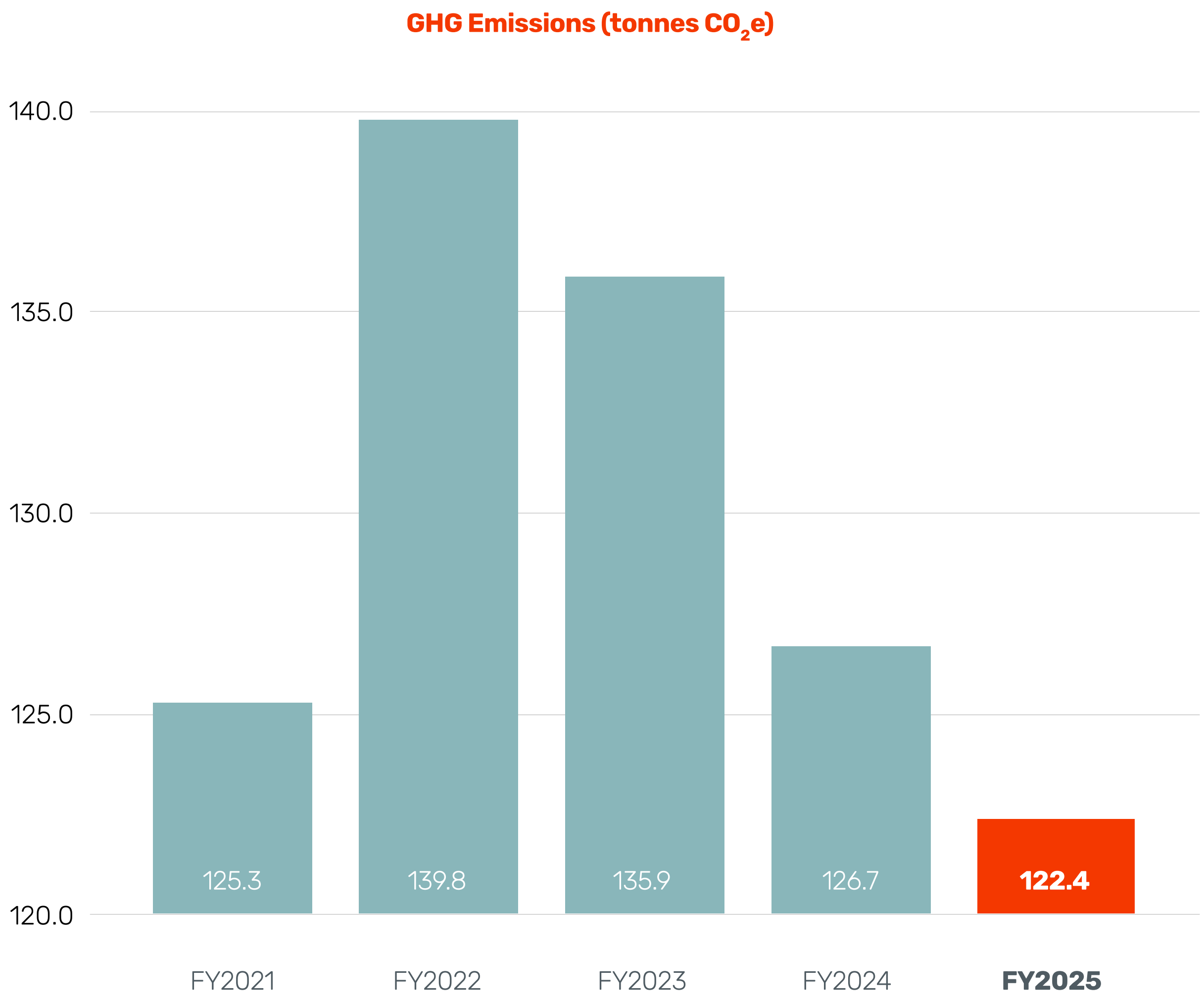
GREENHOUSE GAS (GHG) EMISSIONS

Our Target

Peak GHG emissions by 2025.

Our Performance

Our Scope 2 emissions[1] are derived solely from purchased electricity, and mirror our electricity consumption trend.

