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China's Action Plan on Intellectual Property Protection 2010, reviewed and adopted at the Ministerial Joint Meeting on National Intellectual Property Strategy, is hereby issued for your implementation.

This Notice is hereby given.

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China's Action Plan on Intellectual Property Protection 2010

I. Working Guidelines

In 2010, the national working guidelines on intellectual property (IP) protection are: "Improving System, Strengthening Enforcement, Emphasizing Special Campaigns, Promoting Coordination, Enhancing Publicity, and Regulating Administration".

Improving System: According to the current needs, further improving IP – related laws and regulations, strengthening linkages among intellectual property laws, enhancing operational ease of laws and regulations, and forming the intellectual property legal system in line with our national situation.

Strengthening Enforcement: Strengthening administrative enforcement system, judicial protection system, and related working mechanism, improving enforcement efficiency and capability, enhancing public services, and giving a full play to judicial protection of intellectual property rights (IPRs).

Emphasizing Special Campaigns: By adhering to their own functions and using creative methods, to selectively and continuously carry out special enforcement campaigns against IP infringement activities that cause huge social impact and strong public reaction, so as to further purify the market environment.

Promoting Coordination: To further promote the overall planning and coordination work on national IP protection and form effective IP protection mechanisms through strengthening departmental cooperation, so as to assemble all – round power on IP protection.

Enhancing Publicity: To objectively reflect the

genuine situation of IP protection in China to both foreign and domestic audience by paying attention to the feedback and expanding various publicity channels, and meanwhile to continue enhancing public awareness of IP protection.

Regulating Administration: To regulate administration work on IP protection by reasonably allocating limited resources and establishing effective incentive mechanisms, so as to form an IP protection system characterized by scientific decisions and smooth implementation.

II. Specific Measures

(i) Legislation

1. To Formulate and Revise some Laws, Regulations and Rules concerning Patent, Trademark, and Copyright Protection

(1) To formulate the Administration, Implementation and Protection Measures on Secret Patent Rights.

(2) To amend the Regulations on Patent Commissioning.

(3) To continue and complete the modification of the Measures on Patent Compulsory Licenses and the Measures on Patent Administrative Enforcement.

(4) To continue and complete the modification of the Provisional Administration Measures on Registration of Pledge Contracts on Patent Rights and the Administration Measures on Recording of Contracts on Patent Licenses.

(5) To revise the Regulation on National De-

fense Patents.

(6) To promote the revision of the Trademark Law.

(7) To conduct research and prepare for the amendment of the Implementing Rules of the Trademark Law.

(8) To positively promote the legislation process of the Regulations on Trademark Agency.

(9) To promote the formulation and implementation of the Administration Measures on Trademark Agent Credibility Information.

(10) To promote the amendment of the Regulation on the Identification and Protection of Well – Known Trademarks.

(11) To timely promote the revision of the Rules on Trademark Appraisal and Review.

(12) To ensure the revision of the Copyright Law.

(13) To speed up the legislation process of the Regulation on Copyright Protection of Folklores, and to support and encourage local copyright legislation work.

2. To Formulate and Revise other IPR – related Laws, Regulations and Rules

(1) To improve the legal system concerning labor contracts and the related system on trade secret protection.

(2) To continue promoting the legislation coordination on the Administration Regulation on Bio – Genetic Resources, and carry out research on the formulation of administration system on import and export of bio – genetic resources.

(3) To promulgate the Naming Rules on New Varieties of Agricultural Plants, and revise the Regu-

lation on Reviewing New Plant Varieties by the Review Board of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Regulation on Handling Infringement Cases regarding New Varieties of Agricultural Plants.

(4) To coordinate and draft the Anti – Monopoly Guide on the Misuse of Intellectual Property Rights.

(5) To draft related rules according to the regulations on trade – related IPR protection in the Foreign Trade Law.

(6) To accelerate the legislation process on the protection of intangible cultural heritage and promulgate related policies in time.

(7) To accelerate the legislation process on the Law of Chinese Traditional Medicine and continue carrying out legislation research work on the IPR protection of Chinese traditional medicine.

(8) To revise the Regulation on the Customs Protection of Intellectual Property Rights and further improve related rules.

(9) To amend the Implementation Measures of the Regulation on the Customs Protection of Intellectual Property Rights by Customs of People’s Republic of China.

