

March 21, 16 central government agencies including SIPO, Ministry of Science and Technology, State Traditional Chinese Medicine Administration, State Food and Drug Administration released the Development Plan for Innovation of Traditional Chinese Medicine (2006–2020) at a press conference in Beijing.



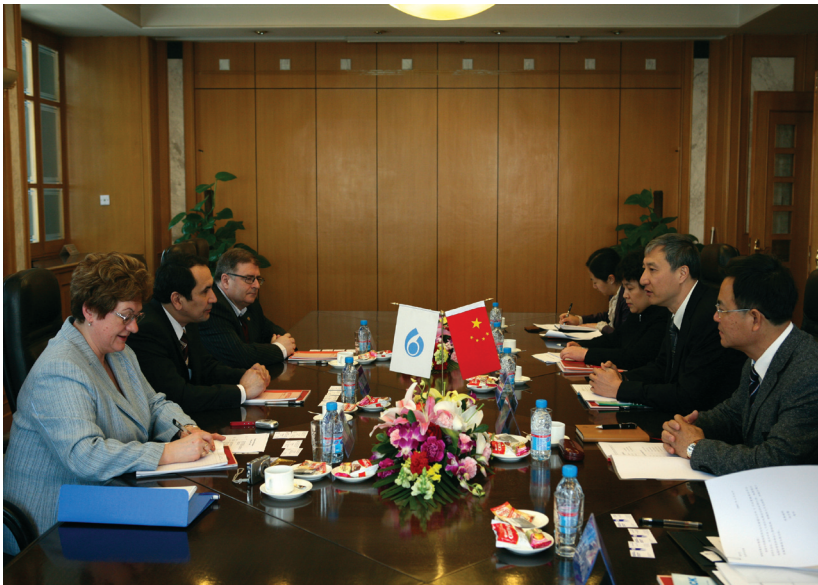
March 29, Commissioner Tian Lipu discussed future cooperation with Director Jon Dudas of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in the second meeting between the heads of the two offices.

April 2, Instructions on Strengthening Intellectual Property Protection and Administrative Enforcement was distributed, setting out the key areas for intellectual property protection and urging enforcement intensity.

April 2 to 26, SIPO held a series of IP public education events, including IP-themed signing contest, joint press conference on intellectual property protection in China with the State Administration for Industry and Commerce and the National Copyright Administration and IP Week. Tian Lipu, Lin Binghui, Li Yuguang, Xing Shengcai, He Hua and Yang Tiejun attended.

April 6, Wu Yi, State Council Vice Premier and Leader of the State Leading Group for Rectifying and Standardization of Market Economic Order, State Intellectual Property Protection Working Group presided the sixth plenary session of the two groups. The session summarized work in 2006 and announced the major contents of the Action Plan for the Intellectual Property Protection in China 2007, which was approved by the State Council.

April 9, SIPO released the State Guideline for IPR Education and Training.



April 9, Commissioner Tian Lipu and Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang discussed cooperation issues with Khabibullo Fayazov, Vice President of the Eurasian Patent Office.

April 20, SIPO and Chengdu government jointly organized an international forum on IPR and software industry in Chengdu.

April 23, General Office of the State Council issued a circular listing the major tasks for works in rectifying and standardization of market economic order, including protecting IPR with authority.

April 26, WIPO Director General Dr. Kamil Idris announced the seventh World IP Day, " All countries and organizations celebrate World IP Day with WIPO. Our theme this year is Encourage Innovation."



April 24, State Council Vice Premier Wu Yi delivered a keynote speech at the Intellectual Property Protection Summit 2007, Protect IPR and Competitiveness of Companies. WIPO Director General Dr. Kamil Idris sent his congratulation to the event on the same day.

May 1, as a PCT receiving office, SIPO began taking PCT-SAFE fully electronic mode applications.

May 29, SIPO and Anhui government jointly organized China (Huaibei) Patented Technology Promotion Fair 2007. Deputy Commissioner He Hua and Anhui Vice Governor Tian Weiqian unveiled the plaque for the State Patented Technology (Huaibei) Exhibition and Trade Center.

May 29 to January 29, 2008, SIPO sent examiners to the USPTO for training of new examiners. This was the first group of SIPO examiners trained under the SIPO-USPTO strategic cooperation work plan signed in 2006, marking a landmark for the cooperation between the two offices.





