



VIII: International Cooperation

During the 11th Five-year Plan, SIPO deeply took part in the multilateral intellectual property negotiations and norm setting activities concerning WIPO development agenda, protection of genetic resources, traditional knowledge and folklore, harmonization of substantive patent law, PCT reform, IPC revision. SIPO and WIPO jointly held a series of significant international conferences such as the WIPO Inter-Regional High-Level Forum on Intellectual Property, and jointly conferred the China Patent Golden Award and China Industrial Design Golden Award.

SIPO actively exerted its comprehensive coordinating responsibilities in foreign-related intellectual property affairs by organizing and coordinating related ministries to attend the conference of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties (UPOV), and organizing successfully 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. SIPO actively participated in the discussions and negotiations concerning formulation and adjustment of intellectual property rules under the framework of the World Trade Organization (WTO), Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD),



Heiligendamm Progress under the G8+5 Framework, World Health Organization (WHO), World Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), etc., and actively cooperated with related ministries in intellectual property dialogues and negotiations with U.S., Europe, and other countries and regions.

SIPO fully enhanced cooperative relations with major intellectual property offices in the world. SIPO continuously participated in cooperation of IP5, developed cooperation of SIPO-JPO-KIPO in a pragmatic manner, signed the working plan for strategic cooperation with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), signed the Strategic Relationship Agreement with EPO and the German Patent and Trademark Office (DPMA) respectively, successfully held celebrations for the 30th anniversary of the intellectual property cooperation between China and Japan as well as the 15th anniversary of establishment of the Heads Meeting mechanism between SIPO and JPO, and signed Memorandum of Understanding between SIPO and JPO. The exchange of liaison officials between SIPO and KIPO was continued with positive effects.

SIPO continued to consolidate bilateral relations with traditional partners, and at the same time, kept on developing new cooperative relationships. SIPO signed bilateral agreements with nearly 40 intellectual property offices and regional intellectual property organizations, covering various fields including high-level visits, documentation exchange, and automation, etc. SIPO started the service of patent search and examination for the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf for the first time.

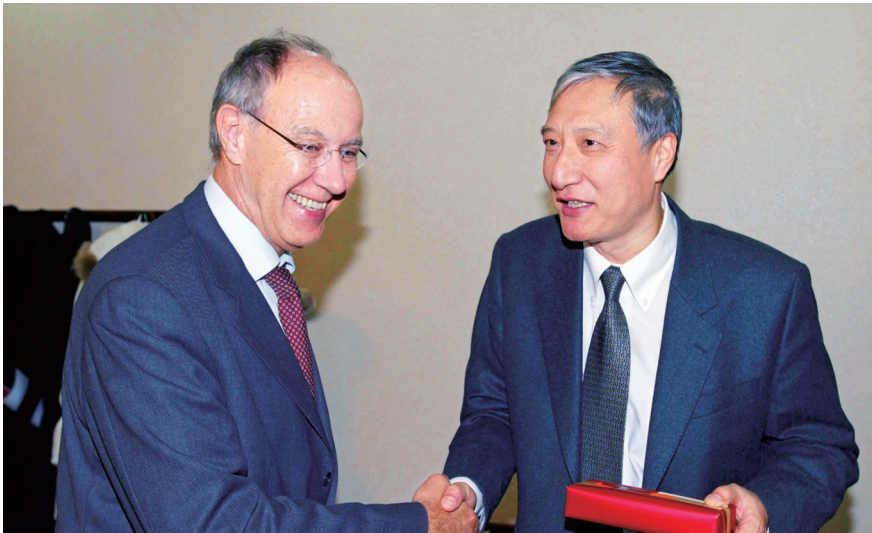
SIPO signed the Intellectual Property Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, and the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations on Cooperation in the Field of Intellectual Property. SIPO successfully held the China-ASEAN Intellectual Property Cooperation Conference, set up a helpdesk in the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, and renewed the agreement on patent cooperation with the Invention Office of Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

SIPO provided intellectual property trainings for hundreds of trainees from developing countries, offered Mongolia aid with technologies and equipments for the first time, and established and developed the cooperative relationships with the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) and African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI).