(10) To actively undertake the related work after the submission of the revised version of the Unfair Competition Law.

3. To Draft and Formulate IPR – related Judicial Interpretations and Regulating Documents

(1) To promulgate the Judicial Interpretation on Several Issues Concerning Application of Law to the Trial of Monopoly Cases of Civil Disputes in time.

(2) To promulgate the Several Opinions on Trial of Civil, Administrative and Criminal IPR Cases Handled by Some Local IPR Tribunals Issued by Supreme



People's Court.

(3) To promulgate the Notice on the Amending Criterion of the Jurisdiction of First – Trial Civil IPR Cases Handled by Local Courts at All Levels Issued by Supreme People's Court and the Notice on the Criterion of the Jurisdiction of First – Trial Civil IPR Cases Handled by the Primary Courts.

(4) To carry out in – depth research on the legal application issues in trial of IPR administrative cases and draft interpretations or regulating documents concerning the trial of right confirmation cases related to patents and trademarks.

(ii) Examination and Registration of IPRs

(1) To upgrade and improve “the Application System of Recording IPRs at Customs” so as to facilitate public application, administration or inquiry of recording IPRs at customs.

(2) To improve the quality management system of trademark registration and examination, enhance examination efficiency, make sure the completion of examining 1.4 million trademark applications by 2010, shorten the examination period to within one year, and fully solve the backlog of applications in trademark registration, appraisal and review.

(3) To continue accelerating examination of registration applications of trademarks and geographical indications of agricultural products, and to strengthen trademark and geographical indication protection of agricultural products.

(4) To ensure good online operations of patent electronic filing system, patent search and service system, intelligence search system of design patents, promote electronic filing, and optimize the administration on examination.

(5) To establish circuit and centralized examination methods, accelerate the perfection of examination system, and improve patent examination efficiency and capabilities.

(iii) IPR Administrative Protection

1. Special Enforcement Campaigns

(1) To carry out activities in the “Enforcement Year on Seeds” and enhance the supervision over authentic appraisal of plant varieties and administration of provinces with large quantity in producing seeds.

(2) To enhance the selective inspection on agricultural products with geographic indications and realize normalization of supervision.

(3) To organize and carry out anti – counterfeiting campaigns in the period of “Quality Month” .

(4) To organize anti – counterfeiting campaigns against violations on geographic indications.

(5) To carry out special campaigns against receiving and circulating illegal broadcasting and TV programs and other piracy activities.

(6) To continue carrying out special campaigns against internet infringement and piracy activities and combating illegal pre – installation computer software in 2010.

(7) To organize and carry out national IPR enforcement campaigns involved by several government agencies in line with “the 2010 Shanghai World Exposition IPR Protection Special Campaigns” .

(8) To do a good job in protecting the symbols, special indications and trademarks of the World Exposition in Shanghai and the Asian Games in Guangzhou.

(9) To continue carrying out the special campaign called “Thunderstorm” with an emphasis on

combating counterfeiting activities in IPR infringement.

(10) To continue carrying out the special campaign “Skynet” with an emphasis on combating patent fraud activities.

2. Strengthening Daily Enforcement

(1) To continue strengthening administration and post – supervision of the issue production license for franchised varieties, enhancing the supervision on the market of seeds, and fighting against production and sales of un – licensed and/or falsely branded products.

(2) To promote computerized supervision platform construction of cultural market and severely crack down infringement and piracy activities in cultural market.

(3) To continue fighting against and keeping the high pressure over infringement activities during import and export, improve enforcement methods, strengthen information collection and risk analysis regarding infringement activities, and enhance supervision on goods with high risk of infringement.

(4) To strengthen the recognition and protection of well – known trademarks and their regulation work.

(5) To strengthen the supervision of internet IPR violations, fight against unfair competition activities of violating trade secrets and counterfeiting, and deploy work to handle important cases in time.

(6) To continue enhancing trademark administrative enforcement and severely fighting against trademark infringing and counterfeiting activities.

(7) To coordinate and solve conflicting problems between variety names of agricultural products and their trademarks.

(8) To do a good job in transferring suspicious trademark criminal cases.

