



During the "Beginning of Winter", precipitation in most areas of China drops, and so does the temperature. Farmers start to prepare for winter break by storing crops. In the agricultural society of ancient China, this day is normally celebrated by certain rituals. People would present offerings to worship ancestors and express appreciation for a harvest year. The traditional menu for this day is dumplings and hot pot.

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Contribution to China's Foreign Affairs

In February, Mr. Daren Tang, Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), paid an official visit to China and attended a series of activities including the Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022. China officially deposited with WIPO the instrument of accession to the *Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs* and the instrument of ratification to the *Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled*.

In September, as the BRICS Chair of 2022, CNIPA hosted the 14th BRICS Heads of Intellectual Property Offices Meeting, and WIPO representatives attended the whole meeting.

CNIPA signed a memorandum of understanding with the secretariat of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). The second batch of geographical indication (GI) products under the *China-EU Agreement on Cooperation on and Protection of Geographical Indications* was published. A memorandum of understanding on IP cooperation was signed by CNIPA and the Israel Patent Office.

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Deepening the Engagement in Global IP Governance

2.1 Participation in global IP governance under the framework of WIPO

In February, China submitted the instrument of accession to the *Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs*, which entered into force on 5th May in China.



China depositing the instrument of accession to the *Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs* on 5th February

In July, Commissioner Shen Changyu led a delegation to attend the 63rd Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO and made a general statement, advocating for more solidarity and cooperation among all member states. The international community shall adhere to the principle of consensus through negotiations to properly handle issues of common interest, work together to deliver the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and strive to promote WIPO's global IP service system.

CNIPA put forward the first proposal at the WIPO Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP), with the theme of "Coping with the Challenge of Climate Change: Intellectual Property Helps Realize Carbon Peaking and Carbon Neutrality".

2.2 Promotion of adjustments to international IP norms

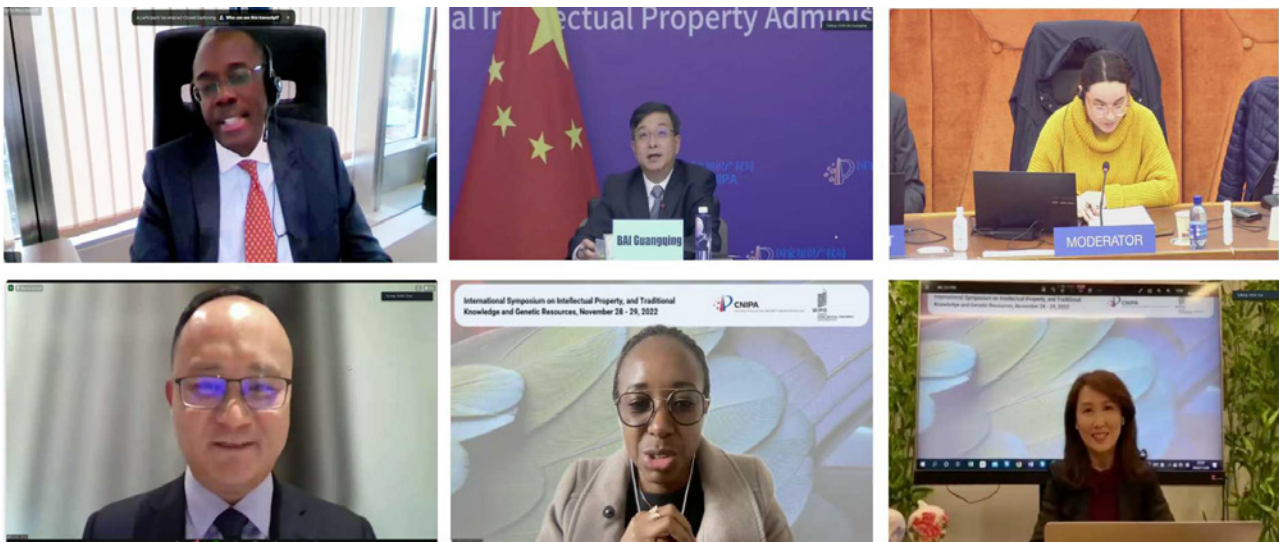
CNIPA kept participating in the discussions on IP issues at WIPO, UPOV, and WTO TRIPS Council among other international platforms, and promoting improvements and adjustments to international IP systems including PCT, Madrid, Hague, and IPC; intensive communications were conducted on introducing Chinese as an official language to the Madrid System and the Hague System.

CNIPA participated in WTO negotiations regarding waiving intellectual property rights on COVID-19 vaccines.

