



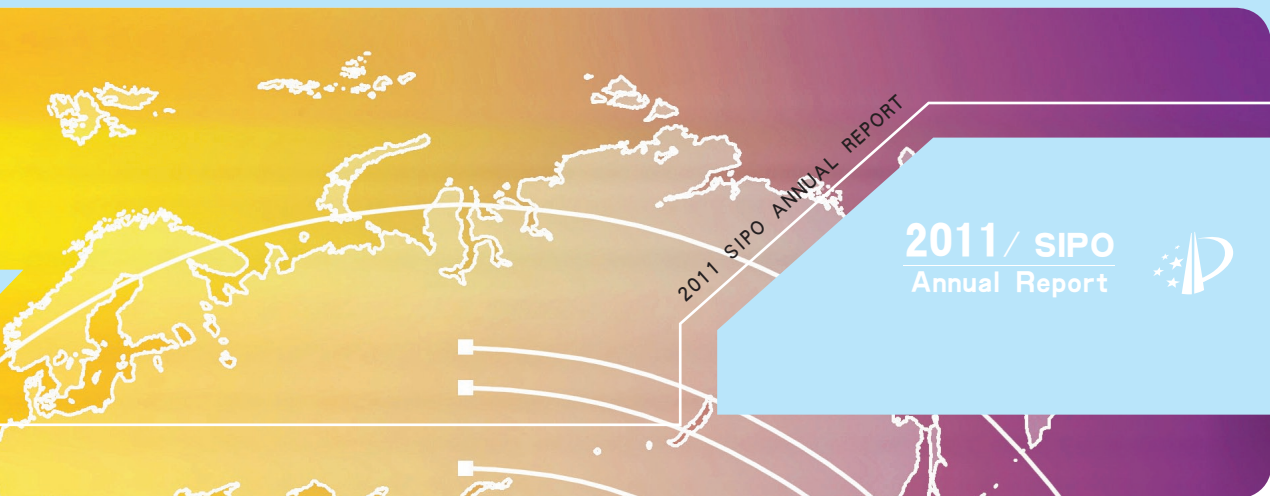
VIII: International Cooperation

In 2011, SIPO actively took part in international affairs concerning intellectual property rights, publicized the IP policies and achievements of China, deepened cooperation with various IP institutions and organizations, and improved level of cooperation with World Intellectual Property Organization. SIPO continued to strengthen the cooperation and coordination with foreign organizations concerning IPR and actively participated in the discussion of various international organizations. The cooperation of IP5 and the cooperation of SIPO-JPO-KIPO developed deeply. SIPO continued to expand bilateral cooperation, with the number partners continuously growing and the content of cooperation increasingly profound. SIPO has developed closer relationship with developing countries, and further communication regarding non-IP rights. Our IP international cooperation was developing in all dimensions.

1. Multilateral Cooperation

(1) WIPO-related activities

In November, WIPO Director General Francis Gurry attended “WIPO Regional Symposium on National Intellectual Property Strategy” and the 13th China Patent Award Ceremony and the opening ceremony for the 5th China Patent Week.



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Lu Yongxiang, academician and vice chairman of the Standing Committee of National People's Congress, met with Dr. Francis Gurry during his visit to China. In addition, Director General Francis Gurry also signed "the Cooperation Agreement on the Development of Information Services of the Intellectual Property Office between the State Intellectual Property Office and WIPO" with Commissioner Tian Lipu.



Commissioner Tian Lipu met with WIPO Deputy Director General Games Pooley.

In 2011, WIPO Deputy Director General Games Pooley, Geoffrey Onyeama and Wang Binying paid several visits to SIPO to communicate and exchange experiences.

From September 26 and October 5, Commissioner Tian Lipu led the Chinese government delegation to take part in the 49th Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO and had an official meeting with Director General Francis Gurry, Director General of the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI in French-speaking) and Director General of African Regional Intellectual Property Organization. During the Assemblies, Commissioner Tian Lipu also held bilateral talks with heads of intellectual property in US, Russia, UK, Spain, Mongolia, Finland, Singapore, the European Patent Office and the Office of Harmonization for the Internal Market(OHIM) and signed a cooperation agreement with Spanish Patent and Trademark Office.

