



Important Activities and Works

Xi Jinping presided over the 30th session of the Central Leading Group for Deepening Overall Reform to pass *Overall Pilot Reform Program for Comprehensive Management of Intellectual Property Rights* and Other Important Documents

Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the CPC Central Committee, Chinese President, Chairman of the Central Military Commission, and head of the Central Leading Group for Deepening Overall Reform, presided over the 30th session of the Central Leading Group for Deepening Overall Reform on the afternoon of December 5, 2016, and delivered an important speech. He stressed that well summarizing and planning the reform work is of great significance to well doing the reform work in 2017 and in the future; that efforts had to be made to summarize experience, perfect thinking, highlight priorities, improve the overall efficiency of reform, expand the coverage of beneficiaries of reforms, give full play to the leading role of reforms, and promote reforms that are good for increasing the force of economic development, for promoting social fairness and justice, for enhancing the Chinese people's sense of gain, and for mobilizing the initiative of the vast cadres and the mass. The session deliberated and adopted *Overall Pilot Reform Program for Comprehensive Management of Intellectual Property Rights* and other important documents. At the session, it was stressed that, to launch the pilot reform program for comprehensive management of IPRs, China must focus closely on the demand for innovative development, give play to the leading role of IPRs like patents, trademarks and copyrights, open up the whole chain of IP creation, utilization, protection, management and service, build an efficient system for comprehensive management of IPRs, construct an IP public service system that is beneficial and convenient for the people, explore IP operation mechanism that supports innovative development, and push forward the formation of a system that features clear rights and duties, a reasonable division of work, integration of power and responsibilities, and efficient operation.

State Council Inter–ministerial Joint Conference on the Implementation of National IP Strategy Established

To thoroughly implement the *National Intellectual Property Strategy Outline* and *Several Opinions of the State Council on Accelerating the Building of an Intellectual Property Power in the New Situation*, strengthen organization and leadership, overall planning coordination and cooperation, carry out the national IP strategy, and accelerate the IP power construction, the State Council replied on March 21, 2016 to approve the building of State Council Inter–ministerial Joint Conference on the Implementation of National IP Strategy (hereinafter referred to as “Joint Conference”).

Main responsibilities of the Joint Conference shall be: under the leadership of the State Council, making overall planning for and coordinating the implementation of national IP strategy and IP Power construction. Strengthening the legal guidance of the implementation of the national IP strategy and IP Power construction; studying major guidelines and policies on implementing in depth the national IP strategy and strengthening the IP Power construction; developing the plan for implementing the national IP strategy; guiding, urging and examining the implementation of relevant policies and measures; coordinating the resolution of major issues in the implementation of national IP strategy and IP Power construction; and completing other matters that are assigned by the State Council.

The Joint Conference are made up of 31 departments and units including the State Intellectual Property Office, the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee (Information Office of the State Council), the Supreme People’s Court, the Supreme People’s Procuratorate, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the National Development and Reform Commission, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, the Ministry of Public Security, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security, the Ministry of Environmental Protection, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Culture, National Health and Family Planning Commission, People’s Bank of China, State–owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council, General Administration of Customs, the State Administration for Industry and Commerce, General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine, State Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film and Television (National Copyright Administration), National Bureau of Statistics, State Forestry Bureau, State Council Legislative Affairs Office, Chinese Academy of Sciences, State Administration of Science, Technology and Industry for National Defense, Equipment Development Department of the CPC Central Committee, and China Council for the Promotion of International Trade. The State Intellectual Property Office shall take the lead.



The leading cadre of the State Council in charge of the IP work shall serve as the convener of the Joint Conference; the Deputy Secretary-General of the State Council in charge of IP work and main persons in charge of the SIPO shall serve as the deputy conveners of the Joint Conference; and relevant persons in charge of the member units shall be members of the Joint Conference. The Joint Conference Office, set in the SIPO, will take charge of the routine work of the Joint Conference. The primary person in charge of the SIPO shall serve as the director of the office, and the persons in charge shall serve as deputy directors of the office. The Joint Conference sets liaisons which shall be taken by the persons in charge of relevant departments and units of the Joint Conference member units.

