

LEGENDARY 10 YEARS for IP in CHINA

In China, the past decade has witnessed historic achievements and remarkable changes in IP work.

Important documents such as the *Opinions on Strengthening the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights* and the *Overall Plan for the Pilot Program of Comprehensive IP Administration Reform* were issued with a series of major arrangements. In November 2020, President Xi Jinping delivered an important speech, mapping out the key tasks of strengthening IP protection comprehensively for the period ahead and providing fundamental guidelines and action plans for the development of IP cause in the new era. In 2021, the CPC Central Committee and the State Council promulgated the *Outline to Boost China's Competitiveness in the Area of IP (2021-2035)* and the *National Plan for Protection and Utilization of IP During the 14th Five-Year Plan Period* as a decisive top-level design for the future development of IP.

China has successfully embarked on a road of IP development with Chinese characteristics and started a new journey to comprehensively boost its competitiveness in IP.



IP provides stronger stimulus to innovation and creation.

A noticeable progress was seen in both quality and quantity of IP creation. The number of high-value intellectual properties such as core patents, well-known trademarks, high-quality geographical indications (GIs) and layout designs of integrated circuits showed a significant increase.

4.212 million

Valid Invention Patents
As of the End of 2022

42.672 million

Valid Trademark Registrations
As of the End of 2022

2,495

GI Products Approved
As of the End of 2022

7,076

Collective Marks and Certification Marks
Registered for GIs
As of the End of 2022

34th - 11th

Ranking in Global Innovation Index
2012-2022

📍 Shenzhen-Hong Kong- Guangzhou & Beijing

Two of the Top Five Science & Technology Clusters in Global
Innovation Index 2022

IP provides better support to economic and social development.

IP played a robust role in supporting the development
of the innovative economy, brand economy, regional
characteristic economy, and open economy.

12.30 trillion RMB

Added Value of Patent-Intensive Industries
2021

12.44% of GDP

Added Value of Patent-Intensive Industries
2021

32-84

Chinese Brands in Brand Finance Global 500
2012-2022

1.60

trillion US dollars

Value of Chinese Brands in Brand Finance Global 500
2022

23.48

thousand

Market Entities Approved for Using the GI Special Sign
As of the End of 2022

340

Gold Award Winners of the WIPO-CNIPA Awards
for Chinese Outstanding Patented Inventions
2012-2022

387.25

billion RMB

Total Import and Export Volume of IP Royalties
2022

1.799

↑ 30%

trillion RMB

Financed by Pledging Patents and Trademarks
2012-2022

8,240

National IP Demonstration Enterprises

33

IP Operation Platforms (Centers)

IP served better to optimize the business environment.

Unremitting efforts were made to improve the IP legal system and strengthen IP protection. The reform of streamlining administration and delegating power, improving regulation, and upgrading services went deeper.

The Civil Code of the People's Republic of China confirmed the fundamental principle of protecting IP by the law.

New rounds of amendments to the Patent Law, Trademark Law, and Copyright Law have been completed, establishing rules for punitive damages of the highest standard worldwide.

Established an online lawsuit-to-mediation linking mechanism jointly with the Supreme People's Court.

- Issued the Opinions on Strengthening the Coordinated Protection of IP jointly with the Supreme People's Procuratorate.
- Conducted pilot work in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice on the standardization of administrative adjudication of patent infringement disputes.
- Launched special campaigns on IP protection with the State Administration for Market Regulation.

🕒 **16.5**
months

Average Pendency for Invention Patent Examination
2022

🕒 **13**
months

Average Pendency for High-Value Patent Examination
2022

🕒 **4**
months

Average Pendency for Trademark Examination
2022

🕒 **7**
months

Pendency for Trademark Registration
Under General Circumstances
2022

99.72%

Patent Applications Filed Electronically
2022

99.55%

Trademark Applications Filed Electronically
2022

62

National IP Protection Centers
As of the End of 2022

35

Fast-Track IPR Enforcement Centers
As of the End of 2022

103

National Demonstration
Zones for the Protection of GI Products
As of the End of 2022

63.69-81.25

Social Satisfaction Rating on IP Protection
2012-2022

IP served better to expand the opening-up.

- With the support of CNIPA, the WIPO Office in China was established to provide Chinese users with services of international IP systems at close range.
- Promoted the entry into force of the Beijing Treaty on Audiovisual Performances, the first international IP treaty concluded in China and named after a Chinese city.
- Acceded to the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs and the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, and became a staunch defender, important participant, and active builder of international IP rules.
- The Agreement Between the European Union and the Government of the People's Republic of China on Cooperation on, and Protection of, Geographical Indications was signed, which has effected the mutual recognition and protection of 244 GI products in China and Europe.
- Sustained efforts were made to strengthen IP cooperation within the framework of the Belt and Road and BRICS, intensify the IP5 cooperation, and promote IP exchanges with ASEAN, African, and Latin American countries.
- Solid steps were taken to expand the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) network, and the role of IP in helping poverty alleviation was aligned with the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to support IP capacity building in developing countries. China has expanded its "circle of friends" in the IP field worldwide.

The foundation for the development of IP was cemented.

In the institutional reform in 2018, CNIPA was reorganized for centralized and unified administration of patents, trademarks, geographical indications, and layout designs of integrated circuits.

Jiangsu	Guangdong	Henan
Hubei	Tianjin	Sichuan

6 patent examination cooperation centers in addition to the Beijing Center were planned and built

Guangzhou	Shanghai	Chongqing
Jinan	Zhengzhou	

5 local trademark examination cooperation centers established under guidance

IP Professionals

Added to the *Occupational Classification Code of the People's Republic of China*

- National IP Publicity Week
- China International Patent Technology and Products Fair
- China International Design Expo
- ...

Featured IP Activities Held Regularly

20 thousand

Patent and Trademark Examiners

700 thousand

Professional Practitioners in the Area of IP

60 thousand

Qualified Patent Agents

Master's Degree in IP

Included in the *Catalogs of Postgraduate Education Disciplines (2022)*

- *Chinese Patent*
- *Intellectual Property*
- *Connections to Sangzhi County*
- *Zheng Chengsi IP Anthology*
- *IP Classics Translation Collection*
- ...

Excellent Documentary Works Showing China's Development in IP Kept Emerging, public awareness was ramped up evidently in respecting and protecting IP rights.