



# VIII. International Activities

In 2009, SIPO actively took part in international IP affairs and deepened the cooperation with WIPO and other international organizations. The international cooperation scale expanded consistently. Cooperation of IP5 and SIPO-JPO-KIPO have advanced steadily. Bilateral cooperation has been upgraded, enriched and become more practical orientated. SIPO continued to increase its technical assistance to developing countries, improve the Sino-African high level IP platform for communication. Such activities have expanded the cooperation areas, enhanced the partnership and thereby spurred China's all-round international cooperation in the IP field.

## 1. Multilateral Cooperation

In March, an inter-regional high-level forum on intellectual property and an informal roundtable meeting, co-hosted by WIPO, SIPO, SAIC and NCAC, were opened in Beijing. Chinese Vice Premier Wang Qishan and WIPO Director General Francis Gurry attended the opening ceremony. Premier Wen Jiabao met with Dr. Gurry and gave remarks on IP issues. Peking University awarded an honorary professorship to Dr. Gurry.

In July, WIPO Director General Francis Gurry, in his second trip to China, attended the Global Think Tank Summit in Beijing and exchanged ideas with SIPO's leaders on further cooperation and important international IP issues.

From July 13 to 14, Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang attended the WIPO Conference on Intellectual Property and Public Policy Issues as a speaker.

In August and September, SIPO and WIPO held the WIPO Advanced Course on IP Administration at the CIPTC and the PCT Advanced Roving Seminars in Harbin and Xi'an.

From September 17 to 18, Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang attended the WIPO Global Symposium of Intellectual Property Authorities as a speaker.

From September 22 to October 2, Commissioner Tian Lipu led the Chinese



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delegation composed of officials from SIPO, SAIC, NCAC and Ministry of Foreign Affairs to attend the 47th Series of Meetings of the Assembly of the WIPO Member States. SIPO's leaders met with heads or senior officials from US, Japan, Europe, Republic of Korea, France, Sweden, Brazil, India and Algeria for bilateral cooperation.



On September 24, Commissioner Tian Lipu attended the 47th Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

In December, SIPO joined WIPO in holding Training Course for African Senior IP Officials at CIPTC with participation of 24 officials from African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) and 28 officials from l'Organisation Africaine de la Propriété Intellectuelle (OAPI).



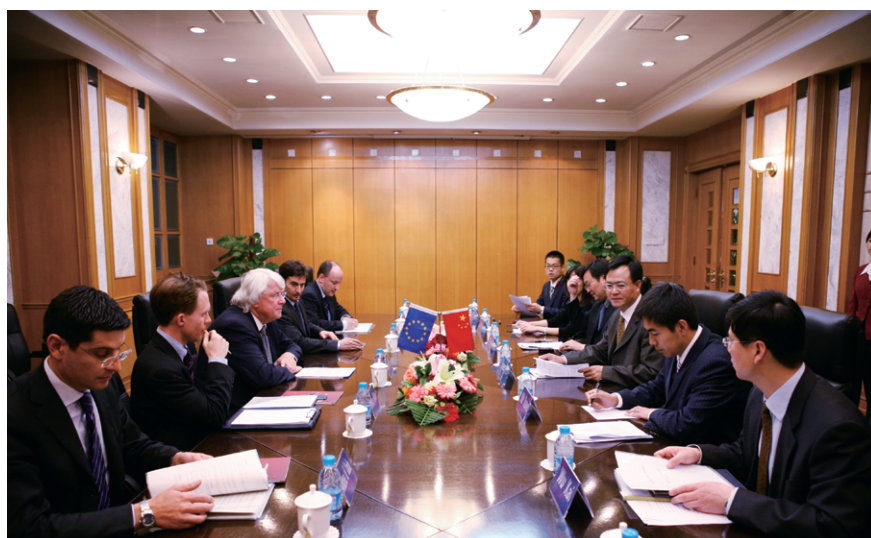
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In April, SIPO, Ministry of Agriculture and State Forestry Administration jointly held the Second Session of the East Asia Forum on Varieties of Plants and the 10th Anniversary of China's Accession to UPOV and Implementation of Regulations of Protection of New Varieties of Plants.

## 2. Bilateral Cooperation

### (1) Cooperation with European Countries

In 2009, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with visiting UK Intellectual Property Office Chief Executive Ian Fletcher twice and signed bilateral cooperation agreement and fixed the cooperation plan. Commissioner Tian also visited Austria Patent Office and French National Institute of Industrial Property. Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang met with Mr. Wubbo de Boer, President of the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market and signed bilateral cooperation agreement. Deputy Commissioner Yang Tiejun visited Swedish Patent and Registration Office and Norwegian Industrial Property Office. Deputy Commissioner Xiao Xingwei visited the European Patent Office. Deputy Commissioner Gan Shaoning visited Finland, Sweden and Norway to study relevant policies of IP protection. From December