China IP Safeguarding Assistance, Reports and Complaints Website Launched

On February 4, 2016, China IP safeguarding assistance, reports and complaints website (www.12330.gov.cn) was officially launched for pilot operation, and it realized many functions such as online application, acceptance, handling, and feedback of IP safeguarding assistance, reports and complaints. The website is the portal website for national IP system to push forward the IP safeguarding assistance, reports and complaints work and to release relevant information. It has such columns as IP safeguarding assistance, rapid IP safeguarding, reports and complaints, infringement identification, notification and announcements, news consulting, and laws and regulations, and has functions such as IP safeguarding assistance, reports and complaints. The website is directly connected to the IP safeguarding assistance, reports and complaints management system, provides a uniform national entry for online submission of reports and complaints and applications for IP safeguarding assistance, and realizes integrated, smart, and information-based management of national IP safeguarding assistance, reports and complaints.

SIPO and National Institute for the Defense of Free Competition and the Protection of Intellectual Property INDECOPI Signed Patent Examination Cooperation and Co-sharing Agreement

On February 23, 2016, SIPO Commissioner Shen Changyu met Hebert Tassano, President of the visiting National Institute for the Defense of Free Competition and the Protection of Intellectual Property (INDECOPI). Both sides had in-depth communication on topics such as the launch of work by the SIPO-INDECOPI IP work

group and trainings and exchanges of personnel of both offices, and signed *SIPO-INDECOPI Cooperation Agreement on Patent Examination Cooperation and Co-sharing*, indicating that INDECOPI became the first formal user of the SIPO's (CPES) in South America.

SIPO-HIPO PPH Pilot Project Program Launched

According to Memorandum of Understanding on PPH Pilot Project Program between SIPO and HIPO, the SIPO-HIPO (Hungarian Intellectual Property Office) PPH pilot project program was launched on March 1, 2016, and would last for three years till February 28, 2019.

SIPO and Saudi Patent Office Signed Cooperation Agreement on Cloud Patent Examination System CPES

In March 2016, *Cooperation Agreement between SIPO and SPO on Patent Examination Co-sharing* that was signed by exchange of notes entered into force formally. Saudi Patent Office (SPO) became the third formal user of the CPES after Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) and INDECOPI, and first formal user of the Gulf countries. The signing of the cooperation agreement on CPES between SIPO and SPO demonstrated the deepening of the cooperation level between both sides, strengthened the influence of SIPO in Saudi Arabia and other gulf regions, and facilitated the expansion of cooperation with intellectual property offices of other gulf countries.

First High-level Forum on China IP Protection Held

On April 9, 2016, the first High-level Forum on China IP Protection with the theme of "Protect IP, Promote Innovation and Entrepreneurship" was held in Beijing. SIPO Commissioner Shen Changyu attended and addressed the opening ceremony of the forum. Shen Changyu highlighted that the concept of strict IP protection had to be set up solidly, and efforts needed to be made to focus on building a grand IP protection work pattern, prioritize the settlement of IP protection issues in key fields and links, and constantly promote the effect of IP protection. During the two-day forum, representatives from the National Development and Reform Commission, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Commerce, the General Administration of Customs, the State Administration for Industry and Commerce, the State Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film and Television



(National Copyright Administration), the State Intellectual Property Office and the court system, the persons in charge of some local IP offices, WIPO representative in China, and representatives from institutions of higher education, scientific research institutes, domestic and foreign famous enterprises and IP service agencies attended the forum and delivered themed speeches. Representatives at the forum carried out in-depth communication on hot issues of IP protection in fields such as patents, trademarks and copyrights, wisely condensed consensus, and jointly explored new ways of strengthening IP protection under the new conditions.

The 2016 National IPR Publicity Week Held

On April 20, 2016, the 2016 National IPR Publicity Week, co-organized by the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee, the SIPO and other 21 central departments, was initiated on people.com.cn. This event was themed on strengthening IP protection and utilization and speeding up IP power construction. SIPO Commissioner Shen Changyu and WIPO Director General Francis Gurry delivered a video speech, respectively. During the event, the member units of the organizing committee held nearly 70 activities including the issuance of *2015 Status Quo of Intellectual Property Development in China* by the State Intellectual Property Office, the State Administration for Industry and Commerce and National Copyright Administration, the issuance of *Intellectual Property Protection by Chinese Courts in 2015* by the Supreme People's Court, and the issuance of ten typical cases of IP protection in China in 2015 by the Supreme People's Procuratorate, the issuance of *China Agriculture IP Creation Index Report (2016)* by the Ministry of Agriculture, and the top ten cases of IP protection by the Customs in 2015. Member units of the organizing committee also held consulting meeting, forum, lecture, open day, report meeting, exhibition around the theme of the event and according to the characteristics of their respective work fields.

