

## VII: Communication with Hong Kong SAR, Macao SAR and Taiwan

In 2011, SIPO had more frequent communication and exchange with Hong Kong SAR, Macao SAR and Taiwan, leading to deeper mutual understanding and higher level of cooperation and continued to maintain a good communication atmosphere. The “2011 IPR Workshop of the Mainland, Hong Kong and Macao” was held in Hong Kong successfully. SIPO and Intellectual Property Development of Hong Kong SAR firstly signed the Agreement on Co-operation in the Area of Intellectual Property. SIPO continued to act as the actual examining organization to conduct patent searches and examinations on behalf of Macao Economic Services; hosted the Fourth Cross-Strait Intellectual Property Forum, explored actively new ways of cooperation with Taiwan and guaranteed the continual implementation of “Cross-Strait Intellectual Property Protection Cooperation Agreement”.

In April, Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang met the delegation of Taiwan Patent Attorneys Association.

In June, SIPO took the initiative to open the mainland patent agent qualification examinations, published examination announcement to Taiwan citizens, adopted relevant measures to make it convenient for Taiwan residents to apply for and take the examinations, and designated Fuzhou as the test site for application and examination of the Taiwan residents. In answer to the invitation of Taiwan Federation of Industries, SIPO organized crack lecturers go to Taiwan and for the first time held training programs for Taiwan examinees on the patent agent examinations.



From July 5 to 9, SIPO dispatched working groups to Taiwan to participate in the cross-strait patent work meeting and discussed the following-up implementation of “Cross-Strait Intellectual Property Protection Cooperation Agreement”.

On November 15, SIPO worked with Hong Kong Intellectual Property Department and Macao Economic Services to hold the “2011 IPR Workshop of the Mainland, Hong Kong and Macao”. Commissioner Tian Lipu attended the meeting and delivered a speech. During the meeting, Commissioner Tian Lipu signed the Agreement on Co-operation in the Area of Intellectual Property with Director of Hong Kong Intellectual Property Department Zhang Jinghui.

From November 24 to 25, jointly organized by the China Patent Agents Association and the Taiwan Federation of Industries, hosted by the Fujian Provincial Intellectual Property Association the 4<sup>th</sup> Cross-Strait Patent Forum was held smoothly in Fuzhou, Fujian. Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang attended the opening ceremony and delivered a speech.



Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Cross-Strait Patent Forum.