



HIGHLIGHTS

On January 26, the State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) issued the Decision on Granting the 10th Chinese Patent Award, honoring 15 patents with Chinese Patent Gold Medal and 144 patents with Chinese Patent Award of Excellence.

On February 4, SIPO issued the Special Campaign for the IPR Enforcement of Thunderstorm and Skynet, making a decisive move on IPR enforcement.

From March 3 to 8, SIPO, together with National Copyright Administration of China (NCAC) and State Administration for Industry and Commerce (SAIC), attended the inaugural session of the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP) under the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) at the organization's headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

On March 21, the State Council issued Circular of the State Council on Organizational Structure of Coordinating Agencies, disbanding the Leading Group of the Formulation of the National Intellectual Property Strategy and National Working Group of Intellectual Property Protection and shifting their duties to SIPO.

In March and October, Chinese delegation composed of SIPO, NCAC, Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations and its Organizations in Geneva attended the 12th and 13th sessions of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC).

On April 9, the State Council reviewed and approved in principle the Outline of the National Intellectual Property Strategy in an executive meeting.

From April 15 to 17, SIPO, using the Asia Regional Cooperation Fund sponsored by the Chinese government, organized Senior Seminar on Asia

Regional Intellectual Property System in Beijing.

On April 18, SIPO and the Organizing Committee of the Chongqing High Tech Trade Fair jointly organized the International Seminar on IP Strategy and Corporate Competitiveness in Chongqing.

On April 26, in the days before and after the eighth World IP Day, SIPO organized a series of activities and celebrations: organizing 2007 Press Conference on China IP Protection, jointly with the State Council Information



Roundtable on IP and 30th Anniversary of Reform and Opening-up.



On April 25, SIPO held an IP open-house day.

Office, SAIC and NCAC; organizing 2008 Press Conference on IP Protection Publicity Week, jointly with 18 members of its organizing committee; organizing the first roving exhibition of excellent paintings or calligraphy on IP culture by a hundred celebrated Chinese artists; participating in Shanghai IP Protection Summit Forum and IP Criminal Protection Forum; conducting SIPO open day; organizing patent information press release and press conference on patented technology marketing; and Roundtable on IP and 30th Anniversary of Reform and Opening-up, jointly with SAIC and NCAC.

From April 30 to May 12, SIPO led a delegation to attend the Paris International Inventions Exposition in Paris, France.

From May 8 to 9, SIPO and WIPO jointly organized the Second Symposium for Heads of Intellectual Property Academies, with the assistance of the China Intellectual Property Training Center (CIPTC) in Beijing.

On May 12, after the great earthquake of 8.0 Richter scale in Wenchuan, Sichuan, SIPO responded swiftly with active measures to join rescue and relief. During the difficult times, WIPO, Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (OHIM), Italian Patent and Trademark Office, Intellectual Property Organization of Pakistan, International Association for the Protection

of Intellectual Property (AIPPI) Japan sent their support letters or donations, bringing their deep condolences to the people suffering from the devastating earthquake in Sichuan.

From May 13 to 14, SIPO led a delegation to attend the WIPO Coordination Committee meeting, during which Francis Gurry was elected as new Director General of WIPO.

From May 19 to 23, SIPO attended Deputy Heads Meeting of SIPO, United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), European Patent Office (EPO), Japan Patent Office (JPO) and Korea Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) (IP5) held in the US.

On May 21, SIPO, Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) and Beijing Municipal Government jointly organized the 11th China (Beijing) International Science and Technology Exposition.

From May 25 to 26, SIPO and the Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia jointly organized the China-Mongolia Intellectual Property Enforcement



China–Mongolia IP Enforcement Seminar.

Seminar in Nanjing, during which the photo exhibition titled Mongolia: A Country of Dream was also held.

On June 5, the State Council released the Outline of the National Intellectual Property Strategy, which qualified as one of the nation's most important strategies on development.

From June 16 to 20, SIPO, African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) and WIPO jointly organized Workshop for Heads of Intellectual Property Offices at the CIPTC.



Workshop for Heads of Intellectual Property Offices co-organized by SIPO, ARIPO and WIPO.

On June 30, SIPO and China Ministry of Railway signed an agreement on IP strategy cooperation framework, formally initiating the nation's first pilot industry IP strategy.

On July 11, General Office of the State Council of China issued Regulations on Main Missions, Internal Structure and Staffing of SIPO, according to which SIPO was assigned with competencies in coordinating IPR protection



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throughout the nation and organizing the implementation of the National IP Strategy. A department with the name of Protection and Coordination Department was set up. The International Cooperation Department was also recognized as office for patent and other IPR issues in Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan. The former Coordination & Administration Department was renamed as Patent Administration Department.