1. Multilateral Cooperation

(1) WIPO-related activities

WIPO Director General Francis Gurry visited China twice in April and November respectively, and met with Vice Premier Wang Qishan during his visit.



Commissioner Tian Lipu met with WIPO Director General Francis Gurry.

WIPO Deputy Directors-General, James Pooley, Geoffrey Onyeama and Wang Binying, made nearly 10 visits to SIPO during the year and discussed cooperation with SIPO within their respective responsibilities.

On November 13, WIPO, for the first time, sent an ad hoc representative of the Director General to attend the 12th Conference of China Patent Award in Beijing for jointly granting China Patent Golden Award and Industrial Design Golden Award which was granted for the first time. Lu Yongxiang, Vice Chairman of the NPC Standing Committee, attended the Conference and issued the awards.

From September 20 to 26, Commissioner Tian Lipu led the Chinese Delegation to attend the 48th Series of Meetings of Assemblies of Member States of WIPO, and delivered a keynote speech on "Innovation, Growth and Development: The Role of Intellectual Property (IP) and Member States' National Experiences" at the 2nd WIPO Ministerial High-level Segment.

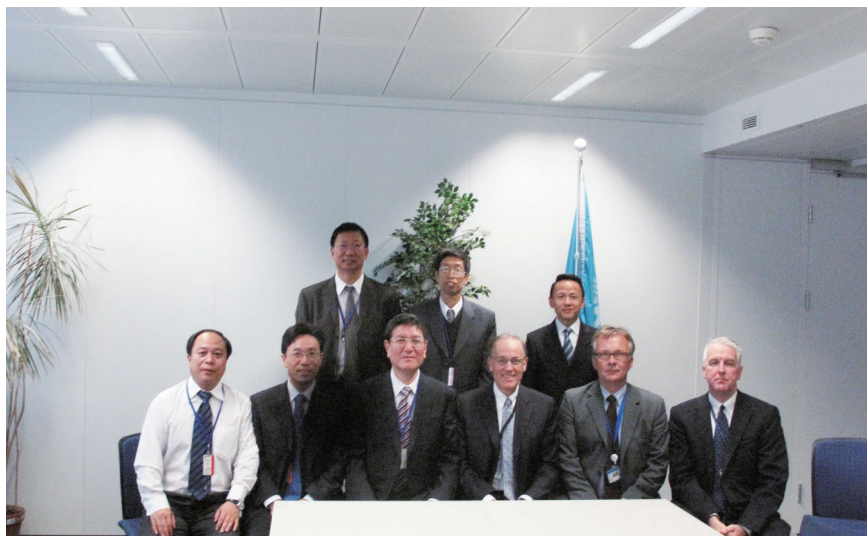


Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang and WIPO Deputy Director-General Wang Binying attended the China (Shunde) International Industrial Design Expo.

Deputy Commissioners Li Yuguang and He Hua visited WIPO in January and June respectively.

In 2010, SIPO and WIPO jointly held a series of conferences in China, including the WIPO Regional Seminar on the Implementation of the WIPO Development Agenda in Chengdu in March, the PCT Advanced Roving Seminar in Beijing and Hefei in July, and the WIPO Seminar on the Role of Intellectual Property in the Knowledge-based Economy-Technology Transfer and Licensing in Beijing in November.

Furthermore, SIPO also attended other relevant conferences and activities under the framework of WIPO and UPOV, such as the conferences of WIPO Program and Budget Committee, the WIPO Global Symposium of Intellectual Property Authorities, the conferences of Working Group on the Patent Cooperation Treaty, etc. SIPO also coordinated with relevant ministries in attending conferences under the framework of the WTO, APEC, CBD, UNESCO and other organizations.



Deputy Commissioner He Hua visited WIPO and had bilateral talks with James Pooley, Deputy Director-General of WIPO.

(2) Cooperation of IP5

From January 28 to 29, the 4th Meeting of IP5 Deputy Heads of Office was held in Beijing. From April 15 to 16, the 3rd Meeting of IP5 Heads of Office was held in Guilin, Guangxi, and WIPO Director General Francis Gurry attended the Meeting as an observer. The Meeting reviewed the IP5 progress, and discussed the direction of future cooperation.