The 9th IP5 Heads Meeting Held

From May 31 to June 2, 2016, the 9th Heads Meeting of the world's five largest intellectual property offices (IP5) was held in Tokyo, Japan. The meeting listened to the achievements of IP5 cooperation in the recent year, approved the scope documents on perfecting the five priorities of global archives, patent information spread policy, PDCA matrix form, common PPH request form, PCT collaborative retrieval and examination, unity, and prior art citation. They jointly signed *2016 IP5 Tokyo Joint Statement on Cooperation*, reiterated the cooperation concept of "providing better service for the users and the public" that was proposed in "Suzhou Consensus" in 2015, and determined three priority cooperation directions, namely, enhancing the relations with the users,

providing high-quality and reliable examination results, and exploring IP5's protection of IP of emerging technologies.

2016 Training Seminar on Intellectual Property for Developing Countries Held

From May 25 to June 3, 2016, the SIPO held 2016 Training Seminar on Intellectual Property for Developing Countries, and 42 IP officials from 21 nations in Asia, Africa, and Latin America attended the training. The training seminar, themed with "IP Drives Development—the Role of IP Offices in Scientific Innovation and Economic Development", introduced China's IP law and management system, national IP strategy, IP examination quality management, and international cooperation on IP, as well as local IP management and protection practices in China, IP management in enterprises and IP public services.

The 6th BRICS Heads of IP Offices Conference Held

From June 21 to 22, 2016, the 6th BRICS Heads of IP Offices Conference was held in Moscow, Russia. The conference reviewed the progress of BRICS IP cooperation in the past year, deliberated and adopted projects instruments in the six major cooperation fields under the BRICS IP cooperation roadmap, including training and exchange of IP office staff and examiners, national IP strategies and improvement of public awareness of IP, IP information service, IP/patent acceptance and procedures, SMEs' IP strategies and cooperation at international forums. The conference passed the suggestion made by the SIPO for further advancing BRICS IP cooperation, and decided to strengthen the work of BRICS IP Cooperation Coordination Group and build a cooperation network among the IP offices of the BRICS. The meeting minutes of the 6th BRICS Heads of IP Offices Conference were signed.

Heads of State of China and Uzbekistan Witnessed the Signing of Cooperation Agreement on Intergovernmental IP Protection

On June 22, 2016 local time, under witness of Chinese President Xi Jinping and Uzbekistan President Karimov, *Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Intellectual Property Protection* was signed officially in Tashkent, capital of Uzbekistan.



SIPO Commissioner Shen Changyu and Uzbekistan Foreign Minister Kamilov signed the agreement on behalf of both governments. The signing of the agreement indicated the formal establishment of IP cooperation between both governments. The agreement clarified that both sides would provide effective IP protection for each other according to their respective national laws and the international treaties which they both joined, and would carry out cooperation in the following fields: coordinating relevant issues on IP protection and the exercising of rights; exchanging and completing information on IP protection laws and on the drafting of relevant development strategies; exchanging experience they had obtained from taking IP protection measures; exchanging training textbooks, training methods and thematic materials in IP field; carrying out talent cultivation and training in IP field, and communicating relevant work experience; exchanging experience in international cooperation, information on and execution of multilateral international treaties on IP protection that they joined respectively; jointly holding symposiums and other meetings and exhibitions on IP protection issues; carrying out cooperation in other fields.

On the afternoon of June 22, 2016, SIPO Commissioner Shen Changyu and acting director of Uzbekistan IP Department held a talk. Both unanimously expressed that the signing of the cooperation agreement on IP protection between both governments was of great significance. Both would strengthen cooperation, carefully carry out the important consensus reached by the heads of state of both countries, and the contents of the cooperation agreement on IP protection between both governments, and deepen the cooperation between China and Uzbekistan in the IP field to provide a forceful support for the development of relations between both countries.

