

VII. Exchanges with Hong Kong SAR, Macao SAR and Taiwan, China

In 2013, SIPO continued to maintain sound exchanges with Hong Kong SAR, Macao SAR and Taiwan, China in the field of Intellectual Property. SIPO signed *Cooperation Agreement in the Field of Patent* with the Intellectual Property Office of Hong Kong SAR. SIPO continued to act as the patent search and examination authority on behalf of Macao Economic Office. With the aim of further implementing *the Cross-straight IP Protection Cooperation Agreement*, SIPO successfully held the 6th Cross-straight Patent Forum and received examiners from relevant IP agencies of Taiwan, China for exchange and training for the first time.

In February, Deputy Commissioner Yang Tiejun met with Mr. Thomas CS TSANG, Assistant Director of the Intellectual Property Office of Hong Kong SAR.

In April, Deputy Commissioner Yang Tiejun headed a delegation to visit Hong Kong SAR for business communication with the Intellectual Property Office of Hong Kong SAR.

In June, the Intellectual Property Office of Hong Kong SAR dispatched senior lawyers and examiners to SIPO for study. SIPO sent the patent working group to Taiwan, China to attend the 4th Cross-straight Patent Working Group Meeting.



In July, Tian Lipu met with the delegation headed by Mr. Gregory SO Kam-leung, Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development of the Government of Hong Kong SAR. Deputy Commissioner Gan Shaoning led a delegation to attend the 14th IPR Workshop of Mainland, Hong Kong SAR, and Macao SAR.



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In August, SIPO sent a trainer group of patent agent examination to Taiwan, China for the second time.

In September, patent agencies cross the straight held examiner exchange for the first time, three examiners were dispatched by relevant IP agencies of Taiwan, China to SIPO for exchange and training.

In November, the 6th Cross-straight Patent Forum jointly organized by All China Patent Attorneys Association and relevant agency of Taiwan, China was held in Taipei. Deputy Commissioner Yang Tiejun attended the Opening Ceremony and delivered remarks.



In December, Tian Lipu led a delegation to visit Hong Kong SAR to attend the 3rd Business of IP Asia Forum, and signed the Cooperation Agreement in the Field of Patent with the Intellectual Property Office of Hong Kong SAR.



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