

## I: Major Events in 2010

On January 21, the newly amended Guidelines for Patent Examination was published. The Guidelines and the Implementing Regulations of the Patent Law were implemented simultaneously.

On February 1, the amended Implementing Regulations of the Patent Law entered into force.

On February 10, the China Patent Electronic Examination and Granting System (E System) and the Patent Search and Service System (S System) were formally launched, representing a significant step forward in the construction of the electronic patent examination flow.

On February 26, Commissioner Tian Lipu chaired the second plenary session of the leading group of the State Intellectual Property Office for the implementation of the Outline of the National Intellectual Property Strategy. The session reviewed and adopted in principle the 2010 Plan of the State Intellectual Property Office for the Implementation of the Intellectual Property Strategy and the Working Plan for the Formulation of the Patent Strategy.

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held in Beijing. Commissioner Tian Lipu, the convener of the session, hosted the meeting and presented a paper to the session. Vice Secretary-General Bi Jingquan of the State Council attended and addressed the session. The session was also attended by 14 ministerial leaders and more than 80 liaisons from 28 member departments of the Joint Meeting. On March 26, the China's



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Action Plan on Intellectual Property Protection 2010 and the Promotion Plan for Implementation of the National Intellectual Property Strategy 2010 formulated by the Interdepartmental Joint Meeting on the Implementation of the National Intellectual Property Strategy were printed and distributed.

On March 15, the Enforcement Arrangements among the Intellectual Property Offices 2010 was printed and distributed.

On March 25, the Special Action Plan for Intellectual Property Enforcement and Protection 2010 was printed and distributed.

In March, the 2010 budget was published online for the first time. In 2010, the budgetary revenue of SIPO was RMB 3.39 billion in total, and the expenditure budget under fiscal appropriation was RMB 2.38 billion.

On April 1, the Education, Science, Culture and Public Health Committee of the National People's Congress, the Legal Affairs Committee of the NPC Standing Committee, the Legal Affairs Office of the State Council and SIPO jointly held a Symposium in honor of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Implementation of the Patent Law in the People's Great Hall. Lu Yongxiang, Vice Chairman of the NPC Standing Committee, attended the symposium and delivered an important speech. Bai Keming, Chairman of the Education, Science, Culture and Public Health Committee of the National People's Congress, presided over the symposium, and Commissioner Tian Lipu delivered a keynote speech.

From April 13 to 14, the ASEAN-China Intellectual Property Cooperation Conference was held in Beijing. Commissioner Tian Lipu and WIPO Director-General Francis Gurry attended and addressed the opening ceremony.



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On April 20, to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> World Intellectual Property Day themed "Creation, Protection, Development", 25 departments, including SIPO and the Publicity Department of the Central Committee of CPC jointly held a ceremony for launching the "2010 National Intellectual Property Publicity Week" in Beijing. Commissioner Tian Lipu, head of the organizing committee, delivered a speech, and WIPO Director-General Francis Gurry sent a congratulatory message to the event. The publicity week included a series of events, including the upgrading of the Intellectual Property Channel of www.people.com.cn, the ceremony for launching the English version of the channel, the publication of the China's Intellectual Property Protection 2009 and an Open Day in SIPO. On the same day, Special Campaign for National Intellectual Property Enforcement and Protection 2010 and the ceremony for launching an Open Day in the China (Beijing) Intellectual Property Rights Assistance Center in Beijing.



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On April 28, SIPO held the Briefing on the Latest Developments of SIPO for foreign embassies, chambers of commerce and representatives of foreign enterprises in Beijing. Commissioner Tian Lipu attended the briefing and delivered the opening address. On the same day, the State Council Information Office issued a press release on the progress made in China's intellectual property development.



People visited the patent office on the Open Day of SIPO.



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On June 18, SIPO held IP Protection Symposium of Foreign-Invested Enterprises in Guangzhou in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Security, the Ministry of Commerce, etc.

On June 29, the Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Straits (ARATS) and the Straits Exchange Foundation (SEF) signed the Cooperation Agreement on Intellectual Property Protection across the Taiwan Straits.

From September 20 to 26, Commissioner Tian Lipu led the Chinese Government Delegation to attend the 48<sup>th</sup> Series of Meetings of Assemblies of Member States of WIPO, in Geneva, and delivered a keynote speech on "Innovation, Growth and Development: Functions of Intellectual Property and National Experience of Member States" at the Second High-level Segment.



Commissioner Tian Lipu delivered a keynote speech at the Second High-level Segment of the 48th Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of Member States of WIPO.

On October 19, an executive meeting of the State Council decided to initiate a six-month Special Campaign against Intellectual Property Infringements, and the Production and Sales of Counterfeited and Forged Commodities.

On October 22, SIPO printed and distributed the Operating Guide to the Administrative Enforcement on Patents (Demonstration Text for Trial).