National Patent Investigation Data Report Released

On July 1, 2016, the SIPO released *2015 China Patent Investigation Data Report*. According to the report, the implementation rate of effective invention patents was 50% in China, of which enterprises maintained a high level of patent use; patent implementation in universities and colleges was mainly realized by patent licensing and transfer, and industrialization was difficult. Most patentees in China believed it necessary to intensify patent protection. In recent years, the percentage of infringement encountered by patentees showed a declining tendency, and patentees wished more that the patent administration could proactively investigate and handle infringement acts. Since 2008, the SIPO has carried out annual national patent investigation for eight consecutive years, and the investigation contents cover patent creation, utilization, protection, management, and service. The SIPO plans to release the patent investigation data by year in the future to provide better data service for the government's decision-making and policy studies.

Report on IP Environment in Countries or Regions along the “ Belt and Road” Route and in Latin America Release Conference Held

On July 14, 2016, the Report on IP Environment in Countries or Regions along the “ Belt and Road” Route and in Latin American Release Conference was held. At the conference, the SIPO issued ten volumes of *Overview of IP Environment in Countries or Regions along the “Belt and Road” Route and in Latin America* which collects 47 countries along the “Belt and Road” route and 11 Latin American countries and *Directory of IP Service Agencies in related Countries or Regions along the “Belt and Road” Route* which collects basic information and ways of liaison of competent IP departments of all countries along the “Belt and Road” route and well-known IP service agencies. Well-known experts, scholars and lawyers from domestic and foreign law firms and scientific research institutes delivered keynote speeches on the IP environment in the Middle East, Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America, Central Asia, Mongolia and Turkey. More than 350 people from government departments, enterprises, institutions of higher education, scientific research institutes, and IP service agencies attended the release conference.

High-level Conference on Intellectual Property for Countries along the “Belt and Road” Held

On July 21, 2016, the High-level Conference on Intellectual Property for Countries along the “Belt and Road”, co-sponsored by the State Intellectual Property Office, the State Administration for Industry and Commerce, National Copyright Administration, the Ministry of Commerce, Beijing Municipal People’s Government and the WIPO, was held in Beijing. The theme of the conference was “Inclusiveness, Development, Cooperation, and Mutual Benefit”. State Councilor Wang Yong and WIPO Director General Francis Gurry attended and addressed the opening ceremony. SIPO Commissioner Shen Changyu, Secretary-general of the Malaysia Ministry of Domestic Trade, Co-operatives and Consumerism Jamil Salleh, Assistant Secretary-general of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Abdulla Al-Shebli delivered keynote speeches on the important role of IP in social and economic development. The attendees delivered speeches on the cooperation prospects, IP infrastructure development and capability construction, innovation-driven development supported by IP systems in countries along the “Belt and Road” and discussed the important role of IP strategies in realizing national development goals, the development of international rules on IP to being inclusive, tolerant and balanced, IP cooperation visions of the



countries along the “Belt and Road” . The conference passed *Common Initiatives for Strengthening Cooperation between Countries along the “Belt and Road” in the IP Field*, and introduced Chinese government’s specific measures for supporting IP cooperation among countries along the “Belt and Road” . During the conference, a “Belt and Road” IP roundtable meeting, and a meeting of the heads of IP offices of South Asia, Southeast Asia, Mongolia and Iran were held. Over 120 foreign guests from the intellectual property agencies of 50 countries and regions along the “Belt and Road”, the WIPO, 18 embassies and consulates to China and six UN agencies in China, as well as more than 300 people, including over 180 Chinese representatives from member units of the State Council Interdepartmental Joint Conference for IP Implementation, local IP system, domestic enterprises and the academic circles, attended the conference.

Brand–new Edition of Patent Retrieval and Analysis System Launched

On July 26, 2016, the brand–new edition of patent retrieval and analysis system with which the SIPO provides services for the public was officially launched. Since its launch in 2011, the system has collected patent data of 103 countries, regions and organizations, including abstract data, full–text data, quotations and legal status data, and 130 million pieces of abstracts, and its users have spread all over the world. The total visits to the system have reached over 70.8 million times, daily retrieval and analysis requests reach almost one million times, total registered users have exceeded 130000 persons, and daily online users are about 3600 persons. The new edition of the system made brand–new organization and design of page layout, simplified the operational steps by users in the system, realized the simplicity of system application, and added an individual center to combine relevant business functions of individual businesses, while providing the function of user configuration to facilitate users to change page setting automatically. Besides, the system fits users’ habits more.