Deputy Commissioners Li Yuguang and Yang Tiejun paid separate visits to WIPO in February and June.

SIPO held a series of seminars with WIPO in China. In April and September, two roving seminars on industrial design were held in Beijing, Xian, Shunde, and Nanchang. In July, a high-level seminar of Patent Cooperation Agreement (PCT) was held in China.

SIPO has deepened the cooperation with WIPO, especially in the fields of Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), Automation, Patent documentation etc. In July, the proposal of “acceptance of China’s patent documentation by PCT minimum documentation” was approved unanimously in the Assemblies of Member States of WIPO and will take effect on July 1, 2012.

Moreover, SIPO also participated in other meetings and activities of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants, such as the WIPO Development and Intellectual Property Committee meeting; the Program and Budget Committee meeting; intergovernmental Committee meeting on intellectual property and genetic resources, traditional knowledge and folklore, the Patent Cooperation Treaty Working Group Meeting etc. SIPO worked with related domestic ministries to take part in the related meetings of WTO, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation(APEC), the Convention on Biological Diversity etc.

(2) Cooperation of IP5

From June 23 to 24, the 4th Meeting of IP5 Heads of Office was held in Tokyo, Japan. From July 22 to 23, the 6th Meeting of IP5 Deputy Heads of Office was held in Tokyo.

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 3rd Meeting of Working Group 2, 5th Meeting of Working Group 1, 6th Meeting of Working Group 1 in October, 4th Meeting of Working Group 2 in November, and 3rd Meeting of Working Group 3 in December. SIPO also actively and stably carried ten fundamental programs forward.

(3) Cooperation of SIPO—JPO—KIPO

From December 14 to 17, Commissioner Tian Lipu led a delegation to attend the 11th Trilateral Policy Dialogue Meeting among JPO, KIPO and SIPO, during which the “Joint Statement of China, Japan and South Korea on Strengthening the Cooperation in Intellectual Property” as well as relevant cooperation route chart were passed and Record of Discussion was concluded.

From May 24 to 25, the JPO-KIPO-SIPO Design Conference was held in South Korea.

From September 4 to 8, the 3rd JPO-KIPO-SIPO Joint Expert Group Meeting on Patent Examination was held in South Korea.

From October 24 to 25, the 9th meeting of JPO-KIPO-SIPO Automation Expert Group was held in Daejeon, South Korea, which deepened the understanding of informationization of the three offices and promoted the cooperation and communication in projects such as trilateral websites, priority documents exchange and mechanical translation between the three sides.

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2. Bilateral Cooperation

(1) Cooperation with European countries

Cooperation with EPO

In 2011, SIPO and EPO held Bilateral Heads Meeting twice. On June 23, Commissioner Tian Lipu held bilateral talks with President of European Patent Office during the Meeting of IP5 Heads of Office in Japan. From November 30 to December 3, the 5th SIPO-EPO Bilateral Heads Meeting was held in Chongqing.



The 5th SIPO-EPO Bilateral Heads Meeting.



Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang met with Vice President of European Patent Office Lutz.

During the meeting, Commissioner Tian Lipu and President Mr. Battistelli signed several cooperation agreements between SIPO and EPO, which were “2012 Bilateral Cooperation Plan of the State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China and the European Patent Office”, “the 5th Meeting of Directors Meeting Minutes of the People’s Republic of China State Intellectual Property Office and European Patent Office”, and the “Memorandum of Understanding of the People’s Republic of China State Intellectual Property Office with the European Patent Office on Implementation of the 17th ‘Data Exchange’ and 3rd ‘Machine Translation’ of the Strategic Partnership Agreement”.

From July 13 to 18, Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang met with Mr. Lutz, Vice President of European Patent Office.

From October 13 to 21, Deputy Commissioner Yang Tiejun led a delegation to visit European Patent Office.

On November 7, Commissioner Tian Lipu and Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang met respectively with Mr. Desantes, the former Vice President of EPO.

