



# Highlights of Events 2021



## January

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The Registration Service Section under Application Reception Division I of the Trademark Office and a task force deployed to Zhongguyuan Community by the Patent Examination Cooperation (Hubei) Center under the Patent Office of CNIPA were awarded the title of "Outstanding Collectives in Fighting COVID-19 Pandemic in the Market Regulation System Nationwide". Three employees of CNIPA were entitled "Outstanding Individuals in Fighting COVID-19 Pandemic in the Market Regulation System Nationwide".

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The 2021 Conference for Heads of Intellectual Property Offices Nationwide was convened in Beijing.

## February

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The *Administrative Measures for the Construction of National Demonstration Zones for Protection of Geographical Indication (GI) Products (For Trial Implementation)* was issued.

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The National Summary and Commendation Conference on Poverty Alleviation was convened in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. Shi Peng, a CNIPA employee appointed as the chief secretary of Canguanyu Village Committee (temporary post) for poverty alleviation, was awarded the title of "Advanced Individual in Poverty Alleviation Nationwide".

## March

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CNIPA issued an announcement on the recognition of EU GIs, and protection took effect for the first batch of products listed in the *China-EU Agreement on Cooperation on and Protection of Geographical Indications*.

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The *2021 Work Plan for National Intellectual Property Administrative Protection* was issued.

The *Guidelines for Promoting High-Quality Development of Intellectual Property (2021)* was issued.

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The Fourth Session of the 13<sup>th</sup> National People's Congress concluded. The indicator "number of high-value invention patents per 10,000 population" was included in the *Outline of the 14<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan (2021-2025) for National Economic and Social Development and the Long-Range Objectives Through the Year 2035* passed at the session.

The *Measures on Regulating Patent Application Behaviors* was issued for implementation.

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The *Action Plan of the Special Campaign Against Bad-Faith Trademark Registration* was issued.

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The *Notice on Implementing the Special Program of Patent Commercialization to Support the Innovation-Driven Development of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)* was issued jointly by the General Office of the Ministry of Finance and the General Office of CNIPA.

## April

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Commissioner Shen Changyu attended the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) Annual Conference 2021 and delivered a keynote speech in the sub-forum of "IP & SMEs: Taking your ideas to market".

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The main event of the 2021 National IP Publicity Week was held in Beijing.

The High-Level Forum on China IP Protection was held in Beijing.

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The State Council Information Office held a press conference on implementing the outline of the 14<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan (2021-2025) and accelerating the building of China's competitiveness with intellectual property.

The white paper *Intellectual Property Protection in China 2020* was published.

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The CNIPA Open Day was launched for both online and on-site visitors, and parallel sessions were held in 10 cities nationwide.

The result of the 2020 national survey for the social satisfaction rating on IP protection was released.

The European Union Trademark Search System (EUTMS) was launched as the first official search system for international trademark information in China.

## May

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After deliberation at the executive meeting of the State Council, the *Notice on Deepening the Reform to Streamline Administration and Delegate Power, Improve Regulation, and Upgrade Services in the Intellectual Property Sector for a Better Innovation and Business Environment* was issued.

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The 2021 webinar on industrial design was held by CNIPA and USPTO jointly.

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The *Opinions on Strengthening IP Protection with Closer Coordination and Cooperation* was issued jointly by CNIPA and the Ministry of Public Security.

CNIPA issued an announcement on protecting the "Torch Design for the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games" and other Olympic symbols.

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The *Guiding Opinions on Further Strengthening the Protection of Geographical Indications* was issued jointly by CNIPA and the State Administration for Market Regulation (SAMR).

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The *Measures for Administrative Adjudication of Major Patent Infringement Disputes* was issued.

## June

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The amended *Patent Law of the People's Republic of China* took effect.

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The *Action Plan on Supporting Enterprises in Industrial Parks with Intellectual Property Pledge Financing (2021-2023)* was issued.

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CNIPA and the Bank of China signed a strategic cooperation agreement to comprehensively strengthen cooperation in IP finance.

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CNIPA announced the decision on the 22<sup>nd</sup> WIPO-CNIPA Award for Chinese Outstanding Patented Inventions & Industrial Designs.

## July

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The *Implementation Measures for the Early Resolution Mechanism of Pharmaceutical Patent Disputes (For Trial Implementation)* was issued.

