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From Manuscripts to Assets: Navigating MyIPO's 2026 Digital Shift

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As educators and linguists at the Akademi Pengajian Bahasa (APB), our daily trade is words. Whether it is a teaching module, a research paper, or a creative literary piece, we are constantly creating value. I have spent years in this field, and if there is one thing I have learned as an active innovator, it is that our intellectual labour must be protected.

Before we discuss the upcoming changes, I want to share a massive achievement. In 2025, UiTM was ranked the highest amongst Malaysian IPTAs in terms of copyright registration with MyIPO. This is a testament to the relentless innovation within our university, and I know APB contributed significantly to those numbers. Congratulations to us all.

Now, as a Liaison Officer for BITCOM, I must share critical updates regarding the Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia (MyIPO) guidelines. Significant changes to the fee structure and filing methods are coming, effective January 2026.

Here is what all APB members need to know to keep our intellectual property (IP) secure and compliant.

1. The Digital Push and The End of "Express"

For years, many of us utilised the *Copyright to You* (CR2U) counter service for quick results. However, effective 2 January 2026, the CR2U counter service will be officially discontinued to encourage full utilisation of the online platform.

Furthermore, the "express counter" service is being abolished. This means we can no longer expect the copyright certificate to be completed in one day, like we were used to. Moving forward, certificates will be issued as "e-certificates" by default. If you require a formal physical certificate, be prepared to pay an additional RM100.

2. The New Fee Structure: RM200 vs. RM250

MyIPO has introduced a two-tier submission method with different price tags effective January 2026:



- **Method 1 (Online):** Filing via the MyIPO portal incurs a fee of RM200.
- **Method 2 (Manual/Counter):** Filing physically at the counter incurs a fee of RM250. This includes the RM200 application fee plus the RM50 administrative fee that is reinstated for manual applications starting in 2026.



3. The UiTM Protocol: What You Must Do

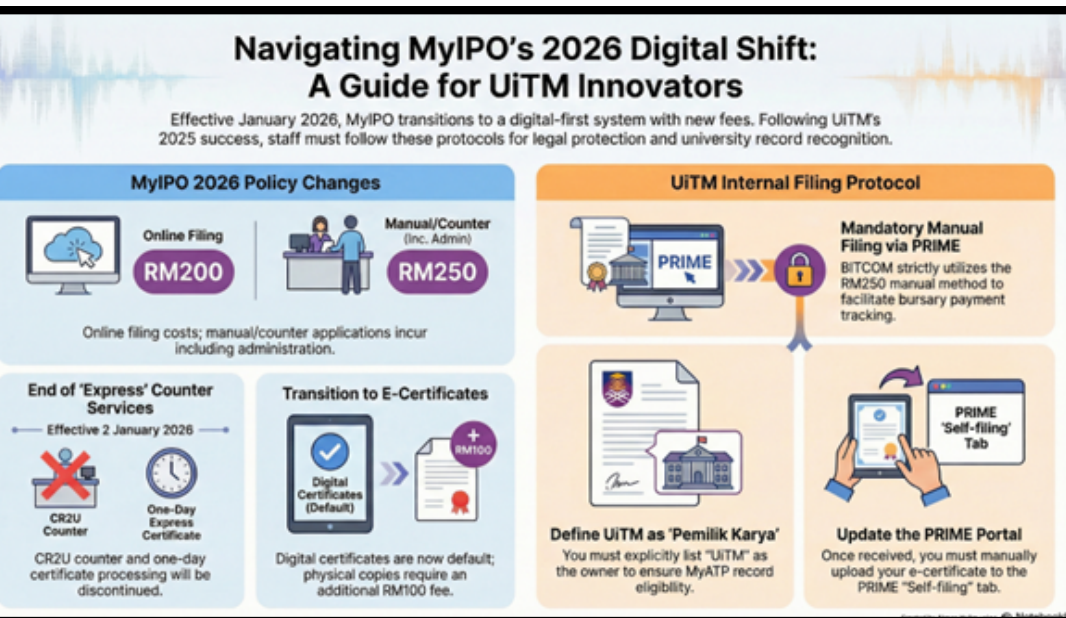
This section is critical for staff members who wish to utilise university systems for their application. If you choose to handle the application yourself directly with MyIPO, you may use the online method. However, if you prefer BITCOM to assist you in the copyright process via the PRIME Portal, a specific protocol applies.

BITCOM UiTM has determined that we will strictly utilise Method 2 (Manual Counter Filing) for all applications processed through us.

Why pay the extra RM50 administrative fee? BITCOM has made this decision to strictly avoid online filing in order to facilitate the tracking of fee payment history from lecturers to the UiTM Bursary (Bendahari).

Therefore, if you are applying via the PRIME system:

1. Prepare for a fee of RM250 payable to the UiTM Bursary.
2. Ownership: Ensure that "UiTM" is explicitly listed as the "Pemilik Karya" (Owner) in your application form.
3. Self-Filing Record: Once you receive your e-certificate from MyIPO, you must update the record in the PRIME system under the "Self-filing" tab.



If you choose to submit the application directly through MyIPO, please ensure you still complete Steps 2 and 3 above. This will help ensure your copyright is properly recognised as a contribution to UiTM and is subsequently reflected in your MyATP record. In the past, I have personally missed Step 2: making sure "UiTM" was

explicitly stated as the "Pemilik Karya" (Owner) in the application form. As a result, the copyright submission was rejected by the BITCOM administrators and was not eligible to be recorded in my MyATP record.

4. Why This Matters for APB

In APB, we produce a high volume of Karya Sastera, or literary works. Under the Copyright Act 1987, this category includes our books, modules, articles, and lectures. These are assets. Registering them protects them from infringement and contributes to the university's innovation index.

Closing Thoughts

I know administrative changes can be daunting, but protecting your hard work is worth the effort, especially as we try to maintain our top ranking among IPTAs. Let's ensure that the brilliance coming out of Akademi Pengajian Bahasa is properly documented and protected. If you have questions about the new forms or the manual submission process, my door is always open.

For more details, you can refer to the documents under the "IP" tab on the BITCOM website.

Let's innovate and protect.

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