From August 29 to September 5, the roving seminars on European Patent System were held in Beijing, Taizhou and Chengdu.

Cooperation with the EU

On March 21, Deputy Commissioner Gan Shaoning met Commissioner of Internal Market and Services of European Commission Michel Barnier and her delegation.



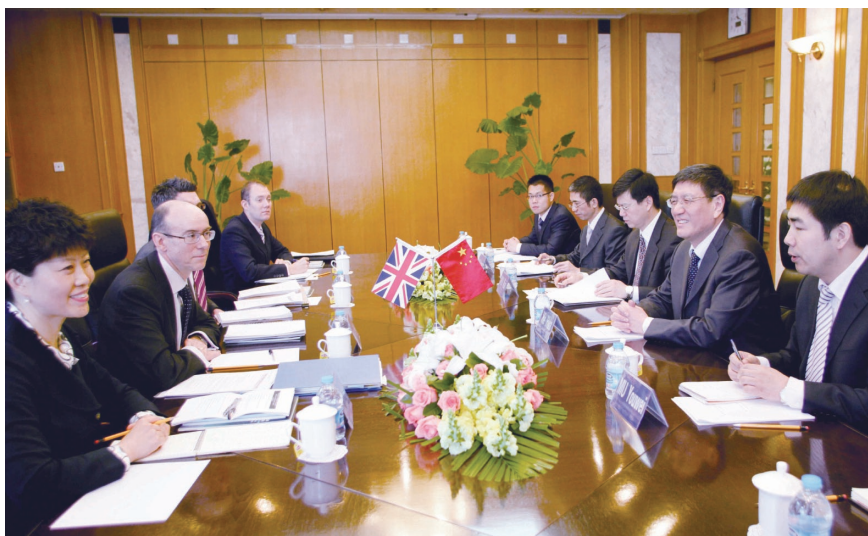
Deputy Commissioner Gan Shaoning met Commissioner of Internal Market and Services of European Commission Michel Barnier and her delegation.

From May 12 to 15, Deputy Commissioner Yang Tiejun led a delegation to visit the Office of Harmonization for the Internal Market (OHIM).

From January 18 to 20, SIPO held a roving seminar on industrial design system in Zhejiang and Yunnan together with OHIM. From March 22 to 24, SIPO held a roving seminar on industrial design system in Spain and Holland together with OHIM. On June 23, SIPO held a Seminar on the implementation of Patent Law in the pharmaceutical industry with European Union in Beijing. On July 8, SIPO held an industrial design workshop in Beijing with OHIM.

Other cooperation with European countries

On March 1, Deputy Commissioner He Hua met with Mr. John Alty, CEO of the UK the Intellectual Property Office .



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On March 15, Deputy Commissioner Gan Shaoning paid a visit to Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks.

From March 16 to 25, Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang paid a visit to Poland, and signed a “Memorandum of Understanding” between SIPO and the Patent Office of Poland.

From May 26 to June 3, Deputy Commissioner Bao Hong paid a visit to the German Patent and Trademark Office and Austrian Patent Office.

From July 2 to 7, Deputy Commissioner Yang Tiejun led a delegation to visit UK Intellectual Property Office.



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Deputy Commissioner Yang Tiejun met with Mr. Addor, Deputy Director of Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property.

On August 30, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with Chairman of the Industry and Commerce Committee of Swedish Parliament.

From October 8 to 15, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with Ms. Cornelia Rudloff-Schaeffer, Director of German Patent and Trademark Office, and her delegation to celebrate the 30th anniversary of international cooperation between SIPO and German Patent and Trademark Office. The two offices signed “2011-2012 Bilateral Work Plan” and “joint Statement on Patent Prosecution Highway” and held a symposium for 30th anniversary of the cooperation between SIPO and the German Patent and Trademark Office as well as the meeting with SIPO staffs who have been trained in Germany.

On November 22, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with Poland Patent Office President Alicja Adamczak. Deputy Commissioner Yang Tiejun met with Mr. Addor, Deputy Director Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property.

On November 24, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with French National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) Director General Yves and the 24th joint working group between SIPO and INPI was held.