China International Patent Fair 2016 Held

On the morning of September 9, 2016, China International Patent Fair 2016, hosted by the SIPO and Liaoning Provincial People’s Government and undertaken by Dalian People’s Government, was held in Dalian. SIPO Commissioner Shen Changyu, major leaders of Dalian, and the WIPO representative in China attended the opening ceremony. The three–day China International Patent Fair 2016 attracted over 5500 projects from 29 provinces, autonomous regions, municipalities, Hong Kong and Taiwan of China, as well as 24 countries and regions including the US, Russia, the UK, Germany and Israel. During the fair, over 20 keynote activities including a high–level forum on IP protection and invention were held.

The 7th Patent Information Annual Conference of China Held Successfully

From September 19 to 20, 2016, the 7th Patent Information Annual Conference of China, themed with “Patent Operation to Advance Supply-side Reform”, was held successfully in Beijing. The conference attracted extensive participation of domestic and foreign government departments, well-known enterprises, and experts. Representatives from the SIPO, the WIPO, European Patent Office (EPO), National Institute of Industrial Property (France), Japan Patent Office (JPO), local intellectual property offices in China, domestic IP-related enterprises and public utilities, as well as foreign patent information service agencies held in-depth discussions on topics such as innovation of patent operation, IP and entrepreneurship, open innovation and enterprise IP management, intensification of patent protection, IP big data and utilization of patent information.

Chinese Delegation Attended the 56th WIPO General Assembly

On October 3, 2016 local time, the 56th Series of Assemblies Meetings of the member states of WIPO was held in Geneva, Switzerland. SIPO Commissioner Shen Changyu led a delegation of the Chinese government that was made up of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the State Administration for Industry and Commerce, the State Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film and Television (National Copyright Administration), the State Intellectual Property Office, China’s permanent delegation in Geneva and the Intellectual Property Department of Hong Kong SAR of China to attend the assemblies. At the assemblies, Shen Changyu introduced the latest progress made by China in IP power construction in the past year, praised the achievements made by the WIPO, and expressed the view that global IP rules shall develop in a more inclusive, tolerant and balanced direction. He also called upon different countries to accelerate approving and joining *Beijing Treaty on Audiovisual Performances*, and expected active results of topics such as *Design Law Treaty* at the assemblies.

The 7th BRICS Heads of Intellectual Property Offices Conference Held

On October 4, 2016 local time, the 7th BRICS Heads of Intellectual Property Offices Conference was held in Geneva, Switzerland. SIPO Commissioner Shen Changyu and his delegation, together with the heads from Office of the Controller-General of Patents, Designs and Trademarks (CGPDTM) of India, Federal Service for



Intellectual Property (ROSPATENT) of Russian Federation, Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) of South Africa and National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) of Brazil, attended the conference. At the conference, the participants reviewed the work progress since the last BRICS heads of intellectual property offices conference, and deliberated the next step of project documents led by the intellectual property offices of the five BRICS nations respectively. The conference decided to continue launching examiner exchange among the intellectual property offices of the five BRICS nations, jointly hold seminars on SMEs of the BRICS nations, cooperate to launch activities to enhance people's IP awareness, and launch categorized patent cooperation and online training courses. The heads of the five intellectual property offices attending the conference also exchanged views on IP and development, *Design Law Treaty*, fee mitigation according to *Patent Cooperation Treaty*, foreign branches and other international IP matters. The ROSPATENT of Russian Federation delivered a joint statement at the 56th WIPO General Assembly on behalf of the five intellectual property offices of the BRICS nations, winning positive comments from the participants.

China Patent Acceptance and Preliminary Examination System Launched

On October 22, 2016, the China patent acceptance and preliminary examination system that was developed by the SIPO was launched for operation. The system optimizes the existing procedures of preliminary examination of patents, upgrades client e-application, and newly increases an online business handling platform for e-application. The platform, a brand-new business handling platform for e-application users, enables users to realize online editing and submission of patent application documents, acceptance of various types of notices and handling of relevant formalities, and will bring experience of more accurate business handling, faster formalities, and easier submission of documents to users. The new system will automatically correct and proofread the patent application documents that are submitted, and complete related work on preliminary examination and formalities handling, and make patent application and examination smarter.

