

I. Major Events in 2012



The National Conference of Director-Generals of Local Intellectual Property Offices

On January 5, the National Conference of Director-Generals of Local Intellectual Property Offices was held in Beijing.

On January 17, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with EU Internal Market and Services Commissioner Michel Barnier at SIPO.

On February 13, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with EU Trade Commissioner Karel De Gucht at SIPO.



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On February 24, the 3rd Plenary Session of the Inter-Ministerial Joint Meeting on the Implementation of the National Intellectual Property Strategy was held in Beijing.



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On February 27, the National Working Conference on Patent Statistics was held in Chengdu.

On March 1, the Digital Access Service (DAS) to Priority Documents was opened up.

On March 5, the 7th China-Mongolia Joint Conference on Intellectual Property Strategy was held in Beijing.



Deputy Commissioner Yang Tiejun presented and delivered a speech at the 7th China-Mongolia Joint Conference on Intellectual Property Strategy.

On March 8, SIPO and Jiangsu provincial government held the signing ceremony of the 2012 Annual Cooperation Plan on Establishing the Demonstration Province of Implementing Intellectual Property Strategy in Beijing.



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On March 19, Commissioner Tian Lipu attended the High Level Dialogue of China Development Forum 2012 in Beijing.

On March 19-23, SIPO, together with the National Audit Office, the State Administration for Industry & Commerce, the General Administration of Press and Publication and the Legislative Affairs Office of the State Council composed the sixth inspection team for software legalization and went to Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region and Liaoning Province for supervision and inspection.

On April 6, SIPO issued the *2012 Promotion Plan on the implementation of the National Intellectual Property Strategy*. On the same day, SIPO issued the *2012 Major Points of the Implementation of Local Intellectual Property Strategies*.

From April 9-19, SIPO held the first inter regional 2012 (Spring) Training Seminar on Intellectual Property for the Developing Countries, and 31 officials of IP department from Cambodia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, Mongolia, Pakistan and Thailand attended the seminar.



On April 12, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with Mr. TAN Yih San, Chief Executive of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore at SIPO.



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From April 12-16, SIPO, together with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) held the 3rd WIPO-SIPO Roving Seminar on Industrial Design Protection in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province and Xiamen, Fujian Province.



Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang delivered a speech at the 3rd WIPO-SIPO Roving Seminar on Industrial Design Protection.

From April 20-27, SIPO, together with other 25 government agencies including the Publicity Department of the Central Committee of the CPC, jointly organized the 2012 National Intellectual Property Publicity Week themed “Cultivate the Intellectual Property Culture, Motivate the Society’s Creativity and Development”.



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On April 26, SIPO held a briefing on the latest developments of SIPO to foreign embassies, chambers of commerce and representatives of foreign enterprises. On the same day, SIPO, together with other 14 government agencies including the Ministry of Commerce issued *Several Opinions on Promoting the Trade Development of Traditional Chinese Medicine Service*. Also on April 26, the results for the Selection of 2011 National Intellectual Property Protection were announced, which was jointly organized by SIPO, the State Administration for Industry & Commerce and the National Copyright Administration.

On April 27, the first batch of 23 National Intellectual Property Demonstration Cities was selected. On the same day, The China Patent Inquiry System was officially launched.

On April 28, General Office of the State Council transmitted *Several Opinions on Strengthening the Intellectual Property Work in Newly-emerged Strategic Industries*. On the same day, the Electronic Patent Application On-line Payment System was officially launched.

On May 1, Decree No. 64 of SIPO *The Methods on Compulsory License for Patents* came into force.

On May 2, the 3rd China-U.S Innovation Dialogue was held in Beijing.

On May 10 and November 14, SIPO successively signed the *Cooperation Framework Agreement on Exerting the Supporting Role of Intellectual Property and Accelerating the Construction of Economic Zone in Central China*, and the *Cooperation Framework Agreement on Co-constructing the Patent Examination Cooperation Center (Henan) of the Patent Office of SIPO* with Henan provincial government.

On May 16, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with Mr. Yoshiyuki Iwai, Commissioner of Japan Patent Office (JPO) at SIPO.



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Commissioner Tian Lipu met with Mr. Yoshiyuki Iwai, Commissioner of JPO.

On May 26, the 9th China (Wuxi) International Industrial Design Exposition was inaugurated, co-hosted by SIPO, the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Jiangsu provincial government.



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On May 29, the 2012-2013 Heads Meeting of USPTO and SIPO was held in Beijing.



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On June 6, Commissioner Tian Lipu led a delegation to Corsica to attend the 5th IP5 Heads Meeting and held the bilateral joint committee meeting with the National Institute of Industrial Property of France.