From December 6 to 10, Commissioner Tian Lipu led a delegation to London to attend the SIPO- UKIPO Intellectual Symposium and delivered a speech. He received interviews during his visit from Xinhua, Times and BBC and paid a visit to UK Intellectual Property Office.

(2) Cooperation with American and Oceanian countries

On May 5, Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang led a delegation to the US to attend the “Sino-US Senior Officials Dialogue Meeting for Scientific and Technological Innovation” and paid a visit to the United States Patent and Trademark Office and met the newly appointed Deputy Director Ms. Teresa Rea.

On May 12, Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang visited Cuba Industrial Property Office (CIPO) and signed the Minutes of the Cooperation between the SIPO and CIPO.

On May 19, Deputy Commissioner Yang Tiejun led a delegation to visit National Industrial Property Office of Brazil.

From August 18 to 21, Deputy Commissioner Gan Shaoning led a delegation to visit Canadian Intellectual Property Office.

On November 8, Deputy Commissioner Yang Tiejun met with Ms. Teresa Rea, Deputy Director of United States Patent and Trademark Office, and signed “Joint Statement of Intent by SIPO and USPTO on the Pilot Projects of Patent Prosecution Highway”.

On March 28, SIPO and the United States Patent and Trademark Office held a biotechnology review workshop, during which IP experts from both countries introduced the respective biotechnology review procedures, review practices and other issues and discussed issues of how to improve patent qualities.

On July 25 and 28, SIPO and USPTO held the SIPO-USPTO Intellectual Property Management and Commercialization Symposium in Beijing and Kunming.



Deputy Commissioner Yang Tiejun and Ms. Teresa Rea, Deputy Director of United States Patent and Trademark Office, signed “Statement of Intent” and exchanged documents.

(3) Cooperation with Asian countries

Cooperation with Japan and South Korea

On March 9, Commissioner Tian Lipu published a signed article named “Intellectual Protection in China: the Truths that You should Know” in “Patent”, the magazine of Japan’s Agents Association.

On May 4, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with JPO Commissioner Yoshiyuki Iwai and his delegation and discussed issues such as the development of patent industry in China, SIPO-JPO Patent Examination Highway and coordination of international patent system etc.

On June 16, JPO- SIPO Design Expert Conference was held in Beijing.

On October 13, the Department of Talent Education of KIPO paid a visit to SIPO, exchanged opinions with relevant departments on IP talent training systems.



SIPO Commissioner Tian Lipu met with JPO Commissioner Yoshiyuki Iwai and his delegation.

From October 17 to 20, the 18th Heads Meeting between SIPO and JPO was held in Beijing, during which the Record of the Meeting and “Joint Statement of State Intellectual Property Office of People’s Republic of China and Japan Patent Office on Cooperation Intent of Patent Examination” .

From October 17 to 21, SIPO dispatched staff members to participate the “2011 Chinese Civil Servants Tour of Observation on Intellectual Property to South Korea” held together by Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency and KIPO.

From November 1 to 3, 17th Heads Meeting of SIPO and KIPO was held in Beijing, during which the Record of the Meeting and “Memorandum of Understanding of State Intellectual Property Office of People’s Republic of China and Korean Intellectual Property Office on Patent Prosecution Highway”.

On November 2, SIPO and KIPO jointly held the SIPO-KIPO Intellectual Property Protection Forum.

SIPO dispatched staff members to participate in the 2011 training program of The Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship (AOTS).

From March to April, after the Japanese Earthquake, Commissioner Tian Lipu and Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang sent consolation letters to 10 institutions such as Japan Patent Office, the Association for the Promotion of International Trade of Japan, Japan Patent Information Organization etc to show their concern. According to the requirements of relevant laws, SIPO published the “Relief Note of Patent Term Delay due to Japanese Earthquake”.

Cooperation with ASEAN

On March 15, SEAN-China Intellectual Property High-Level Symposium was held in Brunei, Deputy Commissioner Xiao Xingwei led a delegation to attend the symposium.