April 26, Deputy Commissioner Lin Binghui presided dialogue with companies, an open-house event.



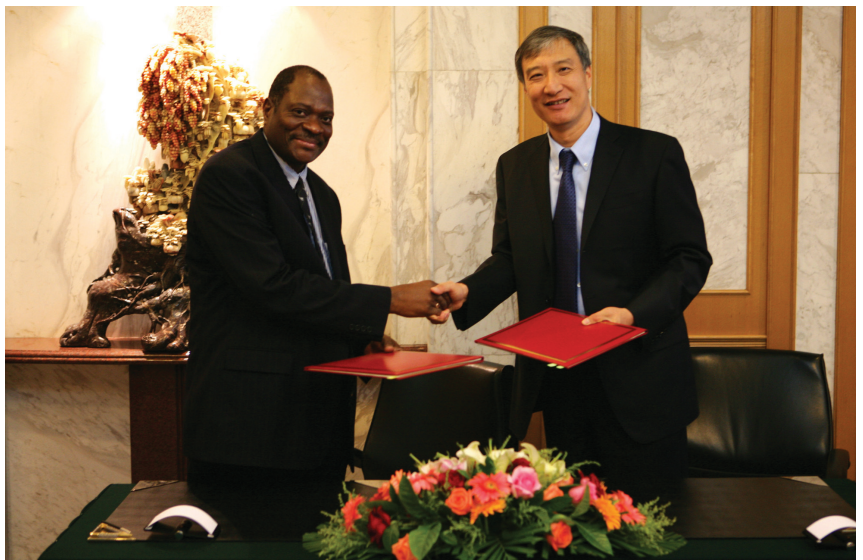
April 26, Chinese and foreign friends toured in the exhibition of Chinese patent achievements on the SIPO open-house day.





June 19, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with WTO Director General Pascal Lamy.

June 29, in a tele-conference, Commissioner Tian Lipu concluded an agreement with EPO President Alain Pompidou on the two offices' formal formation of strategic partnership, marking the cooperation entering a strategic cooperation phase.



July 4, Commissioner Tian Lipu signed a cooperation agreement with Director General of African Regional Intellectual Property Office (ARIPO) Gift Sibanda.



August 20, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with Director Tran Viet Hung of the Viet Nam National Intellectual Property Office on further implementation of the bilateral cooperation plan.

September, Commissioner Tian Lipu was voted by UK magazine *Managing IP* in the 50 IP People of 2007.

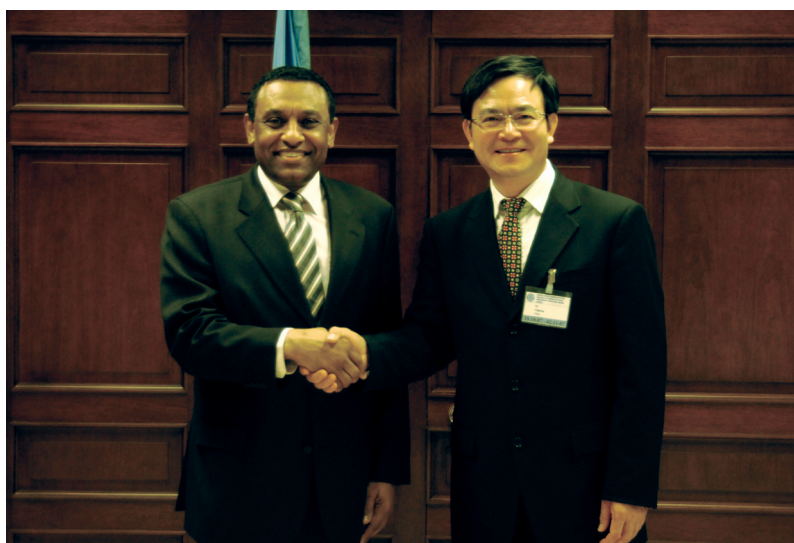
October 23 to 26, SIPO, Hong Kong SAR Intellectual Property Department and Macao SAR Economic Services jointly organized the Eighth (2007) Mainland, Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR Intellectual Property



September 20, Commissioner Tian Lipu discussed with Mary Carman, new Commissioner of the Canadian Intellectual Property Office on future cooperation framework of the two offices and shared comments on international IPR issues of common concern.



October 27, Commissioner Tian Lipu and German Patent and Trademark Office (GPTO) President Juergen Schade signed a bilateral agreement on partnership towards the future.