The 4th Meeting of IP5 Deputy Heads of Office was held in Beijing.

From September 22 to 23, the 5th Meeting of IP5 Deputy Heads of Office and a side event on the IP5 process was held in Switzerland respectively.



Deputy Heads of SIPO, USPTO, EPO, JPO and KIPO.

In addition, SIPO attended a series of IP5 Working Group Meetings, including the 3rd and 4th Meetings of Working Group 1 in March and October, the 2nd Meeting of Working Group 2 in June, the 2010 IP5 Examiners Workshop in October, and the 2nd Meeting of Working Group 3 in November.

(3) Cooperation of SIPO-JPO-KIPO

From October 20 to 21, the 8th Meeting of the Joint Group for Automation Among JPO, KIPO and SIPO was held in Japan, after which Record of Discussion was concluded.

On December 2, Commissioner Tian Lipu led a delegation to attend the 10th Trilateral Policy Dialogue Meeting among JPO, KIPO and SIPO, as well as the Celebration of the 10th Anniversary in Japan, after which Record of Discussion was concluded.

On July 21, the JPO-KIPO-SIPO Design Conference was held in Beijing.

2. Bilateral Cooperation

(1) Cooperation with European countries

Cooperation with EPO:

In 2010, SIPO and EPO held Bilateral Heads Meeting twice. On September 3, Commissioner Tian Lipu participated in the EPO theme day event for the Shanghai World Expo, during which SIPO-EPO Bilateral Heads Meeting was held and the Patent Terminology Exchange Agreement was signed between the two offices. From December 4 to 10, Tian Lipu led a delegation to attend the 4th EPO-SIPO Heads Meeting in Austria (EPO sub-office in Vienna), and signed EPO-SIPO Agreement



On September 3, SIPO-EPO Bilateral Heads Meeting was held in Shanghai.

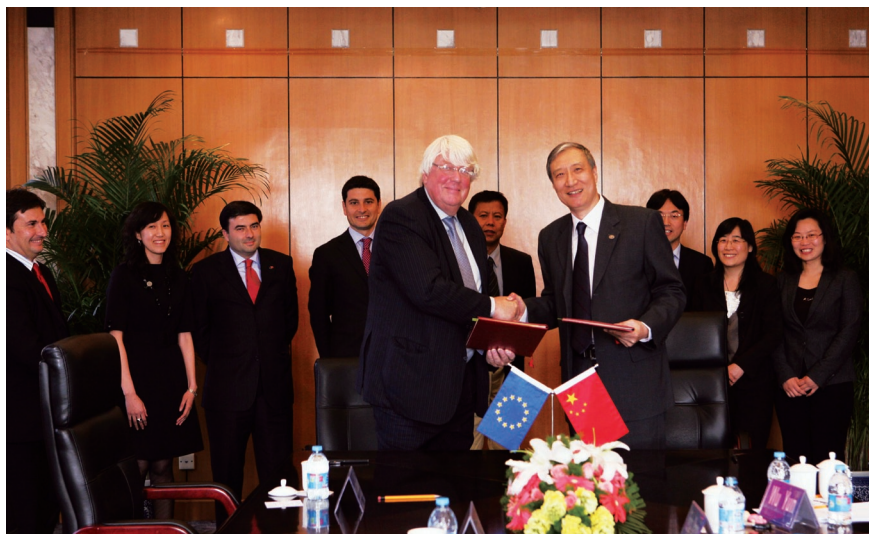
on the Electronic Exchange of Priority Documents, EPO-SIPO Work Programme on Co-operation Activities for 2011, and the Agreed Minutes of the 4th Conference of Heads of Offices between SIPO and EPO.

From April 12 to 22, the Informative Seminars on the European Patent System were held in Shanghai, Beijing and Shenzhen.

From September 26 to 27, Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang led a delegation to visit EPO.

Cooperation with the EU:

On April 29, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with President of the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (OHIM), and signed the Memorandum of Understanding between SIPO and OHIM (Trademarks and Designs) (2010-2011).



On April 29, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with Wubbo de Boer, President of OHIM.