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From November 21 to 24, the Second China-ASEAN Intellectual Property Rights Roundtable was held in Beijing.

Cooperation with other Asian countries

On March 22, Deputy Commissioner Xiao Xingwei led a delegation to visit the National Office of Intellectual Property of Vietnam.

On March 24, Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang visited Cambodia and signed the “Memorandum of Understanding of State Intellectual Property Office of People’s Republic of China and the National Intellectual Property Committee of Kingdom of Cambodia”.

On April 21, Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang led a delegation to visit Mongolia and signed the “Record of the Meeting between State Intellectual Property Office of People’s Republic of China and Mongolia Intellectual Property Office”.

On April 18, Commissioner Tian Lipu and Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang met with Director of Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea Li Zhezhen and his delegation.

On June 13, Commissioner Tian Lipu and Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang met with Deputy Director Gantumu of Mongolian Intellectual Property Office (MIPO) and his delegation.

On August 29, SIPO-MIPO Joint Symposium on Intellectual Property was held in the capital city of Mongolia, Ulan Bator. Deputy Commissioner Yang Tiejun and his delegation attended the meeting and met with GImgyhezu, Mongolia's Deputy Prime Minister.

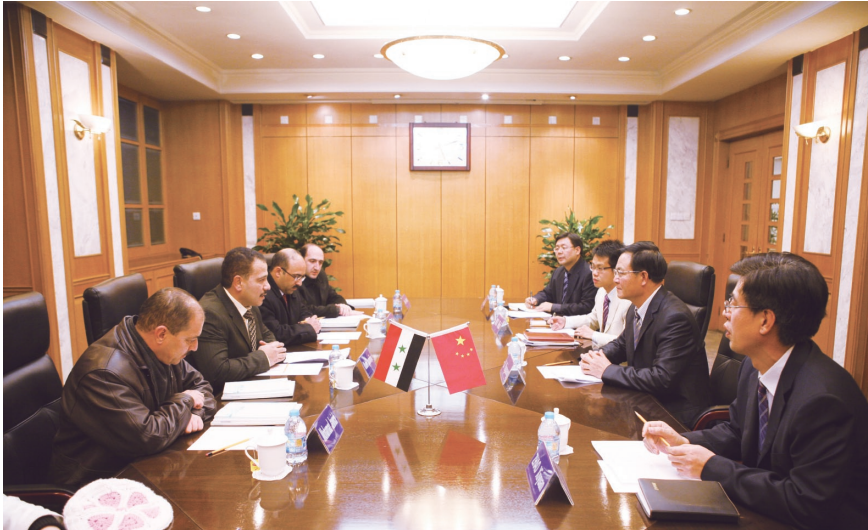
From September 13 to 17, Deputy Li Yuguang met with Vice Minister of the Cambodian Ministry of Commerce Diss Tina and his delegation including high-rank officials in the Ministry of Commerce, and Ministry of Industrial Minerals and Energy.

On September 14, Commissioner Tian Lipu attended the Summer Davos Forum and signed with representatives of the Government of Kyrgyzstan the "Cooperation Agreement between State Intellectual Property Office of People's Republic of China and the Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan in the field of Intellectual Property".

On November 23, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with Vice Minister of Ministry of Economic Development of Turkmenistan Takanove.

On November 29, Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang led a delegation to visit Gulf Cooperation Council Patent Office and the two sides signed a "Memorandum of Understanding on the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the Gulf Arab countries Cooperation Council".

On November 30, Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang led a delegation to visit Saudi Arabia Intellectual Property Office.



Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang met with the delegation of the Syrian Patent Office examiners.

On December 12, Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang led a delegation to visit Qatar Intellectual Property Center.

On December 27, Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang met visiting delegation of the Syrian Patent Office examiners.

(4) Cooperation with African countries

From July 12 to 17, Director of Egypt Patent Office Adel paid a visit to SIPO and signed a cooperative agreement.

On September 16, Commissioner Tian Lipu met Ramatoyea Bach, Vice-Chairman of the Administrative Council of African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI).

