

Department of Intellectual Property Joins Forces with Economic Crime Suppression Division to Crack Down on Intellectual Property Infringement in Central Bangkok

On March 18, 2026, the Department of Intellectual Property (DIP), Ministry of Commerce, in collaboration with the Economic Crime Suppression Division (ECD), conducted the inspections of goods suspected of violating intellectual property rights at a major shopping center in central Bangkok. The operation also included follow-up actions and strengthened preventive measures to deter repeat offenses, aiming to build confidence among consumers and investors in line with the government's policy to seriously address such issues.

Mrs. Auramon Supthaweethum, Director-General of the DIP, revealed that the DIP, together with the Economic Crime Suppression Division (ECD) led by Police Major General Tatsapoom Jarupraj, Commander of the Economic Crime Suppression Division (ECD), carried out a strict inspection of counterfeit goods at MBK Center on March 18, 2026. This action follows a recent joint enforcement action between the DIP and the Department of Special Investigation (DSI) conducted last week at the same location. The continued effort aims to pressure vendors from resuming the sale of infringing goods, which may have been modified to evade authorities, as well as to monitor and prevent repeat offenses.

Mrs. Supthaweethum said that during this inspection, authorities found several thousand counterfeit items, with estimated economic damages of no less than 70 million baht. Most items involved trademark and copyright violations, including bags, shoes, clothing, perfumes, and fashion products imitating well-known brands. Officials seized the goods and are gathering evidence to proceed with legal action against offenders. Following the operation, discussions were held with MBK Center management, which expressed full cooperation with government authorities. The shopping center has already terminated 49 rental contracts with vendors found selling counterfeit goods and will intensify screening measures for new tenants. Additionally, it will implement regular internal inspections and continue campaigns to raise awareness and combat intellectual property infringement within the premises, reinforcing lawful business practices and promoting a fair, transparent, and internationally aligned trade environment.

The integrated cooperation among government agencies, including the DIP, ECD, DSI, Royal Thai Police, Customs Department, as well as relevant private sectors, reflects Thailand's strong commitment to enforcing intellectual property laws said Mrs. Suphaweethum. Authorities will not only continue monitoring high-risk areas, especially tourist destinations and major shopping districts, and strictly prosecute offenders, but also identifying and seizing warehouses and storage sites. Tightening border controls to prevent the importation of counterfeit goods is also part of law enforcement.

To comprehensively address intellectual property violations, the DIP and related agencies are also enhancing online monitoring measures by adopting modern technologies and collaborating with digital platforms to promptly remove infringing products. These actions aim to tackle increasingly complex online violations, strengthen confidence in the trade and economic system, and support the development of a robust intellectual property ecosystem in Thailand that encourages domestic investment.

The DIP calls on businesses and the public not to buy, sell, or support counterfeit goods. If any suspected infringement is found, it can be reported via the DIP hotline at 1368 or through the website www.ipthailand.go.th



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