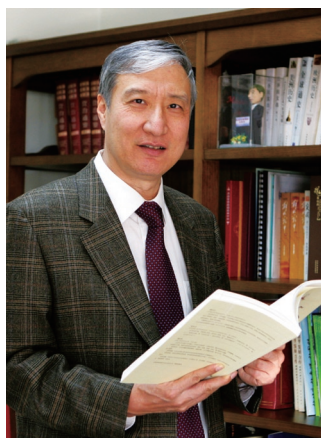


Message from the Commissioner



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Intellectual property development in China has experienced progressive enhancement in 2010, the last year of the 11th Five-year Plan.

The implementation of the National Intellectual Property Strategy made a smooth progress. The State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) held the second plenary session of the Interdepartmental Joint Meeting on the Implementation of the National Intellectual Property Strategy in Beijing, printed and distributed the Promotion Plan for Implementation of the National Intellectual Property Strategy 2010, and formulated, printed and distributed the China's Action Plan on Intellectual Property Protection 2010. SIPO printed and distributed the Interim Provisions on the Intellectual Property Management for National Significant Scientific and Technological Projects and the Several Opinions on Guiding the Promotion of the Industrial Design Development in collaboration with relevant authorities, jointly drafted, or participated in drafting, the Special Campaign against Intellectual Property Infringements, and the Production and Sales of Counterfeited and Forged Commodities, the Tasks Assignment Plan on Carrying Out the Policy Measures for Development of the Semiconductor Lighting Industry, the Instructive Opinions on Promoting the Overseas Development of Strategic Emerging Industries, the Several Opinions on Accelerating the National Significant Scientific and Technological Projects, and other policies, regulations and normative documents together with relevant authorities. SIPO printed and distributed the 2010 Plan of the State Intellectual Property Office for the Implementation of the



Intellectual Property Strategy and the Several Opinions on Strengthening the Work of Local Implementation of the Intellectual Property Strategy. SIPO organized the implementation of the Intellectual Property Promotion Program for the Old Industrial Bases in the Northeast Region and the Intellectual Property Promotion Program for Regional Economies, and held three intellectual property protection symposiums attended by the enterprises or institutions at home and abroad. SIPO also formulated and published the National Patent Development Strategy 2011-2020, establishing the development objective, strategic key areas and supporting measures for China's patent development.

Relevant laws, regulations and the patent agency management system were continuously improved. The revision of the Regulations on Patent Commissioning was included in the legislation plan of the State Council in 2010. The Transitional Measures on Implementing the Amended Implementing Regulations of the Patent Law, the revised Patent Administrative Enforcement Measures, the Guidelines for Patent Examination, the Patent Pledge Registration Regulations and Regulations on Electronic Patent Filing were promulgated for implementation. The office decrees issued by SIPO were clarified in an all-round fashion. The Reform Plan for the Agent Examination System was implemented, and the National Patent Agent Qualification Test was organized.

The number of patent applications has been on the steady increase, and the examination & approval capacity is strengthened. Throughout the year, SIPO accepted 1.222 million patent applications, registering an increase of 25.2% year on year, which included 391,000 domestic patent applications, up 24.4% over a year earlier. SIPO also accepted 12,917 international applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), rising 61.5% over a year earlier. SIPO accepted 14,780 applications for patent reexamination and invalidation,

growing 41.8% year on year. SIPO completed the substantive examination of 237,000 patent applications, up 21.8% year on year. SIPO heard and settled 10,951 applications for patent reexamination and invalidation, up 21.6% year on year. Throughout the year, the Office received 1,108 registration applications for IC layout designs, announced 1,009 ones and issued the certificates thereof.

The intellectual property protection made outstanding achievements. SIPO printed and distributed the Notice on Strengthening the Reporting, Complaint and Right Protection Work of the IPR Assistance Centers, the 2010 Enforcement Arrangement of the Intellectual Property Administrations, the 2010 Special Action Plan for Intellectual Property Enforcement and Protection, the Special Action Plan among Intellectual Property Administrations on Intellectual Property Enforcement, and other administrative documents, to further strengthen the intellectual property protection. SIPO actively launched Special Campaign against Intellectual Property Infringements, and the Production and Sales of Counterfeited and Forged Commodities, and made an evident effect. The Thunderstorm and the SkyNet concentrated campaigns for intellectual property enforcement and the special actions for the intellectual property protection concerning the Shanghai World Expo and the Guangzhou Asian Games played an important role in creating a sound environment for innovation and development. In 2010, the intellectual property administrations nationwide accepted a total of 996 patent infringement cases, accepted 17 cases involving other patent disputes, investigated 605 cases involving counterfeited patents, sent more than 20,000 person times of the law enforcement teams, inspected commercial locations for over 10,000 times, checked and dealt with over 2.1 million commodities, and initiated 545 enforcement actions involving interdepartmental collaboration and 972 enforcement actions across regions.

The patent utilization and industrialization were continuously strengthened. SIPO for the first time approved the establishment of two national pilot bases for industrialization of independent intellectual property rights, newly added four national pilot bases for patent industrialization, and reviewed and accepted



some national patent technology exhibition and trading centers whose terms went expired. SIPO successfully hosted the fourth China Patent Week. Also, SIPO worked together with relevant departments under the State Council and the local governments to cosponsor a series of exhibitions, which effectively promoted the transfer and commercialization of intellectual properties. SIPO and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) jointly held the selection of the Twelfth China Patent Award, which created an evident modeling effect. SIPO and five ministries and commissions, including the Ministry of Finance, jointly distributed the Notice on Strengthening the Administration of Intellectual Property Pledge Financing and Evaluation to Support the Development of Small and Medium Enterprises in order to further regulate the intellectual property valuation service. In the whole year, 362 patent pledge contracts were registered, involving a pledge amount of nearly RMB 6.6 billion, 9,771 patent licensing contracts were recorded, and 18,500 patents were licenced. The programs of intellectual property cooperative consultation, pilot demonstration and strengthened counties progressed steadily. SIPO initiated and implemented the project of promoting the intellectual property strategy of small and medium enterprises to promote their technical advance and structural adjustment.

SIPO steadily improved its IT construction and the patent information public service. The China Electronic Patent Examination & Granting System (E System) and the Patent Search & Service System (S System) were formally launched, representing a significant progress in the construction of the electronic patent examination flow. By virtue of the achievement made in the IT field, SIPO evolved the public patent information service means, strengthened the capacity building, and enhanced its quality of service.

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