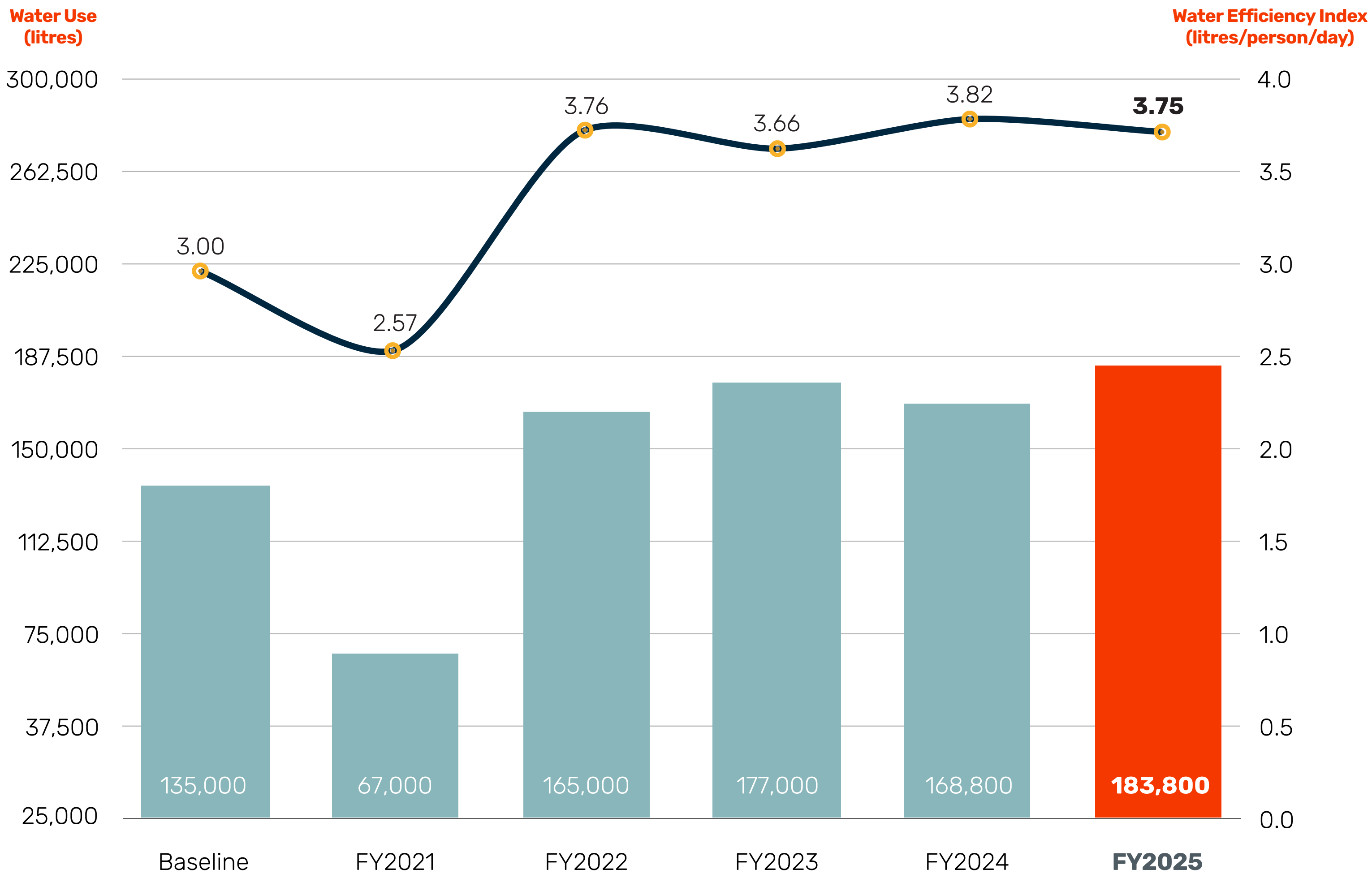


Note:
[1] Scope 2 emissions refer to indirect emissions that result from the use of purchased electricity, heat and steam.
IPOS does not produce Scope 1 emissions, which refer to direct emissions occurring from sources that are owned or controlled by IPOS.

WATER

Our Target

A 10% reduction in Water Efficiency Index[1] (WEI) by 2030, against the July 2019 to March 2021 baseline[2].



Our Performance

Water usage in FY2025 rose 8.9% compared to FY2024, reflecting headcount growth and higher office occupancy as more employees returned to the workplace.

Encouragingly, our Water Efficiency Index improved to 3.75, a sign that stronger conservation efforts across the office are taking effect.

Note:
[1] Water Efficiency Index (WEI) is defined as the water consumption per day divided by the total headcount, including visitors to the premises.
[2] The baseline is derived from water consumption in IPOS' leased office space, from our move-in date on 1 July 2019 to the end of FY2020 on 31 March 2021.