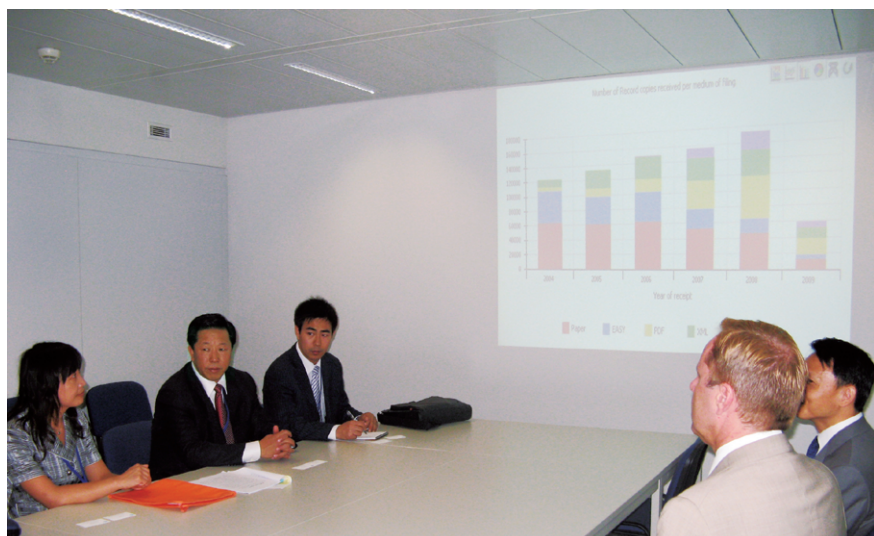


On April 23, Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang met with Mr. Wubbo de Boer, President of the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market.

2 to 5, EPO President Alison Brimelow attended the third EPO-SIPO Bilateral Heads Meeting in Beijing.



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On June 29, Deputy Commissioner Xiao Xingwei visited EPO.



Cooperation with European Union: In March, Sino-EU Patent Enforcement Roving Seminars were held in Shanghai and Fuzhou; In August, Sino-EU Patent Administrative Enforcement Training Course were held at Shanghai Tongji University; In December, Sino-EU IP Right Enforcement Assistance Roving Seminars were held in Yichang and Nanning.

Cooperation with OHIM: On July 7, Conference of Comparative Reports of Design System was held in Beijing; In September and November, Roving Seminars on Chinese and Community Design Protection were held in Wuxi and Guiyang.

Cooperation with EPO: In June and October, SIPO-EPO Examiner Training Courses were held in Beijing; From July 29 to August 3, Seminars on European Patent System was held in Beijing, Nanjing and Zhengzhou; In December, Roving Seminars on Third Amendment of Chinese Patent Law were held in Munich, Stockholm, the Hague and Milan.



On November 7, the 7th China International Industrial Design Expo and the 6th China International Patent&Brand Expo were held in Wuxi.



Cooperation with French National Institute of Industrial Property: From May 12 to 13, Sino-France IP Seminar was held in Shanghai.



On November 7, Commissioner Tian Lipu delivered speech at the Roving Seminars on Chinese and Community Design Protection.



From May 12 to 13, Sino-France IP Seminar was held in Shanghai.

Cooperation with UK Intellectual Property Office: On June 4, Sino-UK IP Seminar was held in Guangzhou; Roundtable on Model Frame Contracts for International R&D Collaboration was held in Beijing.

Cooperation with GTZ: The seminar on IP at Exhibitions was held in Shenyang on June 17.

## **(2) Cooperation with American and Oceanian Countries**

On March 9, SIPO and the John Marshall Law School of the United States celebrated their 15 years of cooperation and graduation ceremony of Class 2008 at the China Intellectual Property Training Center. Commissioner Tian Lipu and Dean John Corkery attended the ceremony and awarded the graduate certificates.

From March 22 to 30, upon invitation from the USPTO and US Chamber of Commerce, Deputy Commissioner Zhang Qin led a delegation to US to introduce Chinese national IP strategy and discussed related issues.

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From April 22 to 24, SIPO and USPTO held the Seminar on Patent Filing and Protection in Hangzhou and Shenzhen. Participants discussed patent filing strategy, patent litigation procedure and 337 investigation procedures.

From May 4 to 10, Deputy Commissioner Zhang Qin visited Australia and introduced Chinese national IP strategy to the government agencies, universities and business sectors.

On June 3, SIPO, USPTO, JPO and OHIM jointly organized an international forum on protection of design in Shunde, Guangdong province. Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang attended the opening ceremony.

On July 14, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with Ambassador Demetrios Marantis, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative (DUSTR), in Beijing.

On July 16, SIPO and US Department of Agriculture, joined by Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Agriculture and USPTO, held the Sino-US Agricultural Technology Transfer Seminar at China Intellectual Property Training Center.

From August 30 to September 6, Deputy Commissioner Gan Shaoning visited John Marshall Law School and Cardozo Law School in the US.