CNIPA kept tracking the development of international IP norms in emerging fields and new formats such as artificial

intelligence and big data, and shared best practices in the development of new emerging technologies in China at forums such as the WIPO Conversation on IP and Frontier Technologies.

In November, CNIPA and WIPO co-hosted the International Symposium on Intellectual Property, and Traditional Knowledge and Genetic Resources, and submitted a factual report of the Symposium to the 2023 WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC).



CNIPA and WIPO co-hosting the International Symposium on Intellectual Property, and Traditional Knowledge and Genetic Resources in November

2.3 Deepened bilateral cooperation with WIPO

Commissioner Shen Changyu and Director General Daren Tang held two virtual meetings in February and June, respectively, and reached a consensus on further strengthening cooperation.

In April, Deputy Commissioner Lu Pengqi met with Ms. Wang Binying, Deputy Director General of WIPO, to exchange views on deepening bilateral cooperation.

CNIPA compiled a country report for the report series on *Unlocking IP-backed Financing, Country Perspectives* in cooperation with WIPO.

Online seminars on the Hague System and the Madrid System were held. The WIPO/China Funds-in-Trust sponsored projects such as the “Belt and Road” Master Degree Program in IP, GI-themed poverty alleviation for developing countries, and promotion of electronic communications under the Madrid system for countries and regions co-constructing “Belt and Road”.

Support was offered by CNIPA to Shanghai Municipal Government in holding the 19th Shanghai Intellectual Property International Forum, and WIPO Director General and senior officials attended events such as the Ceremony for the WIPO-CNIPA Awards for Chinese Outstanding Patented Inventions and Industrial Designs and the China Intellectual Property Annual Conference online.

CNIPA played an active role in the global network of the WIPO Academy. The China Intellectual Property Training Center (CIPTC) organized two WIPO training sessions and introduced a UPOV distance-learning course, i.e., DL205 - Introduction to the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection Under the UPOV Convention.

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IP Cooperation Under the “Belt and Road” Framework

The enrollment for the “Belt and Road” Master’s Degree Program in IP 2022-2023 was completed. Tongji University and Zhongnan University of Economics and Law admitted a total of 30 students from 14 countries.

The 2022 “Belt and Road” online training session was held with the theme of Intellectual Property Protection, and 101 IP officials from 16 countries and regions along the “Belt and Road” participated.

The booklet *How to Protect Trademarks in China* was published in English.

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Plurilateral Cooperation

4.1 IP5, ID5 & TM5 cooperation

In June, Commissioner Shen Changyu attended the 15th IP5 Heads of Office Meeting. At the meeting, the *2022 Joint Statement of the IP5 Offices* was adopted.

In October, Commissioner Shen Changyu attended both the annual meetings of the TM5 and ID5 and delivered video speeches. The *TM5 Joint Vision Statement at the 10th Anniversary of the Cooperation*, the *ID5 Joint Statement*, and the *TM5 Operational Guide* were adopted at the meetings respectively.



The 15th IP5 Heads of Office Meeting in June

4.2 BRICS cooperation

In September, CNIPA hosted the 14th BRICS Heads of Intellectual Property Offices Meeting. An upgraded Operational Guideline Framework for IP BRICS Cooperation

was adopted, and “enhance the role of IP for achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals” was included in the cooperation objectives.



The 14th BRICS Heads of Intellectual Property Offices Meeting in September

4.3 CNIPA-JPO-KIPO cooperation

In November, Commissioner Shen Changyu attended a series of events of the CNIPA-JPO Heads Meeting, the CNIPA-KIPO Heads Meeting, and the TRIPO Heads Meeting,

4.4 China-ASEAN and China-Mongolia-Russia IP cooperation

In August, Commissioner Shen Changyu attended the Meeting of China-ASEAN Heads of IP Offices online, at which the *China-ASEAN work plan for the year 2022-2023* was adopted.

In October, Commissioner Shen Changyu delivered a video speech at the 10th China-Mongolia-Russia Joint Seminar on Intellectual Property.

In November, a China-ASEAN webinar on traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources was held, providing support for formulating legal instruments at multilateral platforms.

An online training program on IP capacity building sponsored by the ASEAN-China Young Leaders Scholarship (ACYLS) was launched, and 27 IP officials and practitioners from 9 ASEAN countries participated in the training themed "Intellectual Property Commercialization" at Sichuan University.

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Bilateral Cooperation

5.1 Cooperation with EPO and EUIPO

In June, Commissioner Shen Changyu had a video conference with Mr. Christian Archambeau, Executive Director of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), and exchanged views on deepening future cooperation.

