



I. Highlights of Events

On 7 January, the National Conference for Heads of Nationwide Intellectual Property Offices was held in Beijing.

On 19 January, the enlarged meeting of SIPO's Party Group was held in Beijing.

On 20 January, SIPO's Party Disciplinary Meeting was held in Beijing.

On 26 January, Commissioner Shen Changyu met with Daren Tang, Chief Executive of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore.

On 1 February, SIPO held its Party Building Meeting in Beijing.

On 4 February, the China Intellectual Property Rights Aid and Report Complaints Network was launched for trial run.

On 23 February, SIPO and INDECOPI, Peru's national IP office, signed patent examination work sharing agreement.

On 25 February, SIPO's Party Group held a special session to study President Xi Jinping's remarks on technological innovation.



2016 National Conference for Heads of Nationwide Intellectual Property Offices.



The Enlarged Meeting of the Party Group of the State Intellectual Property Office.

On 1 March, Commissioner Shen Changyu met with Mr. Jesper Kongstad, President of the Danish Patent and Trademark Office. SIPO launched a pilot program on Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) with the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office. The Administrative Meeting for Nationwide IP Offices was held in Guangzhou.

On 11 March, SIPO's Party Group circulated important remarks of President Xi Jinping on studying the Work Methods of the Party Committee written by Chairman Mao Zedong.

On 13 March, Commissioner Shen Changyu addressed the press with regard to IP protection issues at the "Ministers' Passage" in the Great Hall of the People.

On 17 March, SIPO circulated the spirit of the national "Two Sessions".

On 24 March, Commissioner Shen Changyu met with Mr. Adil Al Maliki, Director General of the Moroccan Industrial and Commercial Property Office, and his delegation.

On 29 March, SIPO circulated the spirit of the 4th Anti-Corruption Conference of the State Council.

On 30 March, the Inter-Ministerial Joint Conference on the Implementation of the National Intellectual Property Strategy under the State Council was established, State Councillor Wang Yong served as convener of the conference.

From 30 to 31 March, Commissioner Shen Changyu paid a study visit to Chongli District, Zhang Jiakou City, on poverty alleviation.

On 8 April, SIPO's Party Group convened the preparation meeting on the education campaign which focuses on the study of the Party Constitution and rules, as well as the speeches made by General Secretary Xi Jinping, and calls for being qualified Party members.



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On 9 April, the 1st China Intellectual Property Summit was held in Beijing. Commissioner Shen emphasized the importance to establish integrated IP protection.

On 19 April, the press conference on the development of intellectual property in China in 2015 was held in Beijing.

From 20 to 26 April, the national intellectual property publicity week was organized.

On 26 April, SIPO held an Open Day event.

On 4 May, the 1st Plenary Session of the 1st Committee of the National Youth Federation in Intellectual Property was held in Beijing.

On 19 May, Commissioner Shen Changyu met with Troels Lund Poulsen, Minister for Business and Growth of Denmark, and his delegation.

From 31 May to 2 June, the 9th IP5 (between SIPO, the USPTO, the EPO, the JPO and KIPO) Heads Meeting was held in Tokyo, Japan.

On 3 June, SIPO circulated the spirit of the National Science and Technological Innovation Conference.

On 13 June, Commissioner Shen Changyu met with Johanne Bélisle, Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, and her delegation.

On 14 June, the 3rd High-Level IP Cooperation Consultative Meeting between SIPO and Guangdong Provincial People's Government and the inauguration conference of the project for building Guangdong into a leading province under the IP Powerhouse Strategy was held in Guangzhou.

On 16 June, SIPO and the Jiangsu Provincial People's Government held in Nanjing the signing ceremony for the High-Level IP Cooperation Consultative Meeting between SIPO and Jiangsu and the Inauguration Conference of the Project for building Jiangsu into a model province under the IP Powerhouse Strategy.

On 18 June, *the Work Plan on Deepening the Implementation of the National IP Strategy and Accelerating the Construction of an IP Powerhouse* was released.

From 21 to 22 June, the 6th Meeting of BRICS Heads of IP Offices was held in Moscow, Russia.

On 22 June, at the witness of Xi Jinping, President of China, and Islom Abdug'aniyevich Karimov, then President of Uzbekistan, *the Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Cooperation in the Field of Intellectual Property Protection* was officially signed in Toshkent, Capital of Uzbekistan. Commissioner Shen Changyu and Abdulaziz Komilov, the Uzbek Foreign Minister, represented their respective governments to ink the agreement.



The Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Cooperation in the Field of Intellectual Property Protection was signed in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

On 30 June, the preparation meeting for the special inspection on SIPO's Party Group by the 10th Central Disciplinary Inspection Group was held.

On 1 July, SIPO held an awarding ceremony at the 95th Anniversary of the Communist Party of China.

On 5 July, SIPO's Party Group held a special meeting to study President Xi Jinping's address at the CPC Anniversary.

On 8 July, the General Office of the State Council promulgated the plan for division of key assignments under *the Opinions of the State Council on Accelerating the Construction of an IP Powerhouse under the New Circumstances*.

On 11 July, *the Agreement on Cooperation for Promoting the Coordinated Development of Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei with IP* was signed and the cooperation and consultative mechanism between "one office (SIPO) and three regions (Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei)" was established to promote the coordinated development of the three regions with IP.

On 13 July, the State Council approved the pilot program for integrated reform on IP utilization and protection in the Sino-Singapore Guangzhou Knowledge City.

On 18 July, Commissioner Shen Changyu met with Francis Gurry, Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

On 19 July, the Heads of Intellectual Property Office Conference (HIPOC) for Countries in South Asia and Southeast Asia, Mongolia and Iran was held in Beijing.

On 21 July, the High-Level Conference on Intellectual Property for Countries along the “Belt and Road” was jointly organized by SIPO, the State Administration for Industry and Commerce, the National Copyright Office of China, the Ministry of Commerce, the Beijing Municipal People’s Government and the World Intellectual Property Organization in Beijing. State Councillor Wang Yong attended and spoke at the opening ceremony.

On 22 July, the Roundtable on Intellectual Property for Countries along the “Belt and Road” was held in Beijing.

On 3 August, the Seminar on Patent Quality was held.



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On 23 August, the Advanced Training Seminar for Heads of Nationwide IP Offices was held in Beijing.

On 24 August, SIPO's Party Group studied *the CPC Accountability Regulations*.

On 26 August, the 3rd China-UK Intellectual Property Symposium was held in Beijing.

On 6 September, the preparation meeting for the elections of the Committee and Discipline Committee of Direct Affiliated Party Organizations of SIPO and the Committee and Discipline Committee of the Party Organizations of the Patent Office of SIPO was held in Beijing. The 4th Trilateral Seminar on Intellectual Property between the State Intellectual Property Office of China, the Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property of Russia was held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

On 9 September, the 10th China International Patent Fair opened in Dalian.

On 19 September, the 7th Five Plan (2016—2020) for publicity of IP laws nationwide was released.



Xiao Xingwei, Member of SIPO's Party Group, Secretary of the Committee of Direct Affiliated Party Organizations of SIPO, chaired the preparation meeting for the elections of the Committee and Discipline Committee of Direct Affiliated Party Organizations of SIPO and the Committee and Discipline Committee of the Party Organizations of the Patent Office of SIPO.



Commissioner Shen led the Chinese delegation to participate in the 56th General Assembly and related meetings of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

From 19 to 20 September, the 7th Patent Information Annual Conference of China was held in Beijing.

On 22 September, the new round of cooperation consultative meeting between SIPO and Jiangxi Provincial People's Government and the promotional meeting for building a specialized region under the IP Powerhouse Strategy was held in Nanchang.

On 27 September, SIPO's Party Group held an enlarged meeting for theoretic studies on the series of important addresses of General Secretary Xi Jinping.

On 3 October, Commissioner Shen led the Chinese delegation to participate in the 56th General Assembly and related meetings of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

On 4 October, the 7th Meeting of BRICS Heads of IP Offices was held in Geneva, Switzerland.

On 11 October, SIPO's Party Group circulated the important address of General Secretary Xi Jinping at the Symposium for studying the Selected Works of Hu Jingtao.



On 13 October, the 10th Central Disciplinary Inspection Group provided feedback to SIPO's Party Group regarding the special inspection.

On 22 October, the China Patent Receiving and Preliminary Examination System were launched for trial run.

On 25 October, the WIPO distance education platform (Chinese) was launched in Beijing.

On 27 October, *the Directory of Patent-Intensive Industries in China (2016) (trial implementation)* and *the Report on Key Statistical Data on China's Patent-Intensive Industries (2015)* was released.

On 28 October, SIPO's Party Group circulated the spirit of the 6th Plenary Session of the 18th CPC Central Committee.

