

Highlights of Events 2022

January

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CNIPA issued the *Administrative Measures for the Establishment of Resident Representative Offices in China by Foreign Patent Agencies*.

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CNIPA issued the *Measures for Fast-Track Examination of Trademark Registration Applications (for Trial Implementation)*.

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CNIPA issued the *2022 National Intellectual Property Administrative Protection Work Plan*.

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CNIPA issued the *Notice of Continuously and Strictly Regulating Patenting Behaviors* and the *Provisions of the China National Intellectual Property Administration on Intellectual Property Credit Management*.

February

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Mr. Daren Tang, Director General of WIPO, was invited to the Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022, during which he attended the welcome banquet hosted by President Xi Jinping and met with Premier Li Keqiang. On the same day, China deposited with WIPO the instrument of accession to the *Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs*, and Commissioner Shen Changyu held a video meeting with Mr. Daren Tang.

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According to statistics released by WIPO in Geneva, in 2021, China ranked first in the number of international patent applications filed by Chinese applicants through the PCT system for the third consecutive year.

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At the Beijing 2022 Main Media Center, a special press conference on comprehensively strengthening the protection of intellectual property rights for the Olympic Winter Games was held.

March

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Commissioner Shen Changyu held a video meeting with Mrs. Rakhat Kerimbayeva, the new Director of the State Agency of Intellectual Property and Innovation of the Kyrgyz Republic.

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Commissioner Shen Changyu held a video meeting with Mr. Santisouk Phounsavath, the new Director General of the Department of Intellectual Property of the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

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The Seminar on China-Cambodia Patent Examination Cooperation was held virtually.

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CNIPA issued the *Annual Guidelines for Promoting the High-Quality Development of Intellectual Property (2022)*.

April

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The Opening Ceremony of the 2022 National IP Publicity Week Activities was held online. On the same day, Commissioner Shen Changyu attended the Intellectual Property in Asia: Trends and Opportunities session of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2022 and delivered a video speech.

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CNIPA issued the *Guideline on the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights in Enterprises*.

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The 2022 High-Level Forum on China IP Protection was held, with the theme of "Beef Up IP Protection in an All-Around Way to Optimize Innovation and Business Climate" in Beijing. On the same day, CNIPA formulated and released the *Interim Measures for the Handling of Relevant Affairs after China's Accession to the Hague Agreement*.

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The white paper *Intellectual Property Protection in China 2021* was published.

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The Supreme People's Procuratorate and CNIPA jointly launched a campaign to strengthen the coordinated protection of intellectual property rights and signed cooperation opinions.

May

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The *Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs* came into effect in China.

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CNIPA and the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property held the 9th meeting online, during which the 7th China-Switzerland Industry Roundtable was held.

June

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The 2022 IP5 Heads of Office Meeting was held virtually. At the meeting, the *2022 Joint Statement of the IP5 Offices* was adopted.

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Commissioner Shen Changyu held a video conference with Mr. Daren Tang, Director General of WIPO.

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Commissioner Shen Changyu had a video conference with Mr. Christian Archambeau, Executive Director of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO)

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The Annual Conference on Guidance for Handling Overseas IP Disputes 2022 was held in Beijing.

July

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CNIPA held a special training program for TISCs in China.

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The *China Patent Survey Report 2021* was published.

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The 63rd Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO was held in Geneva, Switzerland in a hybrid form. Commissioner Shen Changyu led the Chinese government delegation to attend the series of meetings and made a general statement via video.

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Winners of the 23rd WIPO-CNIPA Award for Chinese Outstanding Patented Inventions & Industrial Designs were revealed. On the same day, CNIPA issued the *Guidelines for the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights at Exhibitions*.

August

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The “Belt and Road” Intellectual Property Cooperation Forum at the 6th Silk Road International Expo was held in Xi’an, co-sponsored by CNIPA and the Shaanxi Provincial Government.

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CNIPA issued the *Announcement on Launching the Project of Accelerating Recognition and Registration of Relevant Chinese Designs in Cambodia*.

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The 13th Meeting of China-ASEAN Heads of IP Offices was held in a hybrid form. Commissioner Shen Changyu led a delegation to attend the meeting.

September

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The Academic Degrees Committee of the State Council and the Ministry of Education issued the *Catalogue of Graduate Education Disciplines (2022)*, to which the Master's degree in intellectual property was added as a new category.

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The 14th BRICS Heads of Intellectual Property Offices Meeting hosted by CNIPA was held virtually. At the meeting, heads of BRICS IP offices jointly approved the updated *Operational Guideline Framework for IP BRICS Cooperation*.

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Commissioner Shen Changyu held a video conference with Mr. Grigory Ivliev, President of the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO).

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The *Global Innovation Index 2022* was released, in which China ranked 11th with steady progress for ten consecutive years.

October

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The *Guidelines for the Estimation of Patent Open Licensing Royalties (for Trial Implementation)* were released by the General Affairs Office of CNIPA.

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The annual meetings of TM5 and ID5 were held in a hybrid form, and CNIPA attended the meetings online.

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The updated English website of CNIPA went online.

November

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CNIPA issued the *Promotion Plan for Implementing the Opinions on Strengthening the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights*.

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The 19th Shanghai Intellectual Property International Forum opened in Shanghai with the theme of “Strengthening IP Commercialization and Fueling the Innovative Growth of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises”.

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CNIPA, the Supreme People’s Court, the Supreme People’s Procuratorate, the Ministry of Public Security, and the State Administration for Market Regulation jointly issued the *Opinions on Strengthening the Work Alignment in the Identification of Intellectual Property Rights*.

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The 16th Heads Meeting between CNIPA and EPO was held virtually.

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The 29th CNIPA-JPO Heads Meeting, the 28th CNIPA-KIPO Heads Meeting, and the 22nd TRIPO Heads Meeting were held virtually.

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The 11th China Intellectual Property Annual Conference was held online.

December

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The *Provisions on Supervision and Administration of Trademark Agency* came into effect.

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CNIPA and the National Healthcare Security Administration jointly issued the *Opinions on Strengthening Intellectual Property Protection in the Field of Centralized Drug Procurement*.

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CNIPA issued the *Administrative Measures for the Demonstration of Standardized Markets for the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights*.

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CNIPA published the *China Patent Survey Report 2022* and the *Evaluation Report on China’s Intellectual Property Development in 2022*.