In November, Commissioner Shen Changyu and Mr. António Campinos, President of the European Patent Office (EPO) attended the 16th Heads Meeting between CNIPA and EPO virtually, and signed the 2023 CNIPA-EPO Work Plan and agreements on patent classification and EPOQUE Net.

In September, CNIPA and EPO released a joint statement, extending the PCT International Searching Authority pilot program between the two offices for another year to November 30, 2023.



Commissioner Shen Changyu having a video conference with Mr. Christian Archambeau, Executive Director of EUIPO in June

5.2 Cooperation with European countries

In April, Commissioner Shen Changyu delivered a speech at the China-France Seminar on Geographical Indications co-organized by CNIPA, the National Institute of Origin and Quality (INAO) of France, and the National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) of France to promote the implementation of the China-France protocols on GIs. A video address of Commissioner Shen Changyu was delivered at the "IP Forum of Belarus. NCIP. 30th Anniversary".

In September, Commissioner Shen Changyu held video conferences respectively with Grigory Ivliev, President of the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO), and Thijs Spigt, Director of the Netherlands Patent Office, to have exchanges on bilateral cooperation issues.

In November, Commissioner Shen Changyu gave a video speech at the 6th UK-China Intellectual Property Symposium, discussing the latest IP-related developments and hotspot issues in China and the UK. A video speech of Commissioner Shen Changyu was delivered at the China-Denmark IPR Roundtable on Life Science, co-organized by CNIPA, the Danish Patent and Trademark Office and the Embassy of the Kingdom of Denmark in Beijing.

Deputy Commissioner Lu Pengqi delivered video speeches at the "IP Eurasia'22: Innovation Space", an international conference on innovations in pharmaceuticals and intellectual property protection in the Eurasian area, and the II International Scientific and Practical Conference held in Belarus.

CNIPA signed a memorandum of understanding for cooperation with the Finnish Patent and Registration Office and renewed the memorandum of understanding for cooperation with the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property. CNIPA renewed the data exchange agreement and arranged expert exchanges on IP commercialization and IP pledge financing with the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (ROSPATENT). CNIPA participated in the 10th ICT Roadmap meeting in Spain and the International Forum on Intellectual Property in Belarus.

Online IP exchanges were conducted by CNIPA and the Directorate-General for Trade and the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs of the EU. Under the framework of IP Key China, a program to strengthen IP cooperation between the EU and China, the Seminar on the Latest Developments in the field of Trademarks was held jointly.

5.3 Cooperation with neighboring and Asian countries

In March, Commissioner Shen Changyu had talks with the heads of the State Agency of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzpatent) and the Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Industry and Commerce of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, respectively, to have exchanges in depth on bilateral cooperation.



In March, Commissioner Shen Changyu meeting with the Director of Kyrgyzpatent

In August, Commissioner Shen Changyu held a courtesy meeting with the new Commissioner of the JPO to exchange views on the latest developments in Chinese and Japanese IP laws and policies.

In September, Commissioner Shen Changyu attended the IP Week @ SG 2022 and gave a keynote speech, sharing the latest progress of China in promoting innovation and economic and social development with IP.

Deputy Commissioner Lu Pengqi and Mr. Phork Sovanrith, Secretary of State, Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation (MISTI) of Cambodia, attended the China-Cambodia Seminar on Patent Examination Cooperation online to promote the cooperation achievements such as the direct registration and entry into force of Chinese invention patents and the accelerated recognition and registration of Chinese designs in Cambodia.

The *Announcement on Launching the Project of Accelerating Recognition and Registration of Relevant Chinese Designs in Cambodia* was issued regarding the registration and effectuation of Chinese design patents in Cambodia.

The implementation of the China-Thailand GI pilot program "3+3" proceeded well, and further progress was made in the China-Laos program to promote patent granting. CNIPA participated in the seminar on trademarks and GIs organized by the Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam.

5.4 Cooperation with North America and Oceania countries

A work plan between CNIPA and United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) was settled through negotiations. The U.S.-China 2022 Developments in

Trademark Law and Practice Perspectives was held jointly by CNIPA and USPTO.

5.5 Cooperation with Latin American and African countries

In April, Commissioner Shen Changyu sent a congratulatory letter to the Mexico Innovation Award ceremony; in November, Commissioner Shen Changyu sent a video message to the 46th Session of the Administrative Council of ARIPO; in December, Commissioner Shen Changyu delivered a video speech at the 62nd Session of the Administrative Council of OAPI.