From January 25 to 29, Sino-EU Patent Administrative Enforcement Training Course was held in Xiamen. From March 17 to 29, Roving Seminars on Chinese

and Community Design Protection were held in Italy and France. On June 24, the 7th conference of EU-China IP Working Group was held in Beijing.

Other cooperation with European countries:

On March 22, SIPO and the Intellectual Property Office of the United Kingdom (UKIPO) held a seminar on A Framework for Action on Bilateral Cooperation between SIPO and UKIPO in Chongqing.



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On May 20, Deputy Commissioner Yang Tiejun met with Susanne As Sivborg, Director General of the Swedish Patent and Registration Office (PRV), and signed the Memorandum of Understanding between SIPO and PRV.



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On June 4, the Agreed Minutes of the 23rd Session of Joint Working Group on Patents between SIPO and the National Institute of Industrial Property of the Republic of France was signed.

From May 28 to June 4, the 23rd Session of Joint Working Group on Patents between SIPO and the National Institute of Industrial Property of the Republic of France was held in Sichuan, and the Agreed Minutes was signed.

On June 3, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with a delegation led by Adolfo Urso, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Economic Development of the Republic of Italy, and signed the Dichiarazione congiunta sull'attuazione delle attività di cooperazione nel 2010 tra il Ministero dello Sviluppo Economico della Repubblica Italiana e l'Ufficio Statale per la Proprietà Intellettuale della Repubblica Popolare Cinese.



Commissioner Tian Lipu and Adolfo Urso, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Economic Development of the Republic of Italy, signed the joint declaration.

From June 19 to 25, Deputy Commissioner He Hua led a delegation to visit UKIPO and the National Institute of Industrial Property of the Republic of France respectively.

On July 22, Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang attended the Seminar on Industrial Property held in the Polish Pavilion of Shanghai World Expo, and had bilateral talks with President of the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland.

On July 23, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with experts from DPMA.

On September 27, Commissioner Tian Lipu led a delegation to attend the Heads Meeting with DPMA in Munich, and signed the Agreement on the Partnership between SIPO and DPMA.

From October 24 to 29, Deputy Commissioner Yang Tiejun led a delegation to study the green energy-saving architectures in Germany.

On November 12, Bayer-Tongji-Training Center IPR Forum was held in Beijing. Deputy Commissioner Yang Tiejun attended the opening ceremony and delivered a keynote speech.



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(2) Cooperation with American and Oceanian countries

From May 18 to 29, Commissioner Tian Lipu led a delegation to visit the US, Costa Rica and Brazil, and communicated with government sectors, courts, enterprises, industry associations of the three countries on intellectual property issues. Furthermore, Commissioner Tian Lipu, on behalf of SIPO, signed the Memorandum of Understanding between SIPO and USPTO, confirming cooperation items such as the further implementation of bilateral high-level meeting mechanism, and exchange of experts and data.

On September 13, SIPO and USPTO held the China-U.S. Patent Law Roundtable Meeting.



Commissioner Tian Lipu and David J. Kappos, Director of USPTO, signed the Memorandum of Understanding between SIPO and USPTO.



On November 10, Commissioner Tian Lipu attended the U.S. Ambassador's IPR Dialogue.

On October 14, the China-U.S. Innovation Dialogue was held in Diaoyutai State Guesthouse. Deputy Commissioner Gan Shaoning attended the conference and gave a speech on China-U.S. innovation policies.

On November 10, Commissioner Tian Lipu attended the U.S. Ambassador's IPR Dialogue, and gave a speech titled "Creation and Utilization of Intellectual Property—the Practice and Experience of China".

From December 14 to 23, Deputy Commissioner Yang Tiejun led a delegation to visit Cuba and Costa Rica.

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

In 2010, Commissioner Tian also met with Sharon Barner, Deputy Director of USPTO, and Victoria A. Espinel, the U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator.

Deputy Commissioners Yang Tiejun and Gan Shaoning led delegations to visit Australia and New Zealand respectively in May and December.



On December 15, Commissioner Tian Lipu attended the 21st China-U.S. Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade held in Washington D.C.



Deputy Commissioner Yang Tiejun visited Cuba.