(9) To continue fighting against counterfeiting and infringement activities, carry out activities aimed at “cracking down counterfeits and protecting good and branded products”, strengthen daily enforcement against infringement activities such as counterfeited production places, factory names and addresses, quality symbols, and other violations, and emphasize on some big and important cases.

(10) To strengthen supervision and administration of large enterprises in making, selling and disseminating copyrighted products, help them build up internal copyright management system, and enhance their consciousness of self discipline.

(11) To strengthen enforcement on protecting new plant varieties in forestry, and penalize illegal activities including infringing and counterfeiting of new plant varieties.

(iv) IPR Judicial Protection Working Plans

(1) To continue promoting the pilot work on concentrating trial of IPR civil, administrative and criminal cases at IPR tribunals set up by some courts.

(2) To continue investigation on issues related to establishing IPR appeal courts, and pay special attention to the special IPR appeal systems in the United States, Japan and etc.

(3) To promote the procedural simplification of confirming patent and trademark rights, and make efforts to simplify relevant relief procedures.

(4) To convene IPR judicial protection seminar during the period of post international financial crisis, the national IPR trial work symposium, and the second national patent trial symposium of all courts, to



draw trial experiences and unify judicial policies.

(5) To carry out investigation and research on issues related to judicial protection of trade secrets, promulgate related guiding documents in time, and guide market entities to establish trade secret administration system through judicial policies.

(6) To gradually establish and improve the judicial mechanism related to judicial appraisal, expert witness, and technical investigation.

(7) To encourage local courts to actively explore the effective methods and practices in carrying out technical investigation in trials of patent disputes and other technical cases.

(8) To explore the possibility of formulating a list of experts as scientific and technical consultants specially invited by the Supreme People's Court and establish the technical expert base on intellectual property trials for the People's Courts.

(9) To carry out research and investigation on issues such as the copyright judicial protection under the environment of internet, damages on infringing copyright of audio – video products, and preliminary measures before IP litigations, and to clarify their judicial interpretations in time.

(10) To bring the supervision function into a full play, that is to give a timely supervision and correction on situations in handling IPR violation cases, such as cases should be transferred, but not transferred, cases should be accepted but not accepted, cases should be punished, but not punished, and cases should be sentenced to criminal punishment but only given fines, and pay attention to hidden crimes taking advantage of trial duties.

(v) IPR Enforcement Mechanism Construction Working Plans

(1) To continue strengthening cooperation on IP protection with Hong Kong Customs and Macao Customs.

(2) To further regulate the regional coordination of trademark administrative enforcement, and let regional coordination organizations play a better role in trademark administrative enforcement, so as to promote the national coordination of trademark administrative enforcement.

(3) To explore and establish protection mechanisms related to digital copyrighted technologies of broadcasting and TV programs and movies.

(4) To further improve copyright administrative enforcement mechanisms, and clarify the main bodies of copyright administrative enforcement in the cities below vice – provincial level, and their functions and responsibilities during the reform process of general enforcement in the cultural market, so as to guarantee the copyright administrative enforcement and market supervision tasks to fall on the ground.

(5) To introduce copyright protection mechanism into the exhibitions, especially Shanghai World Exposition and Guangzhou Trade Fair, and affirmatively fight against infringement and piracy activities at exhibitions.

(6) To encourage social involvement in the copyright protection work, further improve copyright infringement report and handling mechanism, and praise and reward units and individuals who made good achievements in cracking down infringement and piracy cases in 2009.

(7) To carry out cooperation with Hong Kong

Customs on copyright affairs, and to sign the mutual assistance cooperation agreement in Hong Kong.

(8) To further improve the coordination and linkage mechanisms between copyright administrative enforcement and judicial protection against criminal violations, and enhance fighting against criminal violations of copyright.

(9) To organize and coordinate relevant departments in strengthening the construction work of IPR enforcement coordination mechanisms.

(10) To further establish and improve the communication and exchange mechanism with both foreign and domestic right holders and organizations.

(11) To further promote administrative enforcement, criminal investigation, and judicial authorities to establish a mechanism characterized by “network linkage and information sharing”, and supervise and urge administrative enforcement authorities to transfer suspicious criminal cases violating IPRs in time through this mechanism.

(vi) Publicity

1. Orientation

(1) To publicize new thinking, new measures and new achievements of regions and departments in implementing the requirements of the central government to carry out the IP strategies, and to set up role models in IP protection.