### **(3) Cooperation with Asian and African Countries**

On January 7, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with visiting JPO Commissioner Suzuki Takashi and discussed bilateral cooperation. Both signed on the commemorative album of the 30th anniversary of cooperation between SIPO and JPO.

On February 11, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with a joint delegation of Japanese high-level IP officials and civilians led by Panasonic President Kuniwo Nakamura with Vice Minister for International Trade and Industry Takaichi Sanae as its highest official representative.

On March 12, Commissioner Tian Lipu attended the 8th Policy Dialogue Meeting of Heads of SIPO-JPO-KIPO. The heads of the three offices updated the latest developments of IP work in each office, exchanged ideas on the role that IP can play in financial crisis and patent right abuse and signed a record of discussion.

On March 13, Commissioner Tian Lipu attended the 14th Meeting of Heads of SIPO-KIPO and exchanged ideas on IP issues of common concern. The two sides signed a record of discussion and renewed the agreement on exchanging liaison officials after the meeting.

On March 30, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with Dr. Adrian Cristobal, Director General of the Philippines IP Office. On the same day, Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang met with Mr. Chinbat Namjil, Director General of Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia and exchanged a supplementary text to the record of discussion between the two offices. The text reiterated the friendly relationship between the two offices. On the same day, Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang met with Tran Viet Hung, Director General of National Office of Industrial Property of Vietnam and signed a record of discussion via correspondence.

On April 2, Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang met with Mr. Pervaiz Kausar, Chairman of Intellectual Property Organization (IPO) of Pakistan.

In June, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with the visiting Director General of l'Organisation Africaine de la Propriété Intellectuelle (OAPI), Mr. Paulin EDOU EDOU.

From June 23 to 26, Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang visited Mongolia, met with senior leadership of the Mongolian government and Director General of Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia and attended the 4th China-Mongolia IP System Development Seminar,



which was one of the events for celebrating the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries. In the same month, Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang signed the Record of Discussion between SIPO-IPO Pakistan with Mr. Pervaiz Kausar, Chairman of Intellectual Property Organization (IPO) of Pakistan.

On June 25, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with Mr. Jung-Seung Shin, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to China and KIPO Commissioner Mr. Jung-Sik Koh.

On July 29, the First China and Korea Design Protection Forum, co-organized by SIPO and KIPO, was held in Qingdao. Deputy Commissioner He Hua, KIPO Design Director Woo Jong-Kyun, Korea Consulate General to Qingdao Yoo Jae-Hyon and Qingdao Deputy Secretary General Li Gang attended the opening ceremony and delivered the keynote speeches.

From July 29 to 31, Commissioner Tian Lipu attended the 2009 Symposium on Trading Ideas organized by the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore.

From September 7 to 12, 10 plus 3 (ASEAN, China, Japan and Republic of Korea) SMEs and IP Seminar was held at the CIPTC with 22 participants from 16 Asian countries and organizations.

On October 25, witnessed by Premier Wen Jiabao and on behalf

of the Chinese government, Commissioner Tian Lipu signed the Memorandum of Understanding between the Governments of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Government of the People's Republic of China on Cooperation in the Field of Intellectual Property.

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Acting Director General of Intellectual Property Department of Thailand, Khalid Hidayat Khan, Trademark Head of IPO Pakistan and María de los Angeles Sánchez Torres, Director General of Cuban Intellectual Property Office.

On December 21 to 22, the 9th SIPO-JPO-KIPO Dialogue Meeting of Heads was held in Xi'an, Shaanxi province. Commissioner Tian Lipu also held the 15th meeting with his JPO counterpart and 14th meeting with KIPO counterpart respectively.

### 3. Other Cooperative Activities

In 2009, under the Developing Countries Cooperation Fund, SIPO provided training for GCC and OAPI.

In April, four GCC patent examiners received a two-week patent examination training in SIPO.



On December 21 to 22, the 9th SIPO-JPO-KIPO Dialogue Meeting of Heads was held in Xi'an.

From April 11 to 26, 10 examiners from National Office of Industrial Property of Viet Nam received examination training in SIPO.

In June, OAPI Director General led a six-member delegation to China for a week-long on-site observing and training. Commissioner Tian Lipu and Deputy Commissioner He Hua met with the delegation. The delegation gained a comprehensive understanding of the Chinese IP system, which paved the way for future cooperation.

From August 18 to 24, upon invitation of ARIPO, SIPO sent three experts to Maputo, Mozambique for ARIPO Traditional Knowledge Seminar, giving lectures to the representatives on traditional Chinese medicine and other issues.

From December 9 to 20, SIPO provided training on Chinese IP system for delegations from Pakistan, Cuba, Thailand, Mongolia and Vietnam. Some delegations also visited Beijing, Tianjin and Guangdong IP administrations.



On June 26, Deputy Commissioner He Hua met with Paulin EDOU EDOU, Director General of OAPI.