(3) Cooperation with Asian countries

Cooperation with Japan and the Republic of Korea:

From November 29 to December 4, Commissioner Tian Lipu led a delegation to attend the 16th Heads Meeting between SIPO and KIPO and the 17th Heads Meeting between SIPO and JPO held in the Republic of Korea and Japan respectively, and signed the Record of Discussion 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.



On November 30, the Record of Discussion of the 16th Heads Meeting between SIPO and KIPO was signed.



On December 2, the Record of Discussion of the 17th Heads Meeting between SIPO and JPO was signed.

From May 10 to 19, Deputy Commissioner Xiao Xingwei led a delegation to visit Japan and the Republic of Korea.



Deputy Commissioner Xiao Xingwei visited KIPO.

From June 7 to 8, the 4th Joint Automation Experts Meeting between SIPO and KIPO was held in the Republic of Korea, on which the MOU was signed.

From June 10 to 11, the 3rd Joint Automation Experts Meeting between SIPO and JPO was held in Japan, on which the MOU was signed.

From July 22 to 26, Deputy Commissioner Yang Tiejun led a delegation to visit Japan.

Cooperation with ASEAN:

From April 17 to 25, the ASEAN-China Intellectual Property Cooperation Conference was held in Beijing.

On July 12, Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang met with Vice President of the Malaysia Intellectual Property Corporation (MIPC) and had discussions on issues of common concerns.

On August 3, Deputy Commissioner He Hua met with Director General of the Thai Department of Intellectual Property.

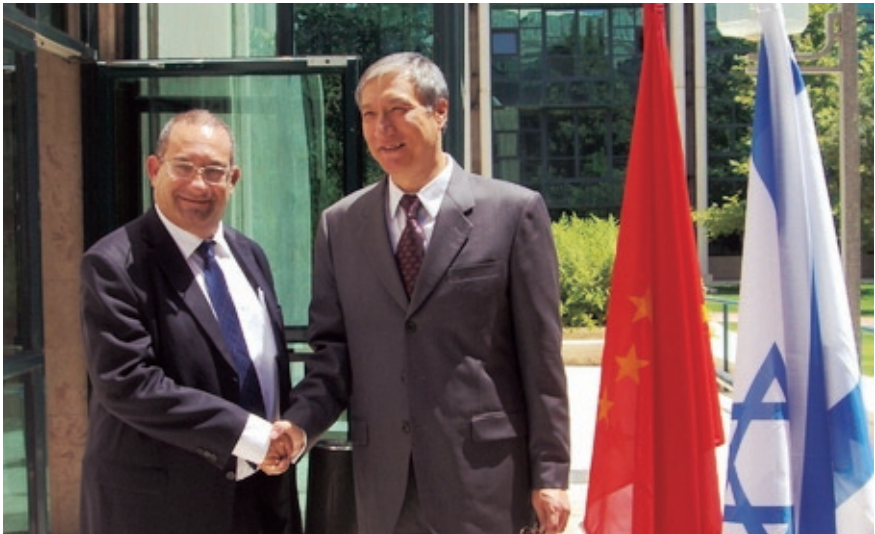
From August 25 to 26, SIPO and the Ministry of Law of Singapore held the 4th Singapore-China IP Conference and Bilateral Heads Meeting in Shanghai. From September 12 to 21, Deputy Commissioner Gan Shaoning led a delegation to visit Vietnam, Singapore and Hong Kong, China.