The 5th IP5 Heads Meeting in Corsica, France

On June 19, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with Mrs. Pajchima Tanasanti, Director General of the Department of Intellectual Property of Thailand at SIPO.



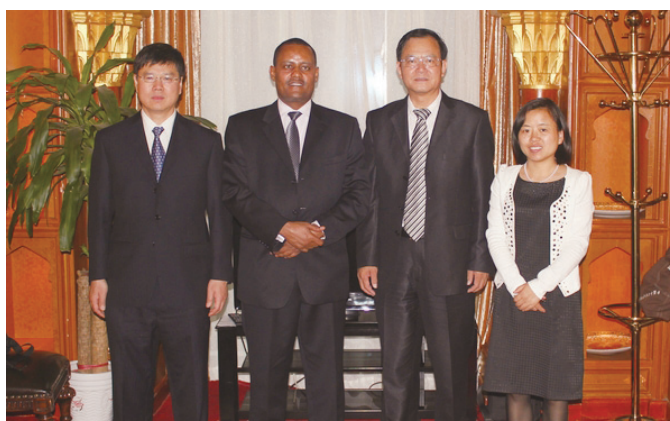
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From June 22-23, Commissioner Tian Lipu met respectively with Dr. Francis Gurry, Director-General of WIPO and other relevant countries' representatives who were attending the Diplomatic Conference on the Protection of Audiovisual Performances.



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On June 26, SIPO, together with the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Chinese Academy of Science, the Chinese Academy of Engineering and Shandong Provincial Government jointly held the 11th Chinese Patent and New High-Tech Products Expo in Jining, Shandong Province.

On July 1, Chinese patent documentation was officially incorporated into PCT minimum documentation and became must-search documentation in international patent application examination for the PCT member states.

From July 2-6, the 4th PCT Advanced Roving Seminar was jointly held by SIPO and WIPO in Jinan, Shandong Province and Suzhou, Jiangsu Province.

On July 10, The *National Statistical Regulation of Intellectual Property Services* was approved by the National Bureau of Statistics.



The Cross-Strait Forum on Communication and Cooperation of Patent Agency Practice

On July 11, Tian Lipu, President of China Intellectual Property Society attended the Cross-Strait Forum on Communication and Cooperation of Patent Agency Practice and delivered an opening speech.

On July 16, SIPO held the ceremony of signing and issuing the one millionth Invention Patent Certificate of China.



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On August 1, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with Mr. Jorge de Paula Costa Ávila, President of National Institute of Industrial Property of Brazil at SIPO.

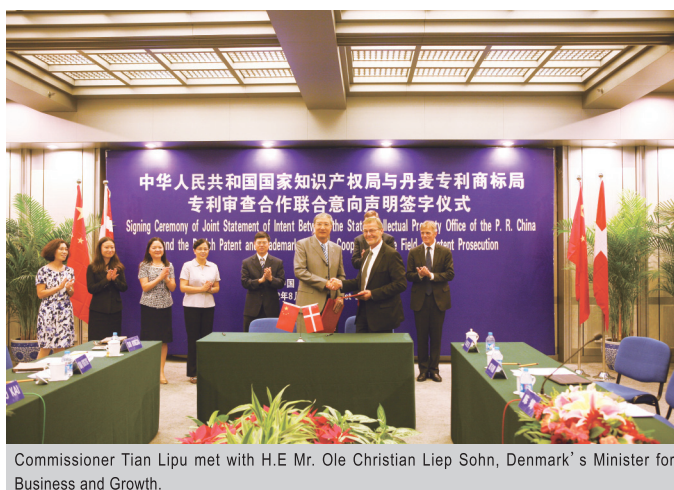


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On August 3, the Strategic Cooperation Conference among China Intellectual Property Society, Patent Protection Association of China, Copyright Society of China, China Trademark Association and China Intellectual Property Law Society was held in Suzhou. Tian Lipu, the President of China Intellectual Property Society chaired the conference.

On August 23, the *Provisional Measures on Regulating the Administration of Intellectual Property Appraisal Pilot Work of Major Economic and Scientific-Technological Activities* was issued.

On August 27, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with H.E Mr. Ole Christian Liep Sohn, Denmark's Minister for Business and Growth at SIPO.



From August 28 to September 5, to meet the business development requirements of OAPI, the 1st Training Seminar on Chinese Patent Documentation and Utilization for OAPI was held.



Commissioner Tian Lipu held talks with German Vice Premier H.E Mr. Philipp Rösler.

On August 30, Commissioner Tian Lipu held talks in Beijing with the German senior economic delegation headed by German Vice Premier also the German economic and technology minister H.E Mr. Philipp Rösler.