October 31, Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang led heads of IP offices from Eastern China to WIPO and met with WIPO Director General Dr. Kamil Idris.



Symposium in Macao. Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang attended.

November 3 to 4, Patent Bar Exam 2007 was held in 11 cities. It was the ninth such exam organized by SIPO since 1992.

November 8, SIPO released a guideline on conducting assistance to IPR right enforcement to formally start this work. At the same day, SIPO, Ministry of Science and Technology, China Academy of Engineering and Zhejiang government jointly organized 2007 China Zhejiang Online Technology Market Week and Hangzhou High Tech Trade Fair in Hangzhou. Energy saving and low emission were the themes.

November 14, Commissioner Tian Lipu exchanged opinions on patent law amendment, IPR protection and other issues of common concern with David O'Sullivan, DG Trade and Serge Abou, EU Ambassador in China.

November 16 to 20, SIPO held the first China Patent Week in 24 provinces simultaneously.



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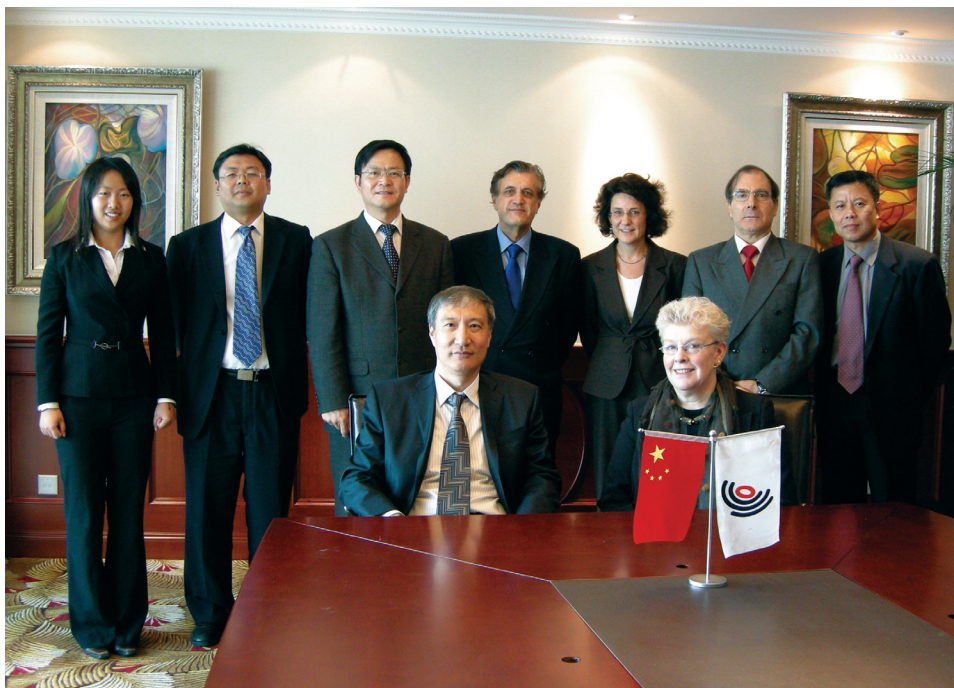


November 22, Deputy Commissioner Zhang Qin visited the Ninth China International High-Tech Achievements Trade Fair, jointly organized by SIPO, 10 other ministries and Shenzhen government.



November 26, Commissioner Tian Lipu held the annual meeting with IP Australia Director Ian Heath, discussing further cooperative steps and sharing comments on the development trend of international patent system.

November 28, Ministry of Science and Technology, SIPO, Ministry of Health, State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Food and Drug Administration and the World Health Organization jointly organized a conference on international science and technology cooperation in traditional Chinese medicine. Vice Premier Wu Yi stressed protection of traditional Chinese medicine. The conference passed a Beijing Declaration on international science and technology cooperation in traditional Chinese medicine.



November 30, EPO new president Alison Brimelow joined Commissioner Tian Lipu in Shanghai and attended the first meeting between the heads of the two offices under the framework of strategic partnership.





December 3 to 5, SIPO and WIPO jointly organized PCT International Conference in Beijing.

December 10, the Seventh Trilateral Policy Dialogue Meeting among the Commissioners of SIPO, JPO and KIPO was held in Tokyo, Japan. A road map on mutual use of search and examination results to lessen workload was concluded in a meeting memo.



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