On November 13, Commissioner Tian Lipu met and had dinner with the foreign representatives in the Intellectual Property Office Heads Seminar of Members of the African Intellectual Property Organization held by World Intellectual Property



Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang met with Mr. Adel Ewida, Director of Egypt Patent Office.



Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang attended Heads of Intellectual Property Offices Members Seminar by the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization.

Organization (WIPO) and African Regional Intellectual Property Organization, and signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Adelo, Director of Ethiopian Intellectual Property Office. From November 14 to 18, this seminar was held in Beijing and Qingdao, participated by 18 member states of African Intellectual Property Organization, 24 representatives of other observer countries and 2 high-rank officials from the World Intellectual Property Organization, and Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang attended the seminar and delivered a keynote speech. On November 14 he met Director of Ethiopian Intellectual Property Office Adelo.

From November 28 to December 3, Deputy Commissioner Yang Tiejun led a delegation to attend the Ministerial Council Meeting of African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO).

From December 11 to 14, Commissioner Tian Lipu led a delegation to attend the Administrative Council Meeting of African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI).

(5) Training programs to IP agencies of developing countries

In April, SIPO provided High-level Officials Exchange training programs to the delegation led by Director of Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and provided business training to the examiners of Vietnam Intellectual Property Office.

In May, 6 patent examiners of the Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCCPO) received a two-week patent examination training program organized by SIPO. The training content was comprehensive and thorough, covering theoretical knowledge of China intellectual property system, patent information search to patent examinations, and was highly praised by the he Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf.

From June 12 to 18, Deputy Director Gantumu of Mongolian Intellectual Property

Office (MIPO) led a delegation to receive a training program organized by SIPO. SIPO also provided training programs to ARIPO.

From September 13 to 17, according to the Memorandum of Understanding of Intellectual Property of Cambodia Ministry of Commerce, SIPO provided High-level Officials Exchange training programs to the delegation led by Vice Minister of the Cambodian Ministry of Commerce Diss Tina. On September 16, SIPO provided High-level Officials Exchange training programs to the delegation of 5 people led by the Chairman and Deputy Director-General of the Administrative Council Meeting of African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI). SIPO also provided training programs to the Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Syrian patent examiners.

From October 16 to 31, Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia, the Cuban Industrial Property Office and Costa Rica Industrial Property Registration Office each dispatched two officials to receive training programs on intellectual property in Shanghai and Beijing.

In December, SIPO provided training programs to 6 examiners from Syrian Patent Office.

3. Other Cooperative Activities

On February 18, Deputy Commissioner He Hua met with Vice President of Microsoft Global Horacio E. Gutierrez.

On February 23, Deputy Commissioner He Hua met with Executive Vice President of U.S. Biotechnology Industry Organization Mr. Sean.

On March 9, SIPO and John Marshall Law School held together the Commencement Ceremony for Chinese Students in Marshall and the tenth anniversary of cooperation with Marshall Law School.



Deputy Commissioner He Hua met with Mr. Sean, Executive Vice President of U.S. Biotechnology Industry Organization.

On June 14, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with Chief Judge of the U.S. Federal Circuit Court Mr. Rader.

On June 28, Deputy Commissioner Li Yuguang met with Senior Expert Consultant of Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Justice Mr. Yu Shougu.

From August 21 to 24, Deputy Commissioner Gan Shaoning led a delegation to visit ohn Marshall Law School in Chicago, United States and attended the “3rd Symposium on Revision of China Patent Law”. From August 24 to 27, he visited University of Washington in Seattle and Microsoft headquarters.

On October 9, Deputy Commissioner Yang Tiejun met with the delegation led by Kamiyanagi Masashi, Executive Director of Seiko Epson, Japan.

On October 20, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with the delegation led by Roy F. Waldron, Pfizer Senior Vice President.



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From October 18 to 20, SIPO dispatched staff members to the US to participate in the overseas publicity activities for Chinese intellectual property.

On October 28, Commissioner Tian Lipu met with the delegation led by Chairman of European Union Chamber of Commerce in China Mr. Davide Cucino.

On October 31, Deputy Commissioner Yang Tiejun met with the delegation of American Intellectual Property Owners Association.