On September 1, the modified *Rules on Administrative Review Procedures of SIPO* came into force.

From September 3-4, the 4th Joint Experts Group Meeting for Patent Examination among SIPO, JPO and KIPO was held in Beijing.



Deputy Commissioner Yang Tiejun attended the 4th Joint Experts Group for Patent Examination among SIPO, JPO and KIPO.

On September 4, the 3rd Heads Meeting of Intellectual Property Training Institute among SIPO, JPO and KIPO was held in Beijing.

From September 10-22, SIPO held the 2012 (Autumn) Training Seminar on Intellectual Property for the Developing Countries, and 32 officials from Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Chile, Vietnam, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia and North Korea attended the Seminar.



Commissioner Tian Lipu delivered an opening speech at the 2012 (Autumn) Training Seminar on Intellectual Property for the Developing Countries.

On September 10, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with Professor Ahmad M. Ramli, Director General of the Directorate General of Intellectual Property Rights of Indonesia in Beijing.



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On September 11, China-ASEAN Seminar on Intellectual Property and Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Genetic Resources was held in Beijing. On the same day, the 2012 Patent Information Annual Conference of China was held in Beijing.



China-ASEAN Seminar on Intellectual Property and Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Genetic Resources



Deputy Commissioner Gan Shaoning delivered a keynote speech at the 2012 Patent Information Annual Conference of China.

On September 14, the Mainland, Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR Intellectual Property Symposium 2012 was held in Dalian, jointly organized by SIPO, the Intellectual Property Department of Hong Kong SAR and the Economics Department of Macao SAR.



The Mainland, Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR Intellectual Property Symposium 2012

On October 1, the Chinese delegation led by Commissioner Tian Lipu participated in the 50th series of meeting of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.



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On October 11, Commissioner Tian Lipu attended the Reception of the 40th anniversary of the establishment of China-German diplomatic relations. The foreign ministers of both countries attended the Reception.

On October 22, SIPO held the 4th IP5 Examiners Symposium in Beijing.



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On October 24, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with President Davide of the European Union Chamber of Commerce at SIPO.



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On October 30, SIPO held the 2012 Summary Meeting on Promoting the National Patent Development Strategy.



Commissioner Tian Lipu, Deputy Commissioners He Hua and Xiao Xingwei attended the 2012 Summary Meeting on Promoting the National Patent Development Strategy.

On November 1, Annual Report of SIPO was collected by the National Library of China.

On November 7, SIPO hosted the 12th Trilateral Policy Dialogue Meeting among SIPO, JPO and KIPO in Wuxi, Jiangsu Province.



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From November 9-12, the 7th International Exhibition of Inventions was held in Kunshan, Jiangsu Province, and Deputy Commissioner Bao Hong attended the event.



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On November 12, SIPO and WIPO jointly organized the WIPO Regional Seminar on the Protection of the Industrial Design and International Registration System in Shunde, Guangdong Province.

On November 28, the 2012 Working Meeting on the Implementation of Local Intellectual Property Strategies was held in Nanjing, Jiangsu Province.

On November 29, SIPO organized the 6th China Patent Week. On the same day, the China Enterprise Intellectual Property Website (www.cneip.org.cn) was officially launched and the Award Ceremony of the 7th Competition of Industrial Design Patent was held in Nanjing, Jiangsu Province.



The Opening Ceremony of the 6th China Patent Week

On November 30, SIPO, together with WIPO, held the Ceremony for the WIPO-SIPO Award for Chinese Outstanding Patented Invention and Industrial Design.



At the Ceremony for the WIPO-SIPO Award for Chinese Outstanding Patented Invention & Industrial Design, Vice Chairwoman of the NPC Standing Committee Yan Junqi, Commissioner Tian Lipu, Deputy Commissioners He Hua, Yang Tiejun, Xiao Xingwei and Bao Hong presented the awards to the winners.

On December 1, the State Council issued the *12th Five Year Plan for the Development of Service Industry* in which the intellectual property service was listed as the significant supporting system for the overall development of the service industry.

On December 22, SIPO, USPTO, EPO, JPO and KIPO, jointly released *the First IP5 Annual Statistical Report (2011)*.

As of the end of 2012, the volume of invention patents per 10,000 persons in China (excluding Hong Kong SAR, Macao SAR and Taiwan, China) reached 3.23 (the demographic data came from the year of 2011. Source: *China Statistical Yearbook 2012* by the National Bureau of Statistics). A total of 14,743 persons had obtained the Patent Agent Qualification, 8,001 patent agents and 909 patent agencies were in practice.