



VII. Communications with HKSAR, MSAR and Taiwan, China

In 2016, the communications between SIPO and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), the Macau Special Administrative Region (MSAR) and Taiwan, China, in the field of IP were in more diverse forms, higher-level and achieved new effects.

1 Communications with the HKSAR and MSAR

SIPO took active steps to implement *the Cooperation Arrangement in the Area of Patent* signed with the Intellectual Property Department of the HKSAR and *the Cooperation Agreement* signed with the Macao Economic Services. The communications between the Mainland and the HKSAR, MSAR were promoted through various means including business exchanges and joint organization of conferences.



In October, Deputy Commissioner He Zhimin led a delegation to MSAR to attend the Mainland and the HKSAR, the MSAR Intellectual Property Symposium 2016, which further consolidated the cooperation between SIPO and the HKSAR or the MSAR in the IP field, deepened the personnel exchanges and communications and raised the level of cooperation to a new height.

In June, SIPO received the visit of a delegation from the IP Department of the HKSAR and carried out communications on patent examination with the delegation. In September, a SIPO delegation visited the HKSAR to conduct exchanges on patent-related issues. In December, a SIPO delegation was sent to Hong Kong to participate in the 6th Business of IP Asia Forum and exchange with the IP community of Hong Kong. A delegation from the PECC Guangdong was also sent to HKSAR and MSAR to participate in relevant conferences and activities.

In 2016, SIPO continued to provide support to the Macao Economic Services in relation to substantive examination of patents.

2 Communications with Taiwan, China

SIPO continued to steadily implement *the Cross-Strait IP Protection Cooperation Agreement*, and took active steps to carry out relevant work, so as to facilitate cross-strait economic development and effectively safeguard the legal interests of Chinese people in the Mainland and Taiwan, China.

In December, Assistant Commissioner Xu Cong led a delegation to participate in the Patent Forum for Both Sides of the Taiwan Strait and for the first time invited mainland industry representatives to speak on the forum. This enhanced the people-to-people exchanges and provided a good platform for communications between the patent communities and industrial communities of the Mainland and Taiwan, China.

In March, 4 delegates in the field of IP from Taiwan, China visited SIPO. In May, SIPO organized a delegation to visit Taipei and carry out exchanges on patent examination cases.

