

I. Major Events in 2013

On January 8, the National Conference of Heads of Intellectual Property Offices was held in Beijing.



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On January 29, the Request of SIPO on the Deliberation of the Draft Amendment to the Patent Law of P. R. China (for deliberation) was submitted to the State Council.

On February 1, the 8th Plenary Session of Contact Points of the Inter-ministerial Joint Conference on the Implementation of National IP Strategy was held in Beijing.

On February 4, the General Office of the State Council released *Opinions on Strengthening the Position of Enterprises as Major Technical Innovators and Promoting the Innovative Capacity of the Enterprises on a Comprehensive Basis*. The Opinion sets up the target that by 2015, the number of invention patent applications and granted patents from enterprises will be doubled.

On February 6, SIPO and National Development and Reform Commission, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Commerce, State Administration of Industry and Commerce, Nation Copyright Administration, and Chinese Academy of Sciences jointly printed and released *the Work Plan on IP of Strategic Emerging Industries 2013*.

On February 8, SIPO printed and released *the Main Points on the Work of National IP Talents 2013*.

On March 1, *the Norms on the Management of IP in Enterprises*, the first of its kind in China came into force. On the same day, SIPO initiated a Pilot on Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) with Mexican Industrial Property Office.

On March 29, the Spanish language interface and Japanese language interface of the Chinese Patent Inquiry System came into operation.

On March 30, SIPO printed and released *the Project Plan on Promoting the Capacity of Patent Administrative Enforcement*.

On April 2, SIPO printed and released *Notice of SIPO on Implementing Patent Navigation Pilot Project*.

On April 8, *the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between the State Intellectual Property Office of the Peoples' Republic of China and the State Institution "National Center for Patents and information" of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan* was signed.

From April 19 to 26, together with 24 Ministries and Departments including the CPC Central Committee Propaganda Department, SIPO jointly organized the National IP Publicity Week with the theme of Implementing National IP Strategy and Boost Development by Innovation. During the week, *the Guideline on Public Service for National Patent Information* was released, and the 8th Opening Day was held.



Young volunteers on World IP Day.

On May 8, SIPO jointly organized the China (Shanghai) International Technology Fair with Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Science and Technology, and Shanghai Municipal Government.

On May 17, the General Office of the State Council printed and distributed *the Notice on the Main Points of the Work on the Special Campaign against Intellectual Property Infringement and the Production and Sales of Counterfeiting and Forged Commodities 2013*. On the same day, *the IP Talents Work Plan on Implementing the National Independent Innovation Capacity Building Plan for the 12th Five Year Plan Period* was printed and distributed.

On May 22, Workshop on National IP Leading Talents was held in Beijing.

From June 3 to 5, the 6th IP5 Heads Meeting and the 10th IP5 Deputy Heads Meeting were both held in United States.

On June 8, National Working Conference on IP Planning and Development was held in Xi'an, Shaanxi Province.

From June 17 to 21, the Fifth PCT Advanced Seminar jointly organized by SIPO and WIPO was held in Beijing and Xi'an respectively.

On July 10, the Mainland, Hongkong SAR and Macao SAR Intellectual Property Symposium 2013 was held in Macao.

On July 16, the Working Conference on IP Publicity and Government Information was held in Xi Ning, capital city of Qinghai Province.

On July 22, the IP5 Statistical Working Group Meeting was held in Beijing.

From July 29 to August 2, Comprehensive Workshop on Chinese Patent Documentation and Utilization organized by SIPO was held in Beijing.

On August 27, the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security and the Office of the Inter-ministerial Joint Conference issued awards to the excellent teams and individuals in implementing the National IP Strategy.

On August 30, the videophone conference on the Implementation of National IP Strategy was held in Beijing. State Councilor Wang Yong presented in the conference.

On September 1, PPH Pilots with Canadian IP Office and Intellectual Property Office of Singapore were initiated.

On September 10, the 2nd National IP Experts Consultation Committee was established.

On September 16, *the Opinions on the Building of IP Talents System* was printed and distributed.

From September 23, Chinese delegation participated in the 51st Series of the General Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO. During the meeting, IP5 Offices of SIPO, USPTO, EPO, JPO and KIPO reached consensus on launching the PPH Pilot among the five offices in January, 2014. On the same day, the first batch of 22 demonstration counties (districts) was centrally unveiled in Beijing.

On November 5, the 20th China Yangling Agriculture High-tech Fair opened. SIPO organized patent projects from 13 provinces (municipalities and autonomous regions) to participate in the Fair.

On November 7, National Workshop on Patent Examination and Patent Agency was held in Qingdao of Shandong Province.

On November 11, SIPO and WIPO jointly organized the 15th Ceremony for the WIPO-SIPO Award for Chinese Outstanding Patented Invention & Industrial Design in Beijing.



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On November 14, the 13th Trilateral Policy Dialogue Meeting among SIPO, JPO and KIPO was held in Sapporo, Japan.

From November 21 to 27, the 7th Chinese Patent Week was held.

On November 22, the 2012 Five Office Statistics Report has been jointly published on IP5 website by the EPO, JPO, KIPO, SIPO and USPTO.

On December 6, SIPO signed with the Hong Kong SAR government *Cooperation Agreement in the Field of Patent*.

On December 9, the 19th Commissioners' meeting between SIPO and KIPO was held in Beijing.

On December 18, SIPO released *Several Opinions on further Promoting the Quality of Patent Applications*.

On December 19 and 26, the C.P.C Central Committee and State Council issued a notice respectively on appointing Shen Changyu as Commissioner of the State Intellectual Property Office of P. R. China (SIPO).