From 1 to 2 November, the ID5 (SIPO, the USPTO, the EUIPO, the JPO and KIPO) Annual Meeting was held in Beijing. The parties signed the 2016 ID5 Joint Statement.

On 8 November, the Asian High-Level Seminar on Intellectual Property Strategy and Policy was held in Beijing.

On 9 November, *the Guiding Opinions on Accelerating the Construction of Cities with Strong IP Competency* was published.

On 10 November, SIPO's Party Group held an enlarged meeting for theoretic studies on General Secretary Xi Jinping's important address at the convention commemorating the 80th anniversary of the victory of the Long March.

On 16 November, the cooperation consultative meeting and signing ceremony of the cooperation agreement between SIPO and the Shanghai Municipal People's Government was held in Shanghai.

On 17 November, the 13th Shanghai International Intellectual Property Forum was held in Shanghai.

From 17 to 18 November, Commissioner Shen Changyu held meetings respectively with heads of WIPO and IP offices of Poland and Chile.

From 21 to 27 November, the 10th China Patent Week was organized.

On 22 November, Commissioner Shen Changyu met with Saule Tievlessova, President of the Eurasian Patent Office.

From 24 to 25 November, the 5th Convention of Direct Affiliated Party Organizations of SIPO and the 4th Convention of the Party Organization of the Patent Office of SIPO were held.

On 28 November, Commissioner Shen Changyu attended the 1st Zijin International IP Summit in Nanjing and spoke at the opening ceremony.

On 29 November, *the Opinions on Stricter IP Protection* were published.

On 1 December, Commissioner Shen Changyu attended and spoke at the IP work meeting of Guangdong Province and the award ceremony for patent awards.



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On 5 December, chaired by General Secretary Xi Jinping, the 30th Meeting of the Central Leading Group for Comprehensively Deepening Reform adopted *the General Scheme for Experimental Reform on Integrated Intellectual Property Administration* along with other important documents.

On 8 December, the 22nd Heads Meeting between SIPO and KIPO (Korean Intellectual Property Office), the 23rd Heads Meeting between SIPO and the JPO (Japan Patent Office) and the 16th Trilateral Policy Dialogue among the JPO, KIPO and SIPO were held in Japan.

On 19 December, SIPO's Party Group circulated the spirit of the Central Economic Work Conference.

On 23 December, the Patent Quality Improvement Project was Launched. The 3rd National IP Expert Consultative Committee was established in Beijing.



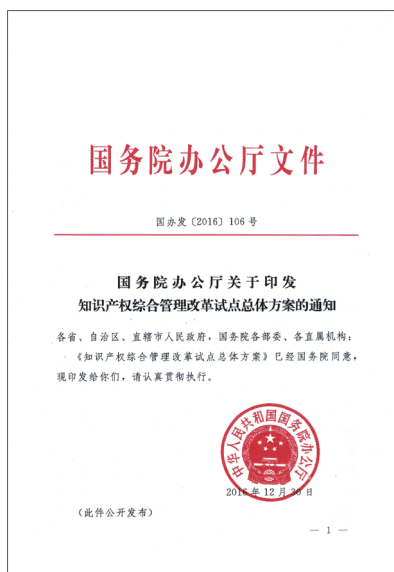
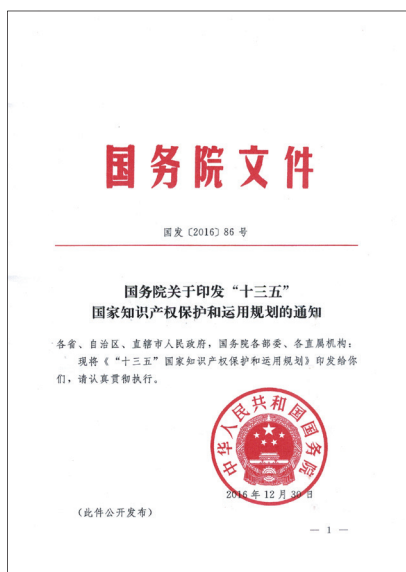
Preparation meeting for the implementation of the Patent Quality Improvement Project.



Award winners of the WIPO-SIPO Award for Chinese Outstanding Patented Invention and Industrial Design.

On 26 December, the Ceremony for the WIPO-SIPO Award for Chinese Outstanding Patented Invention and Industrial Design was held in Beijing.

On 30 December, the State Council published *the Intellectual Protection and Utilization Plan under the 13th Five Year Plan*. The General Affairs Office of the State Council published *the General Scheme for Experimental Reform on Integrated Intellectual Property Administration*.



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