(2) To select typical cases for the public supervision with consideration of major campaigns on IP enforcement and IP infringements with strong public concerns, and to guide and enhance public consciousness of the legal system and their initiatives to protect IP rights.

(3) To intensify the publicity of knowledge on IP laws and science and technology in line with “World

IP Day” as well as other major events, to improve the public awareness of innovation, and to make efforts to create a favorable climate of respecting and protecting intellectual property rights in the society.

(4) To continue promoting “legal publicity activities in six major areas”, especially “legal publicity activities in enterprises”, while taking the opportunity of reviewing the Fifth Five – Year Plan on Legal Publicity, to summarize and check the publicity and education work on IP laws and regulations, and to continuously improve the work.

2. Large – Scale Publicity Campaigns

(1) To hold the second and third trademark knowledge contest with the name of “Trademark – How Far Away From Our Daily Life” and to solicit essays under the theme of “Geographical Indication Products in Our Life” .

(2) To carry out publicity campaigns for copyright protection centering around commemorating the 100th anniversary of the promulgation of the first Copyright Law in the Chinese history and the 20th anniversary of the promulgation of the Copyright Law of the People’s Republic of China.

(3) To organize the selection of WIPO Golden Prize for Copyright Originality (China) .

(4) To carry out, among universities, middle and primary schools, and urban communities, in – depth campaigns themed “Say No to Piracy, Starting from myself” .

(5) To organize activities for 2010 national IP publicity week.

3. Hosting Forums and Symposiums, Producing and Disseminating Publicity Materials

(1) To publish the Annual Report on Overseas



IP Protection.

(2) To compile the Litigation Guidance on “337 Investigation” and Collection of “337 Investigation” Cases.

(3) To select and issue the Ten Best Case Practices in IP Protection by Chinese Customs in 2009 and release the White Paper on IP Protection by Chinese Customs in 2009.

(4) To host Workshop on Madrid International Registration of Trademarks – Overseas Trademark Protection.

(5) To host the Second Meeting of the Chinese Mainland and Hong Kong Trademark Coordination Working Group, and organize a seminar with Hong Kong Intellectual Property Department.

(6) To collaborate with relevant agencies and organizations from Taiwan in trademark affairs and intensify the protection of trademarks owned by Taiwanese businessmen, facilitate the construction of economic zone on the western coast of the Taiwan straits, and enhance the publicity of Taiwanese trademarks.

(7) To hold forums on protection of geographical indications during the 2010 Central and West China Fair for Investment and Trade.

(8) To host 2010 International Copyright Forum.

(9) To continue strengthening communication and cooperation between mainland and Taiwan on copyright affairs, and make good achievements in the annual exchange visit across the straight.

(10) To host the 2010 China High – Level Forum on Intellectual Property.

(11) To host IP protection forum for foreign – invested enterprises in China in 2010.

(12) To host IP protection forum for domestic enterprises in 2010.

(13) To organize the Achievement Exhibition of IPR Protection in China.

(14) To publish the White Paper on IPR Protection in China 2009.

(15) To compile and publish new version of the Collection of Patent – related Laws, Regulations and Rules.

(16) To strengthen publicity on cases by compiling IP publicity materials in connection with typical cases, which are easy to understand and meet the educational purposes, targeted for officials and public.

(17) To publish the White Paper on IPR Judicial Protection by Courts in China for the first time.

(18) To issue the Annual Report on IP Cases by the Supreme People’s Court (2009) .

(19) To select and publicize typical IP cases for judicial protection in China in 2009.

(vii) Training and Education

1. Training of IP Enforcement and Judicial Professionals

(1) To launch targeted trainings and education programs on IP enforcement among local public security officers for improved service.

(2) To strengthen the professional training of judicial appraisers on IPRs.

(3) To improve the Custom IP protection system and train experts on IP protection in Customs.

(4) To train professionals proficient in business related trade secrets and relevant international rules, so as to improve the protection of trade secrets.

(5) To organize training programs for professionals in radio, film, and television agencies, so as to

improve their theoretical and professional levels.

(6) To improve the professional guidance towards local copyright enforcement agencies, to strengthen the provision of professional training to local enforcement officers, and to enhance their enforcement capabilities in the new situation.