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The *Measures for Administrative Adjudication of the Early Resolution Mechanism of Pharmaceutical Patent Disputes* was issued.

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CNIPA issued an announcement on the protection of the "Emblem of the International Paralympic Games" and the "Symbol of the Olympic Rings".

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The *Notice on the Campaign of Promoting Rural Revitalization with Geographical Indications* was issued.

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The Conference on Patent Examination was held in Beijing.

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WIPO released the *Global Innovation Index 2021*, at which China ranked 12<sup>th</sup>, up by 2 places as compared with the previous year.

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The CPC Central Committee and the State Council issued the outline to boost China's competitiveness in the area of intellectual property (2021-2035), which made comprehensive deployment on accelerated construction of China's IP competitiveness.

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Commissioner Shen Changyu inspected Nanyang of Henan Province and held a symposium on IP protection of traditional Chinese medicine.

## October

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Commissioner Shen Changyu led the Chinese delegation to attend the 62<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Assemblies of WIPO Member States, and delivered a general statement.

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The *Guidelines for Formulating IP-Related Terms and Conditions in Cooperation Agreements Among Enterprises, Universities and Research Institutions (For Trial Implementation)* was issued.

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The Opening Ceremony of the 17<sup>th</sup> China (Wuxi) International Design Expo & Ceremony for the 22<sup>nd</sup> WIPO-CNIPA Award for Chinese Outstanding Industrial Designs was held in Wuxi, Jiangsu Province.

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The *Special Action Plan for IP Protection of the Olympic Symbols of the Beijing 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games* was issued.

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The 18<sup>th</sup> Shanghai International Intellectual Property Forum (SIIPF) was held.

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Commissioner Shen Changyu attended the 2021 AIPPI World Congress and delivered a video speech.

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The *Opinions on Enhancing the Mediation of Intellectual Property Disputes* was issued.

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The State Council issued the national plan for the protection and utilization of intellectual property during the 14<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan period.

## November

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CNIPA hosted the ID5 Annual Meeting 2021 via video conference. Commissioner Shen Changyu attended the meeting and delivered an opening speech.

03-05

CNIPA hosted the TM5 Annual Meeting 2021 via video conference. Commissioner Shen Changyu attended the meeting and delivered an opening speech.

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CNIPA launched on-site inspection and assessment on IP protection work in 2021 jointly with the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee and the State Administration for Market Regulation (SAMR).

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The *Measures for the Registration of Patent Pledge* was issued by CNIPA.

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The *Guidelines for Trademark Examination and Review* was issued by CNIPA.

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CNIPA and Intellectual Property Office of the United Kingdom (UKIPO) celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of China-UK IP cooperation.

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CNIPA hosted the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of China-ASEAN Heads of IP Offices online.

The phase I target of Technology and Innovation Support Centers (TISCs) building was achieved in China with 101 TISCs established.

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CNIPA hosted the online Global TISC Conference jointly with WIPO.

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The 28<sup>th</sup> CNIPA-JPO Heads Meeting, the 27<sup>th</sup> CNIPA-KIPO Heads Meeting, and the 21<sup>st</sup> TRIPO Heads Meeting were held via video conference.

## December

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Based on the *Memorandum of Understanding on the Remittance of Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Fees Between CNIPA and WIPO*, CNIPA started to collect PCT fees in the international phase subject to the RMB standard published by WIPO.

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The *Criteria for Determining General Trademark Violations* was issued.

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The *Annual Plan for Advancing the Implementation of the Outline to Boost China's Competitiveness in the Area of Intellectual Property (2021-2035) and the National Plan for Protection and Utilization of Intellectual Property During the 14<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan Period* was issued.

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The Ceremony for the 22<sup>nd</sup> WIPO-CNIPA Award for Chinese Outstanding Patented Inventions was launched virtually on the official website of CNIPA.

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The *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the Industrial Design Cooperation Between CNIPA and the Ministry of Industry, Science and Technology and Innovation (MISTI) of Cambodia* was signed and took effect. According to the MOU, the industrial design recognition program (IDRP) between CNIPA and MISTI will be launched jointly, and the examination of eligible design applications filed by Chinese applicants will be accelerated in Cambodia.