

# COMMUNICATION WITH TAIWAN, HONG KONG SAR AND MACAO SAR

In 2008, SIPO expanded communication with Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR, strengthened the cooperation of the three on IP issues and intensified mutual understanding and communication.

In February and November, in an effort to implement cooperative projects, SIPO and Hong Kong Intellectual Property Department (HKIPD) sent officials to each other for communication in patent examination procedure, patent law amendment, e-filing, IP publicity, enforcement and protection.

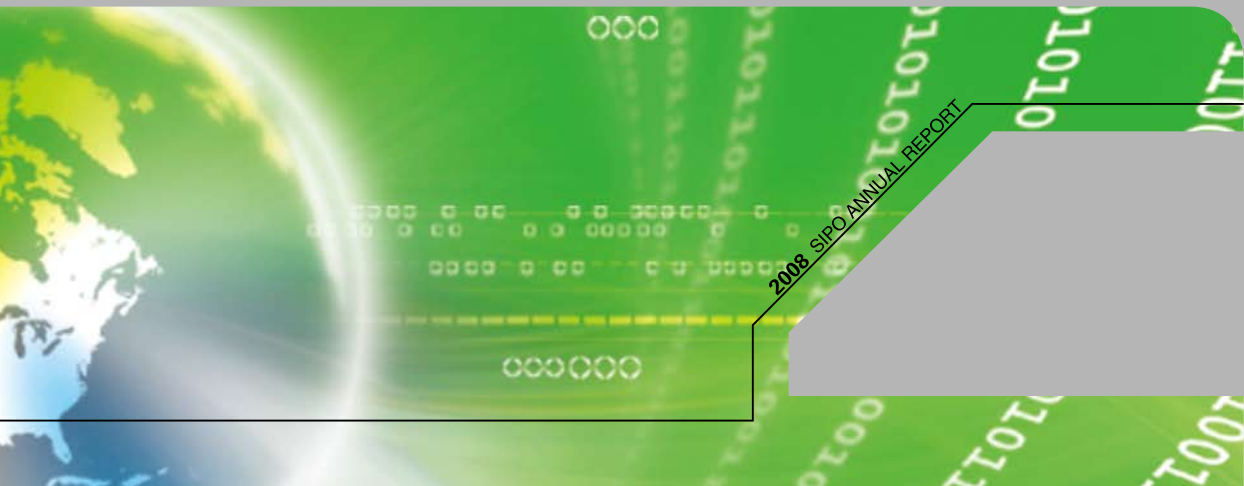
In September, Deputy Commissioner Yang Tiejun met the visiting Hong Kong Commerce and Economic Development Bureau Secretary Rita Lau Ng Wai-lan, updating each other on latest developments.

From November 24 to 28, SIPO joined HKIPD, and Macao Economic Bureau to hold the ninth Mainland, Hong Kong and Macao Intellectual Property Seminar in Hong Kong. Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang led the mainland delegation to the Seminar.

From December 10 to 12, Commissioner Tian Lipu visited Hong Kong to



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Commissioner Tian Lipu visited Hong Kong to deliver a keynote speech on the Outline of the National IP Strategy.

participate in an IP strategy introduction conference jointly organized by HKIPD and Guangdong IP Office, delivering a keynote speech on the Outline of the National IP Strategy. During his stay in Hong Kong, Commissioner Tian also met Hong Kong Commerce and Economic Development Bureau Secretary Rita Lau Ng Wai-lan and was interviewed by *Managing IP's* reporter in the Asia region. He also visited China Patent Agent (Hong Kong) LTD. and attended the Business of Design Week (BODW) 2008 and Hong Kong Inno Design Tech Expo (IDT Expo).

From November 15 to 20, Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang headed a delegation to Taiwan and attended the first Cross-Straits Patent Forum co-organized by All-China Patent Agents Association and Taiwan Industrial Association.

From November 30 to December 7, Deputy Commissioner Zhang Qin headed members of the China Intellectual Property Society to visit Taiwan.