On July 16, SIPO, with the assistance of Beijing Intellectual Property Office, organized Forum on Protection of Olympic IPRs in Beijing.

The July/August edition of British magazine *Managing Intellectual Property* selected Commissioner Tian Lipu as one of the top 50 most influential persons in world IP society for 2008.

On September 3, SIPO, Liaoning Provincial Government and China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT), with the assistance of



Opening ceremony of 2008 China International Patent Fair.

Dalian Municipal Government and Liaoning Intellectual Property Office, jointly organized 2008 China International Patented Technology and Product Fair in Dalian.

On September 16, SIPO, EPO, OHIM and Chongqing Municipal Government jointly organized the International Seminar on European IP System-Design and Patent in Chongqing.



On December 5, Commissioner Tian Lipu visited EPO.

On September 19, the Fifth China International Patent and Famous Brand Exposition and the First China (Shunde) International Industrial Design Creation Exposition were opened in Shunde Exhibition Center.

From September 22 to 30, Commissioner Tian Lipu headed Chinese delegation to attend the 45th Series of Meetings of the Assembly of the Member States of WIPO and met WIPO's newly elected Director General Francis Gurry during the meetings.



Chinese delegation met WIPO Director General Francis Gurry (M) during the WIPO Assembly. Commissioner Tian Lipu (L2), SAIC Vice Minister Fu Shuangjian (L1), NCAC Vice Minister Yan Xiaohong (R2), HKIPD Director Stephen Selby (R1).

On October 1, the revised Implementation Measures of Patent Agent Qualification Examination and Patent Agent Qualification Examination Rules came into force.

On October 9, the State Council approved SIPO's Request for Establishing the Mechanism of Inter-ministerial Joint Meetings for the Implementation of the National IP Strategy, agreed SIPO to chair the mechanism. Commissioner Tian Lipu will coordinate senior officials from 28 central agencies. A secretariat, stationed in SIPO, takes charge of the daily operation of the joint meetings.

On October 12, the Seventh Cross-Straits IP Academic Seminar was held in Shenzhen.

On October 25, Heads Meeting of SIPO and USPTO was held in Beijing and

a Cooperation Understanding of Memorandum between the two offices was signed during the meeting.

From October 27 to 28, Commissioner Tian Lipu attended 2nd Heads Meeting of IP5 in Korea. Record of Discussion reflecting the consensus of IP5 was formed.



SIPO and USPTO signed a Cooperation Memorandum of Understanding.



IP5 heads at the Second Heads Meeting.

On October 28, SIPO, MOST, Ministry of Education, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China Association of Science and Technology (CAST), World Technoplis Association (WTA) and Anhui Provincial Government jointly organized 2008 China (Hefei) Conference on Interfacing Innovation Elements in Hefei. Some 150 Fortune 500 companies attended the Conference.

On November 1, 2008 National Patent Agent Qualification Examination was held in 12 cities with 5,492 participants.

From November 1 to 7, at the invitation of the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI), SIPO sent a delegation to attend Conference Internationale Sur La Propriete Intellectuelle Et Le Developpement Economique Et Social Des Etats Membres De L'OAPI held in Dakar, Senegal. SIPO signed an IP cooperation agreement with OAPI during the conference.

From November 3 to 4, SIPO and State Food and Drug Administration (SFDA) jointly organized the International Forum on Patent Protection and Public Health – Innovation on Drugs and Accessibility to Drugs.

On November 4, SIPO and EPO jointly organized the International Seminar on Automatic Machine Translation in Beijing.

On November 5, SIPO published the draft Implementing Regulations of the



Deputy Commissioner He Hua signed a cooperation agreement with OAPI Director General Paulin EDOU EDOU.

Patent Law (Draft for Soliciting Opinions) on its website, soliciting written comments from central and local agencies as well as experts and scholars.

On November 6, SIPO and Shanghai Municipal Government jointly organized the Sixth Shanghai International IP Forum for 2008. Commissioner Tian Lipu delivered a keynote speech at the Forum.

On November 8, SIPO, MOST and Jiangsu Provincial Government jointly organized the Sixth China (Wuxi) International Industrial Design Exposition and 2008 Innovation Gala in Wuxi.

On November 18, SIPO held the Roundtable for Foreign Companies and Its Organizations in China on IP Protection in Chongqing.