(7) To intensify training on trial of IP cases, to select a group of judges proficient in laws, good at foreign languages, and with a technology or engineering background, and to give priority to foster a group of expert – type judges.

(8) To deliver IP training programs focusing on procuratorate work in collaboration with European Union.

(9) To organize 2 or 3 training seminars for IP judges of all courts in China.

2. IP Publicity and Education

(1) To deliver professional IP training programs towards enterprises integrating their local industrial and economic development characteristics, so as to improve their awareness of IP protection.

(2) While promoting the implementation of training programs of on – job master education on IP laws, to organize training and experience exchange sessions for IP teachers, to promote international academic exchanges in IP, to reform the enrollment procedure, and to develop a large number of legal professionals proficient in patent agency.

(3) To establish a national talent pool of lawyers proficient in IP, to formulate its selection standards, and to study and make up training plans, so as to strengthen the team building of professional IP lawyers.

(4) To strengthen the IP training towards civil

servants, continue to include the IP training into various training programs, and improve the IP protection awareness among civil servants.

(5) To organize training programs on overseas intellectual property protection towards Chinese businesses preparing for the “going – out” strategy and attending overseas exhibitions.

(6) To solicit essays regarding IP custom protection, and explore the theoretical system of IP Custom protection.

(7) To promote the public education on copyright and enhance the comprehension of copyright protection among copyright agents, writers, users of works, journalists, and officials in copyright administration in particular, so as to continuously improve the public understanding of the significance of copyright protection.

(viii) International Exchanges and Cooperation

1. Mechanism Building of International Exchanges and Cooperation

(1) To enhance economic and trade communication and cooperation through such channels as China – US, China – EU, China – Switzerland, and China – Russia, China – Japan, and China – Brazil dialogue mechanisms, specific IP working groups, and Japanese high – level IPR official and business delegation.

(2) To maintain and develop existing bilateral and multilateral cooperation mechanisms in IP, expand communication and cooperation content and scale by various means, and upgrade communication and cooperation.

(3) To further enhance the cooperation with in-



ternational organizations, such as World Intellectual Property Organization.

(4) In line with the “Going – out Strategy” of culture and during the foreign culture exchange activities, to expand the international cooperation in the field of IP protection through organizing performances, exhibitions, expositions and other means.

(5) To continue carrying out international cooperation in the field of IP protection under the framework of bilateral and multilateral cooperation agreements between China and the United States, between China and European Union, and between China, Japan and Korea.

2. International Exchange and Cooperation Activities

(1) To continue promoting the application of Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

(2) To lead and organize international negotiation on “national system for access to and benefit sharing of genetic resources under the Convention on Biological Diversity.

(3) To fulfill the functions of the Secretariat of the East Asia Plant Variety Protection Forum and actively collaborate with the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants in relevant meetings and activities, and to host a successful workshop on East Asia plant variety protection and farmers’ rights.

(4) To actively participate in relevant conferences and activities by UPOV for positive role in international efforts for new varieties of plants.

(5) To lead the participation in the conference

by WTO TRIPS Council and the APEC Intellectual Property Expert Group Meeting, to actively engage in discussion on relevant issues and the IP issues in Doha Round negotiations, and to carry out IP information exchanges.

(6) To coordinate and engage in IP negotiations in Free Trade Agreement and fulfill the chapters or provisions concerning IP in the Agreement.

(7) To lead the negotiation on Sino – EU Bilateral Cooperation Agreement on Geographical Indication.

(8) To achieve sound results in settling IP disputes between China and U. S in WTO.

(9) To carry on the cooperation in China – EU Intellectual Property Rights Protection Project (Phase 2) and organize relevant activities like mutual visit and theme forum.

(10) To strengthen the cooperation with the trademark administrations in U. S, Japan, and EU, participate in the trademark negotiation with them, and promote the training of Chinese trademark examiners in U. S.

(11) To try to organize the 20th China – France Trademark Working Group Meeting in China.

(12) To host the head meeting of Chinese and Japanese trademark offices.

(13) To host the Workshop on Prevention of Malice Registration of Trademarks by China and U. S.

(14) To collaborate with WIPO in constituting the WIPO Treaty on the Protection of Broadcasting Organizations and undertake the study on the copyright legal system concerning radio, film, and television.

