

VII. Exchanges with Hong Kong SAR, Macao SAR and Taiwan, China

In 2015, IP cooperation with Hong Kong SAR, Macao SAR and Taiwan, China made new achievement, with richer contents and constantly upgraded levels of cooperation.

1. Exchanges with Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR

SIPO Actively promoted the implementation of *the Cooperation Agreement in the Field of Patent* signed with Intellectual Property Office of Hong Kong SAR and *the Agreement of Intellectual Property* signed with Macao Economic Office, enhancing communication and exchanges over IP issues with Hong Kong and Macao through high-level visits, exchanges over specific work and joint conferences.

In December, Commissioner Shen Changyu led a delegation to participate in the 5th Business of IP Asia Forum in Hong Kong, and exchanged views with the officials of the SAR government and relevant IP department. In January, Deputy Commissioner He Zhimin met with Mr. Yung Wai Hung, Permanent Secretary of Commerce and Economic Development Bureau of the Government of Hong Kong SAR. In April, Deputy Commissioner He Hua met with the delegation of Hong Kong Bar Association. In June, Deputy Commissioner Gan Shaoning met with Ada K.L.Leung, the Director of Intellectual Property Office of Hong Kong SAR.



In March and October, SIPO sent delegations to Macao and Hong Kong respectively for work exchanges. In April, IP seminar among Mainland and Hong Kong SAR, Macao SAR was held in Zhongshan, Guangzhou.

In 2015, SIPO continued to provide assistance for the Economic Bureau of Macao SAR in patent substantial examination.



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2. Exchanges with Taiwan, China

SIPO further implemented the *Cross-Strait IP Protection Cooperation Agreement* with steady steps, actively and effectively brought forward relevant work to stimulate cross-strait economic development with IP exchanges, and effectively protected the IP right of the right holders on both sides.

In May, SIPO received 3 batches of patent examiners from Taiwan Intellectual Property Office to make exchanges on examination practice. In June, SIPO sent a delegation to Taiwan, China to participate in the 6th Cross-Strait Patent Working Group Meeting. In September, the 8th Cross-Strait Patent Forum was held in Guangzhou.