From November 18 to 22, SIPO and Jiangxi Provincial Government jointly organized the national opening ceremony of the Second China Patent Week, China Patent Achievements Exposition Celebrating 30th Anniversary of Reform and Opening-up and Jiangxi Scientific and Technological Innovation and IP Achievements Exposition in Nanchang. Central agencies such as National Development and Reform Commission and 26 provincial and municipal governments were joint sponsors of this event. On the same day, SIPO sent a delegation to participate in the first Cross-Straits Patent Forum in Yilan, Taiwan Province.



Commissioner Tian Lipu delivered a keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the Sixth Shanghai International IP Forum.



Commissioner Tian Lipu unveiled the plaque for Wuxi (National) Industrial Design Park.



China Patent Achievements Exposition Celebrating 30th Anniversary of Reform and Opening-up.

On November 25, SIPO, Hong Kong Intellectual Property Department, and Macao Economic Bureau jointly organized 2008 Mainland, Hong Kong and Macao Intellectual Property Seminar in Hong Kong.

On November 26, SIPO organized China Intellectual Property Development Forum Celebrating 30th Anniversary of Reform and Opening-up in Beijing. On the same day, SIPO and Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS)



Speakers of Mainland, Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR Intellectual Property Symposium 2008.



China Intellectual Property Development Forum Celebrating 30th Anniversary of Reform and Opening-up.

jointly organized the Third China-Singapore Intellectual Property Conference in Singapore. On the same day, a SIPO delegation attended WIPO Inter-regional Forum on the Role of Intellectual Property in the Innovative Economy.

From December 1 to 6, SIPO sent a delegation composed of newly appointed heads of local IP offices to visit WIPO and attended the High-level Seminar for Heads of Intellectual Property Offices from China organized by the WIPO Worldwide Academy.

From December 2 to 6, Commissioner Tian Lipu visited Germany and attended the second Heads Meeting of SIPO and EPO.

On December 4, Technical University of Munich awarded Commissioner Tian Lipu with an honorary doctorate in Germany Patent and Trademark Office in Munich, Germany.

On December 8, Commissioner Tian Lipu attended the 15th Heads Meeting



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of SIPO and JPO and 30th anniversary of IP Cooperation between China and Japan in Tokyo.

On December 12, General Office of the State Council issued Circular on the Issuing of Task Partitioning for the Implementation of the Outline of the National IP Strategy.

On December 16, SIPO sent a delegation to visit the Mexican Industrial Property Office for its 15th anniversary celebration and the Cuban Industrial Property Office for discussion of future cooperation.



SIPO–JPO Commissioners at the 15th Heads Meeting of SIPO and JPO.



Deputy Commissioner Xing Shengcai and Cuban Industrial Property Office Director General María de los Angeles Sánchez Torres.

From December 16 to 17, SIPO, EPO and Sichuan Provincial Government jointly organized the International Seminar on Traditional Medicine in Chengdu.

From December 17 to 19, SIPO organized the National Working Conference on Enforcement of Local IP Offices and the Second IP Enforcement Forum in Haikou.

From December 18 to 30, A 30-year History: Exhibition on China's Opening-up, sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce of China, International Communication Office of Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, Party Literature Research Centre of Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and Xinhua News Agency with the assistance of thirty organizations including Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology and SIPO, was held in Beijing. Wang Qishan, Vice-Premier of the People's Republic of China, inaugurated at the opening ceremony. A special Exhibition on the Opening-up of China's Intellectual Property Rights Industry was held during the Exhibition.

On December 19, SIPO held a first publication ceremony for IP and 30th Anniversary of Reform and Opening-up and a Roundtable in Commemorating the event. On the same day, Commissioner Tian Lipu and Ma Li, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of *People's Daily*, jointly launched the IP Channel of people.com.cn,



A 30-year History: Exhibition on China's Opening-up.



The Opening-up of China's Intellectual Property Rights Industry.



Commissioner Tian Lipu attended the launching ceremony of the book IP and 30th Anniversary of Reform and Opening-up and a relevant roundtable.

which was designed with the joint efforts of the two organizations.

On December 23, SIPO sent a delegation to Vietnam to attend the China-Vietnam IP Seminar jointly organized by the IP offices of the two countries.

On December 27, the Sixth Session of Standing Committee of the 11th National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China adopted the

Decision of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress on Amending the Patent Law of the People's Republic of China, which was released under Order of the President of the People's Republic of China (No.8) signed by Chinese President Hu Jintao. The amended Patent Law shall come into force as from October 1, 2009.



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The Sixth Session of Standing Committee of the 11th National People's Congress approved the Patent Law of the People's Republic of China.