WASTE

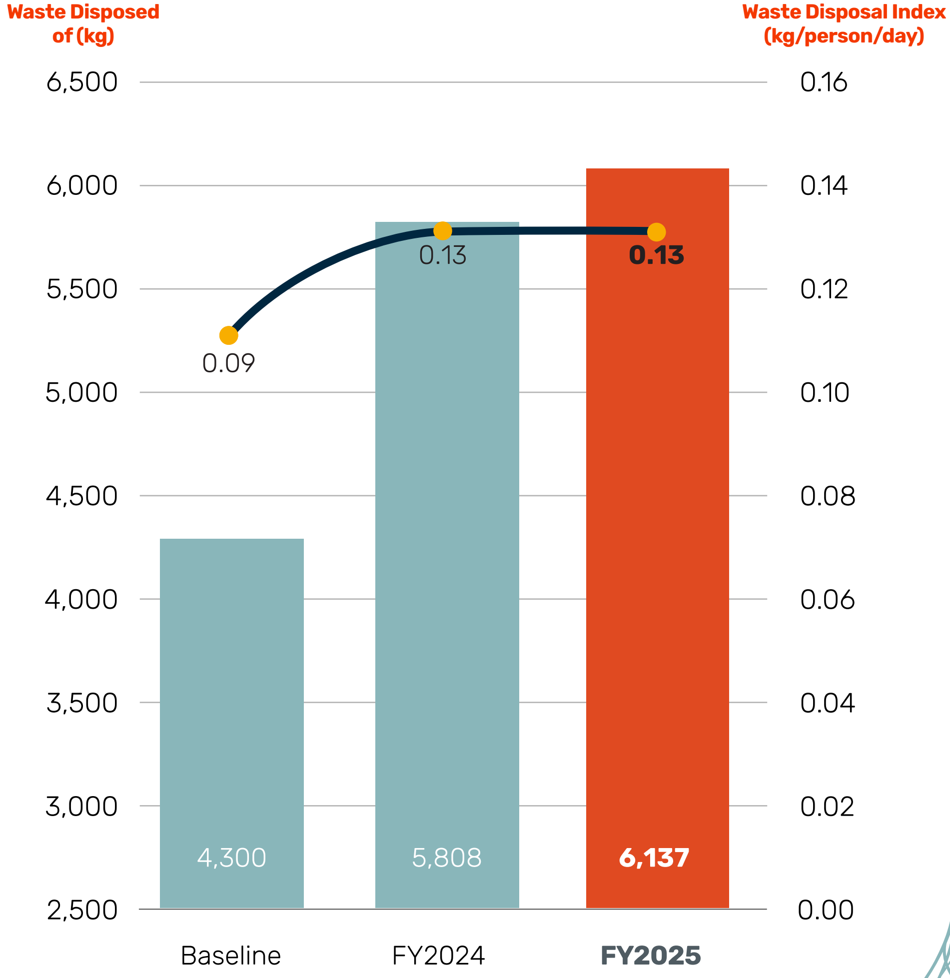
Our Target

A 30% reduction in Waste Disposal Index[1] (WDI) by 2030, against FY2023 levels[2].

Our Performance

Waste disposed in FY2025 rose 5.7%, primarily driven by the transition to hot-desking, which prompted officers to clear accumulated belongings and documents from their workstations.

Despite this increase, our Waste Disposal Index (WDI) held steady at 0.13, as the rise in waste was offset by higher office occupancy over the same period, signifying that waste generation remained well managed even amid the operational disruption of the hot desking transition.



Note:
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[2] The baseline is derived from the waste disposed of in IPOS' current leased office space in FY2023, from 1 Apr 2023 to 31 March 2024.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY WITHIN IPOS

RECYCLING AND ADOPTION DRIVE (10–17 MARCH)

Objective

When IPOS transitioned to hot-desking, we saw an opportunity to do things differently. Rather than discard unwanted belongings, a week-long drive gave officers a chance to rehome usable items within the office community, turning a workplace change into a sustainability moment.

Participation and Feedback

The response was encouraging, with more than 70% of officers taking part, either by contributing items or giving pre-loved finds a new home.

USED CHOPSTICKS UPCYCLING WITH CHOPVALUE (FEBRUARY 2026 ONWARDS)

Objective

IPOS participates in Paya Lebar Quarter's precinct-wide chopstick upcycling sustainability initiative with ChopValue Singapore. Disposable wooden chopsticks used in the office are collected and upcycled into eco-friendly furniture, turning what would otherwise be waste into something of lasting value.

CORPORATE PROFILE

IPOS helps businesses use intangible assets and intellectual property (IA and IP) to grow. We are committed to building Singapore into an international hub for IA and IP to drive Singapore's future growth. We are a government agency under the Ministry of Law.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE OF SINGAPORE

OUR VISION

A Singapore where innovative enterprises use IA to grow.

OUR MISSION

We use our IP expertise and networks to drive Singapore's future growth.

OUR VALUES

Integrity, Professionalism, Team Work, People-focused.

OUR ORGANISATION

Agency's total staff strength as at 30 September 2025 was 177.

OUR SUBSIDIARY: IPOS INTERNATIONAL

IPOS INTERNATIONAL is a wholly owned subsidiary of IPOS, housing over 100 IP experts in areas such as IP strategy and management, patent search and analysis, and IP education and training.

IPOS

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