

I. Major Events in 2015

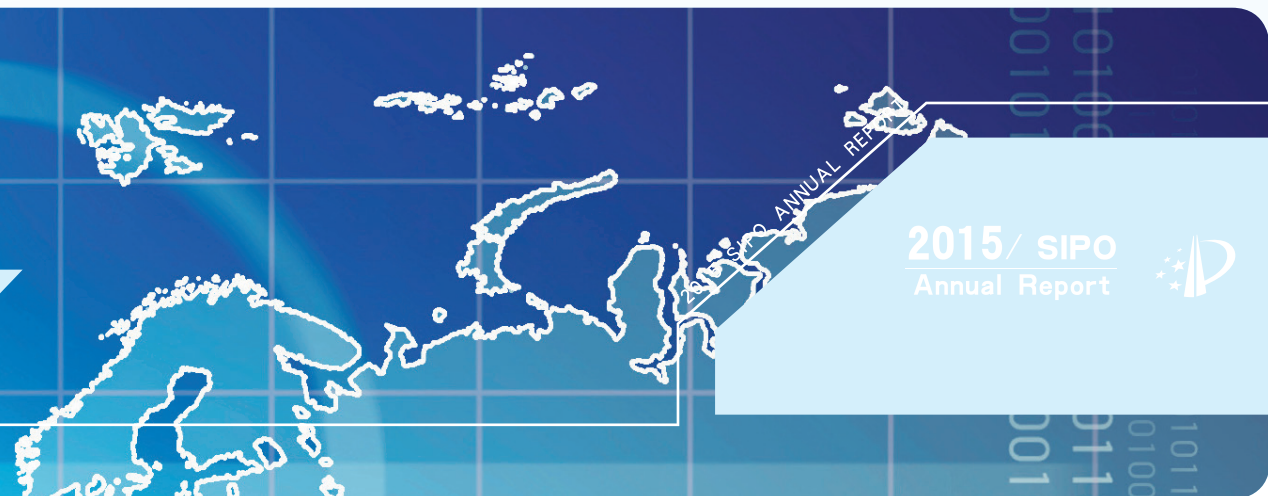


National Conference of Heads of Nationwide IP Offices.

On January 12, the Symposium on the Commemoration of the 35th Anniversary of the Establishment of SIPO was held in Beijing.

On January 15, the National Conference of Heads of Nationwide Intellectual Property Offices was held in Beijing. The heads of local IP offices nationwide attended the meeting.

On February 13, the Conference on the Establishment of National Technical Committee on Knowledge Management Standardization was held in Beijing.



On March 12, the signing ceremony of *Cooperation Protocol of the Second Round of Consultation between Chinese Academy of Sciences and SIPO* was held in Beijing.

On March 17, the signing ceremony of the Cooperation Protocol on Strategic Cooperation between the State Intellectual Property Office and the State Administration of Science Technology and Industry for National Defense was held in Beijing.

From March 19 to 20, the 13th IP5 Deputy Heads Meeting was held in Beijing.

On March 23, the State Council issued *the Several Opinions on Deepening the Reform of Institutions and Mechanisms to Accelerate the Implementation of Innovation-Driven Development Strategy*.

On March 24, *Measures on Management of Patent Commissioning (Draft)* was published to solicit public comments.

On April 1, *the Draft Amendment of the Patent Law of People's Republic of China (Draft for Soliciting Opinions)* was published to call for public comments.

On April 2, *the Draft of Regulations on Service Inventions (Draft for Deliberation)* was published to call for public opinions.

On April 14, the Trilateral Talks among SIPO, the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) and Guangdong Provincial People's Government, as well as the signing ceremony of Agreed Minutes between SIPO and IPOS was held in Guangzhou. The 2015 annual consultation meeting of the 2nd round of high level strategic cooperation on intellectual property between SIPO and Guangdong Provincial People's Government was held on the same day.

From April 20 to 26, National IPR Publicity Week activities were organized.

On April 26, the Open Day was held at SIPO. On the same day, *the Report of Patent Strength in 2014* was released.

On April 27, the Patent Search and Service System of seven new languages, including Russian, Spanish, Portuguese, German, Arabic, Japanese and French started running on line.

On April 28, the 2015 Mainland, Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR Intellectual Property Symposium was held in Zhongshan, Guangdong.

On May 18, new multi-national invention patent examination information inquiry service within the Chinese and multi-national patent examination information search was formally launched.

