

## Nanya, Intellectual Ventures ink deal

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Nanya Technology Corp (南亞科技), the nation's biggest DRAM chipmaker, yesterday inked an agreement with Intellectual Ventures (IV), giving it access to more than 36,000 patents owned by the US patent company in an effort to bolster Nanya's strength in fighting patent battles.

The announcement came after Nanya last week filed a complaint with the US International Trade Commission (ITC), accusing -Japanese rival Elpida Memory Inc of infringing four of its patents and requesting a ban on Elpida and its customer, Kingston Technology Co, from exporting and selling problematic chips.

Under the agreement, Nanya also gained membership in IV's IP-for-defense program and access to broad areas of strategic cooperation, the company's statement said.

Following the deal, the patent lawsuit filed by IV with the ITC against Nanya and other memory companies has now been resolved, the statement said.

"The collaboration enhances the IP strategies available to Nanya and assists the company's goal of expanding future innovation and continued development of our products," —Nanya spokesman Pai Pei-lin (白培霖) said in the statement.

Nanya is the fourth Taiwanese company to become a member of the program, after laptop computer maker Wistron Corp (緯創), LCD panel maker Chunghwa Picture Tubes Ltd (華映) and smartphone maker HTC Corp (宏達電).