In May, a training seminar on biomedical patent examination was held for Costa Rica patent examiners; in November, the 2022 online training seminars on IP for African and Latin American countries were held.

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Participation in Intergovernmental Dialogues and Negotiations

CNIPA conducted IP-related work for the effectuation of the *Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (RCEP)*, as well as the work related to the *Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)* and the *Digital Economic Partnership Agreement (DEPA)*.

CNIPA actively implemented the *China-US Phase One Economic and Trade Agreement* and the *China-EU GI Agreement* and the *China-France GI Agreement*. CNIPA participated in multiple high-level dialogues and meetings including the China-EU high-level economic and trade dialogue, the China-UK economic and financial dialogue, and the China-France high-level economic and financial dialogue, as well as FTA negotiations with Israel, Peru, and other countries.

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Cooperation in Business Areas

7.1 PPH cooperation

Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot programs were extended with Malaysia, Portugal, Czech Republic, and Eurasian Patent Office.

7.2 Exchanges in patent examination

CNIPA and EPO held expert group meetings in the fields of patent quality, documentation and classification, automation, and patent classification, arranged exchanges among experts in patent reexamination, training, and capacity building, and organized training sessions on patent classification. Exchanges with experts from EUIPO in designs, reexamination and invalidation were conducted.

Exchanges were also held with experts from USPTO in the fields of automation, designs, patent classification, and patent reexamination.

Comparative studies on the examination of AI-related patents in China and Japan were conducted, and a meeting of patent experts in China and Korea was held to share

the latest developments in the examination of AI-related patents.

Examiners from the UK, Finland, and Israel exchanged their experiences with their counterparts in China on the criteria and practices in the examination of patents regarding relevant technical fields.

CNIPA hosted workshops for patent examiners and seminars on informatization for the BRICS countries, to have exchanges on mechanisms to improve examination quality and efficiency, work-sharing among IP Offices, data exchange and informatization, examination practices in the field of pharmaceuticals, SME innovation, green technologies, and sustainable development, etc.

7.3 Cooperation in GI and trademark

CNIPA had video conferences on GI with experts from the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property and the ROSPATENT, respectively, and arranged the participation in online training sessions on GI in Asia organized by the French Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

CNIPA hosted the CNIPA-JPO, CNIPA-KIPO, and TRIPO expert exchange meetings on trademarks, and the China-Japan-Korea Trademark User Forum.

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Exchanges with the Industries

CNIPA supported foreign enterprises to safeguard their legitimate rights and interests. Exchanges were held with companies such as AstraZeneca, Nike, HiPP, and InterContinental Hotels Group PLC. Assistance was offered to foreign-funded enterprises to handle their patent and trademark issues in China. An online exchange meeting was held with the Intellectual Property Group (IPG) of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry in China.

CNIPA held China-US IP practice seminars, and webinars on the Hague System and Madrid System for users and

enterprises. Enterprises were also invited to the seminars on the European unitary patent system and the China-Cambodia patent examination cooperation, which were organized to help them make better use of the international IP system and service system.

Enterprises were encouraged to participate in international affairs and activities such as the IP5 Heads and industry meetings, the China-Japan-Korea IP User Seminar, the China-Switzerland industry roundtable, and the China-Mongolia-Russia Joint Seminar on Intellectual Property.

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Disseminating the Chinese IP Story

CNIPA actively shared with other countries China's experience on development in the IP field, to promote the vision of a community with a shared future for humankind and the Global Development Initiative.

At the 14th BRICS Heads of Intellectual Property Offices Meeting, the concepts of green Olympic Games, low-carbon emissions and environmental protection were highlighted. Taking "the wind power from Zhangbei County lights up Beijing's night" as an example, CNIPA vividly told a Chinese IP story about how IP promotes green innovation for sustainable development at the meeting.

At the 13th Meeting of China-ASEAN Heads of IP Offices, CNIPA told the story of IP promoting development along the China-Laos Railway.

At the International Symposium on Intellectual Property, and Traditional Knowledge and Genetic Resources co-hosted with WIPO, CNIPA introduced the practice of using digital technologies to protect traditional knowledge.

China's policies and practices in the field of IP-backed finance were shared at the first high-level conversation themed "Unlocking IP-Backed Financing" held by WIPO.

At the 10th China-Japan-Korea IP User Seminar, CNIPA told the story of "sheep in photovoltaic parks", introducing how clean energy technology is adopted to accelerate the green transformation and to help achieve carbon neutrality.

CNIPA authorized the translation and publication of the booklet *How to Protect Trademarks in China* to IP offices of Thailand, Vietnam, and Myanmar.