On May 20, the Hohhot Branch Office of SIPO for Patent Affairs formally opened.

On May 20, the 14th IP5 Deputy Heads Meeting was held in Suzhou.

On May 21, the 4th IP5 Heads and Industry Meeting was held in Suzhou, Jiangsu Province.

On May 22, the 8th IP5 Heads Meeting was held in Suzhou. *The Joint Statement of the IP5 offices* was signed during the meeting.

On May 22, the Cloud Patent Examination System (CPES) was formally launched.

On June 2, the 6th Heads Meeting of CIPTC, INPIT and IIPIT was held in Beijing.

From June 10 to 11, the 4th Session of the Meeting among Heads of BRICS IP Offices was held in Brazil and a coordination team was established.

On July 1, the revised *Measures on Patent Administration Enforcement* entered into effect.

On July 9, the High-level Seminar for Commissioners of Local Intellectual Property Offices was held in Beijing.

On July 16, the signing ceremony of Agreed Minutes on Intellectual Property Cooperation between SIPO and People's Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, as well as the 1st Consultation Meeting was held in Nanning, Guangxi.

On July 21, the Workshop on the Macro Management of SIPO was held in Beijing.

On July 27, the 6th China-ASEAN Heads of Intellectual Property Offices Meeting was held in Beijing.

On August 21, the Conference on National IPR Talents Work was held in Xining, Qinghai.

On August 28, the 3rd Intellectual Property Symposium between SIPO, IPOM and Rospatent was held in Beijing.

On September 7, SIPO, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security, All-China Federation of Trade Unions and Central Communist Youth League jointly issued *Opinions on Further Strengthening the Exploitation and Protection of Intellectual Property to Promote Innovation and Entrepreneurship*.

On September 8, Commissioner Shen Changyu met with WIPO Director General Francis Gurry in Beijing.

On September 10, the Intellectual Property Session of Summer Davos Forum was held in Dalian.

On September 15, the Patent Information Annual Conference of China 2015 was held in Beijing.

On September 17, the Advanced Seminar on Expert Advisory Committee of SIPO was held in Beijing.

On September 22, the 8th Cross-strait Patent Forum was held in Guangzhou.



Chinese government delegation participated in the 55th Series of General Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

From October 5 to 7, Commissioner Shen Changyu headed the delegation to attend the 55th Series of General Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, as well as the 5th session of the Meeting among Heads of BRICS IP Offices.

On October 8, the 28th Joint Committee Meeting on Patents between SIPO and INPI was held in Lyon, France.

On October 9, the Symposium of the 30th Anniversary of SIPO-EPO Cooperation was held in Lyon, France.

On October 21, *the Work Plan for Accelerating the Construction of Province with Strong IP Competence (for trial implementation)* was released.

From November 5 to 6, State Councilor Wang Yong visited Jiangsu Province to conduct research on IP work.

From November 7 to 8, 2015 National Patent Agent Qualification Exam was held in computerized way for the first time.

On November 16, the 21st SIPO-KIPO Heads Meeting and the 22nd SIPO-JPO Heads Meeting were held in Guangzhou.

On November 17, the 15th Trilateral Policy Dialogue Meeting between SIPO, JPO and KIPO was held in Guangzhou.

On November 26, State Councilor Wang Yong met with the President of EPO.

On November 27, the 9th Meeting of the Heads of SIPO and EPO was held in Beijing.

On November 30, the 9th China Patent Week was held.

On December 2, the *Draft Amendment to the Patent Law of People's Republic of China (Draft for Deliberation)* was published to collect public opinions.

On December 9, on the State Council executive meeting, it was decided to take measures on the reform and improvement of intellectual property system to protect and motivate mass entrepreneurship and innovation.

On December 15, the 17th Awarding Ceremony for the Chinese Outstanding Patents was held in Beijing.

On December 17, State Intellectual Property Pilot Platform of Civil-military Integration was unveiled in Xi'an, Shaanxi Province.



The 17th Ceremony for the WIPO-SIPO Award for Chinese Outstanding Patented Invention and Industrial Design.

On December 18, State Council issued *the Opinions on Accelerating the Construction of China with Strong Intellectual Property Competence under the New Situation*.

On December 24, Party Leadership Group of SIPO conveyed the Spirit of Central Economic Work Conference and the Central Urban Work Conference, and studied *the Opinions on Accelerating the Construction of Country with Strong Intellectual Property Competence under the New Situation*.