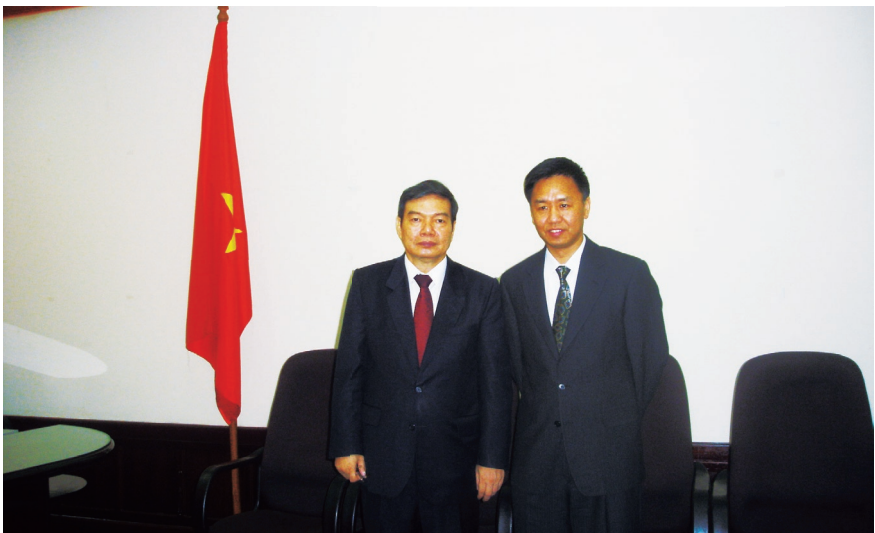
The 4th Singapore-China IP Conference was held in Shanghai.

Cooperation with other Asian countries:

On February 5, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with a delegation led by Amos Nadai, the Israeli Ambassador to China. In July, Commissioner Tian Lipu led a delegation to visit Israel, and signed the Declaration of Intent between SIPO and the Israeli Patent Office in the Field of Industrial Property.



Commissioner Tian Lipu visited Israel and had bilateral talks with Meir Noam, Commissioner of the Israeli Patent Office.



Deputy Commissioner Gan Shaoning visited the National Office of Intellectual Property of Vietnam.

On August 4, Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang met with a delegation from the Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. From October 13 to 18, Li Yuguang led a delegation to visit the Invention Office of DPR, and signed the Amended and Supplemented Protocol on the Agreement on Cooperation between SIPO and the Invention Office of DPR in the Field of Patent.

On November 9, the IPOM-SIPO Design Conference was jointly organized by China and Mongolia for the 5th time in Qingdao.

(4) Cooperation with African countries

From August 4 to 13, Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang led a delegation to attend the Diplomatic Conference of ARIPO in Namibia, and visited the South Africa Industrial Property Office. From December 20 to 29, Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang led a delegation to visit Syria and Egypt, and had communications with the related sectors of intellectual property on reinforcement of bilateral cooperation and other IP issues of common concerns.



Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang was interviewed by Labor News, news organ of the Workers Party of DPR, and Joson Jung-ang Pangsong, the Central Broadcasting Station of DPR.

From November 10 to 16, the Seminar of Heads of Intellectual Property Offices of Members of African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) was held in Beijing.



Participants of the Diplomatic Conference of ARIPO.



Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang visited Syria.



Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang visited Egypt.

3. Other Cooperative Activities

On February 3, Commissioner Tian Lipu attended the forum of the New Chinese Patent Law and Its Impact on Enterprises held by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the EU Chamber of Commerce in Beijing, and delivered a keynote speech.

On March 10, the Graduation Ceremony for masters jointly trained by China Intellectual Property Training Center and John Marshall Law School was held in Beijing.

On March 25, Deputy Commissioner Gan Shaoning attended the ceremony of 10th anniversary of QBPC and the High-level Forum on Improving Innovation Environment & Making China an Innovative Nation and gave a speech.

On April 27, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with the delegation led by Horst Seehofer, Governor of the State of Bavaria, Germany.



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On May 10, Commissioner Tian Lipu together with principals from relevant departments visited foreign invested enterprises such as Bayer, IBM, Tianjin Samsung Communication Technology Co., Ltd., and Tianjin Epson Co., Ltd. for study and research.

From June 19 to 26, Deputy Commissioner He Hua attended the Conference of Federation Internationale de Conseils en Propriete Industrielle (FICPI) and visited European countries.

On August 18, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with the 7th joint delegation of Japanese high-level IP officials and civilians led by Toshiyuki Shiga, Chairman of the International Intellectual Property Protection Forum (IIPPF), and Yosuke Kondo, Parliamentary Secretary of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan.

On November 26, the 7th Shanghai International Intellectual Property Forum with the theme of "Intellectual Property and Innovative City" was held in Shanghai. Commissioner Tian Lipu attended the opening ceremony and delivered a speech.