(15) To enhance the cooperation with relevant Japanese agencies and organizations in copyright af-

fairs, hold the 5th China – Japan copyright negotiation and sign the memorandum of strategic cooperation in copyright between China and Japan.

(16) To intensify the cooperation with relevant British agencies and organizations like Office of Government Commerce and United Kingdom Ministry of Innovation and Skills in copyright affairs and sign the frame agreement on strategic cooperation in copyright with the United Kingdom.

(17) To further cooperate with relevant agencies and organizations like United States Copyright Office and United States Patent and Trademark Office in copyright affairs, and promote the implementation of memorandum of cooperation on copyright between China and the United States.

(18) To implement the Memorandum of Understanding on IPR Cooperation with ASEAN.

(19) To further implement the bilateral cooperation on development of information and basic resources with the U. S., Japan and EU. To collaborate with WIPO, EU, Australia, and New Zealand in disseminating and exchanging patent information.

(20) To organize international symposiums on intellectual property and competition laws.

(ix) Promoting Corporate IP Protection

(1) To implement pilot IP programs in agricultural sector for relevant businesses and institutions as well as local agricultural agencies to promote their protection and utilization of patents, variety rights, agricultural trademarks and geographical indications, and etc.

(2) To carry out and improve the overseas IP protection mechanism and guide enterprises to actively deal with “US 337 investigations”, and to assist and

promote appropriate settlement of key IP disputes concerning Chinese businesses in international trade.

(3) To improve the IP protection for Chinese businesses in major international exhibitions by setting up IP information stations in major exhibitions.

(4) To promote the demonstration projects in trademark strategy and examine and approve the list of first group of demonstration cities (districts) and businesses. To collect and spread good practices of local administration experiences.

(5) To put practical efforts in promoting legal software in businesses, conduct selective examination and inspection of listed businesses, and implement pilot projects for management of corporate software assets.

(x) Services to Right Holders

1. Improving IP Public Services

(1) To establish public information platform for IPRs of agricultural products, and to provide services for domestic scientific and educational units, enterprises, specialized farmers cooperatives, and individuals that want to apply foreign IP protection and expand their international market.

(2) To upgrade the Chinese trademark website by updating information and its English version, so as to provide quality information service for the public.

(3) To actively promote the 3rd – stage construction of trademark examination system and set up office in ZhongGuanCun National Independent Innovation Demonstration Zone.

(4) To promote the development of protection agencies for radio and television copyright.

(5) To set up platform of exchanging programs and marketing of copyright by the copyright and other



relevant right holders via promoting film and television program shows, such as China International Cartoon & Animation Festival and Shanghai International Film Festival.

(6) To accelerate the construction of national copyright supervision platform so as to improve copyright administration and the effectiveness of anti-piracy activities.

(7) To put more efforts in supervising and managing the collective administration agencies of copyright for regulating their business, set up a well-regulated and transparent copyright collective administration system satisfied by copyright owners, meeting the need of users of works, and supported by consumers, so as to promote the legal dissemination of works.

(8) To further improve relevant systems on trading, impawning, evaluating copyright as well as registration of works and payment standards of statutory licenses, expand methods of copyright utilization, and lower risks of copyright, trading so as to provide policy support and system guarantee for the creation, utilization, protection, and management of various works.

(9) To set up IP protection and assistance centers for the creation of national IP protection and assistance network.

(10) To set up special patent databases in various key areas, select areas closely related to key na-

tional programs, and conduct pre-warning analysis on patents.

(11) To organize the construction work of national patent data center and develop management system of patent data resources.

2. Developing IP Intermediary Services

(1) To establish a national talent pool of lawyers proficient in IP, to formulate its selection standards, and to study and make up training plans, so as to strengthen the team building of professional IP lawyers.

(2) To develop standardized judicial appraisal agencies and encourage relevant IP judicial appraisal agencies with relatively high quality to apply for accreditation as laboratories or inspection agencies in line with the experimental certification and accreditation program in judicial appraisal agencies.

(3) To strengthen the communication with associations and take full advantage of self-discipline of trademark agencies.

(4) To guide the social agencies and industrial associations to put more efforts in enhancing the public consciousness of protecting trade secrets.

(5) To further implement the reform of the patent agent qualification examination system, such as examining and promoting online examination system, supplementing the examination databank, and opening the examination to residents from Taiwan.