On November 4, SIPO printed and distributed the Notice on Strengthening the Reporting, Complaint and Rights Protection Work of the Intellectual Property Rights Assistance Centers.

On November 5, SIPO printed and distributed the Special Action Plan among Intellectual Property Offices on Intellectual Property Enforcement.

From November 7 to13, SIPO held the Fourth China Patent Week. SIPO worked together with relevant authorities to hold the 2010 IP Protection Symposium of Foreign Invested Enterprises in Chongqing, and Commissioner Tian Lipu attended and addressed the meeting.



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From November 10 to16, the Seminar of Heads of Intellectual Property Offices of Members of African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) was held in Beijing.

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On November 13, SIPO held the 12<sup>th</sup> Conference of China Patent Award in Beijing together with WIPO. Lu Yongxiang, Vice Chairman of the NPC Standing Committee, attended the Conference and issued awards to the winners. Commissioner Tian Lipu and Philippe Bachtold, the ad hoc representative of WIPO Director-General and director of the Department of Patent and Creation of WIPO, attended the meeting and delivered speeches.

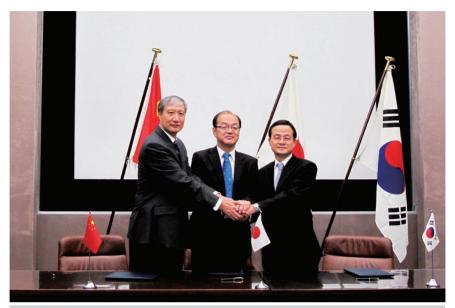
From November 17 to 19, Francis Gurry, Director-General of WIPO, visited China and met Vice Premier Wang Qishan during his visit.

On November 22, mainland China and Taiwan initiate mutual acceptance of applications asking for patent priority rights.

On November 26, the 7<sup>th</sup> Shanghai International Intellectual Property Forum opened, which featured the theme of "Intellectual Property and the Innovative City". Commissioner Tian Lipu attended the opening ceremony and delivered a remark.



Recipients of the 12<sup>th</sup> Conference of China Patent Award.



The 10th Trilateral Policy Dialogue Meeting among JPO, KIPO and SIPO was held.

From November 29 to December 4, Commissioner Tian Lipu led a delegation to attend the 10<sup>th</sup> Trilateral Policy Dialogue Meeting among JPO, KIPO and SIPO and the Celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He also attended the 17<sup>th</sup> Heads Meeting between SIPO and JPO, and went to the Republic of Korea to attend the 16th Heads Meeting between SIPO and KIPO, and signed the Record of Discussions after the meetings. During his visit in Japan, Commissioner Tian also attended the Asian Forum on Intellectual Property Protection and Cooperation, and delivered a keynote speech.

From December 4 to 10, Commissioner Tian Lipu led a delegation to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> SIPO-EPO Heads Meeting in Austria, and signed the EPO-SIPO Agreement on the Exchange of Priority Documents, and the 2011 EPO-SIPO Work Programme on Co-operation Activities and Agreed Minutes.

On December 15, Commissioner Tian Lipu attended the 21st China-U.S. Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade held in Washington and discussed the establishment of the framework for China-U.S. bilateral intellectual property cooperation and other issues with U.S. representatives.

On December 28, SIPO, the Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, the Ministry of Public Security, the People's Bank of China, the General Administration of Customs, the State Administration for Industry and Commerce, the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine and the General Administration of Press and Publication (Copyright Administration) jointly distributed the Notice on the Implementation Plan for Special Campaign against Intellectual Property Infringements and the Production and Sales of Counterfeited and Forged Commodities in the Online Shopping Sector, initiating actions to combat intellectual property infringements and the production and sales of counterfeited and forged commodities in the online shopping area.

In 2010, in support of the 2010 Shanghai World Expo, SIPO joined hands with seven ministries, including the Ministry of Public Security, to initiate a 10-month national special campaign on intellectual property protection relating to the World Expo. They organized a joint intellectual property protection inspection team for the World Expo, and went to Shanghai to inspect intellectual property protection at the World Expo. SIPO printed and distributed the Working Plan of Patent Enforcement and Rights Protection for the 2010 Shanghai World Expo. On September 3, Commissioner Tian Lipu participated in the theme day events organized by EPO for the Shanghai World Expo. On September 4, Commissioner Tian Lipu and Benoît Battistelli, President of EPO, and Michael Pulch, Deputy Head of the Delegation of the

European Commission, attended the press release on the 25th Anniversary of China-Europe Intellectual Property Cooperation in the EU-Belgium Pavilion of the World Expo Park.



Commissioner Tian Lipu answered questions from journalists at the press release on the 25th Anniversary of China-Europe Intellectual Property Cooperation.



The honoring ceremony of the national special campaign on intellectual property protection of Shanghai Expo 2010 was held.