Chinese-language Platform for WIPO Remote Education Initiated in Beijing

On October 25, 2016, the Chinese-language platform for WIPO remote education was initiated in China Intellectual Property Training Center. As a cooperative partner of the WIPO in international IP trainings, China Intellectual Property Training Center has carried out cooperation with the WIPO Academy in remote education since 2002, and more than 1.55 million persons of learners have received trainings on China's IP remote education platform. The Chinese-language platform that was initiated this time is an important content of cooperation

between the SIPO of China and the WIPO, and will provide six courses on patents, trademarks, and copyrights.

2016 Industrial Design 5 (ID5) Annual Meeting Held in Beijing

From November 1 to 2, 2016, the 2016 Industrial Design 5 (ID5) Annual Meeting, hosted by the SIPO of China, was held in Beijing. SIPO Commissioner Shen Changyu attended the closed-door meeting held on November 1, and signed *2016 Agreed Statement on Administering a New Industrial Design Framework (ID5)* with the other four intellectual property offices on behalf of the SIPO of China. The Statement pointed out that IP5 unanimously realized the importance of providing better services for users and the public and further pushing forward innovation in the industrial design field, and would continuously deepen cooperation to make concrete achievements, and would increase cooperation transparency. The Statement agreed to, following the principle of consultation and consensus, launch cooperation mainly by initiating programs, and agreed to initiate and implement 12 cooperation programs covering studies on the examination practice of industrial design, automated support system, design classification, quality promotion, data statistics, emerging technologies and new topics on industrial design, and IP5 cooperation website on design. The Statement further detailed and enriched the concept, principle and contents of IP5 cooperation, thus it would have significant and profound influences on the future development of ID5. Established in 2015, ID5 is a new cooperation mechanism in the IP field following the IP5 and TM5 in the field of invention patents, which aims to, by increasing mutual understanding and in-depth cooperation among the world's biggest five intellectual property offices, further improve and promote the efficiency, quality and user friendliness of the industrial design system, and provide better services for nearly 90% of industrial design users and the public around the globe.

Senior Symposium on Intellectual Property Strategies and Policies in the Asian Region Held

On November 8, 2016, Senior Symposium on Intellectual Property Strategies and Policies in the Asian Region, hosted by the State Intellectual Property Office of China, was held in Beijing. An important event to carry out *Common Initiatives for Strengthening Cooperation between Countries along the "Belt and Road" in the IP Field*, the symposium was actively responded to by the intellectual property offices in Asia. Experts and relevant persons in charge of the WIPO, relevant departments of the SIPO of China and local intellectual property offices



delivered keynote speeches on the development and implementation of IP strategy, IP legal systems and policies. The persons in charge of the intellectual property offices of 19 Asian countries introduced their own IP development strategies or policies, and went deep into courts, IP agencies, and innovative enterprises to investigate and study, in depth, the utilization and implementation of China's IP strategy and policy.

The 13th Shanghai International Intellectual Property Forum Held

On November 17, 2016, the 13th Shanghai International Intellectual Property Forum, co-hosted by Shanghai Municipal People's Government and the WIPO with the theme of respecting IP and stimulating innovation and creation, was held in Shanghai. Shanghai Mayor Yang Xiong, SIPO Commissioner Shen Changyu and WIPO Deputy Director General Wang Binying attended and addressed the opening ceremony. Nearly 300 representatives from the WIPO, Chinese and foreign government departments in charge of the IP work, the business circles and the IP circles attended the forum.

The 10th China IP Week Launched

The 10th China IP Week, with the theme of strengthening IP operation and opening up a road for strengthening enterprises with IP, was held from November 21 to 27, 2016. The event continued making www.cneip.org.cn the main online venue. During the event, the IP administrative organs across the nation innovated on the forms of activities and actively held various activities including policy promotion, exhibitions, information release, program roadshow, investment and trading and experience exchange in light of their respective realities, and promoted IP operation elements to focus on enterprises, docking, and interaction among many places, networks and media. They also held a number of targeted services focusing on the cultivation of an IP operation system, the implementation of patent navigation programs, the construction of industrial IP leagues, the publicity of IP management standards and the role of IP in assisting "go global", creating a good social atmosphere for deepening relevant work.

The 16th IP Policy Meeting among SIPO, JPO and KIPO Held

On December 8, 2016, the 16th IP Policy Dialogue Meeting between SIPO of China, JPO and Korean Intellectual Property (KIPO) was held in Odawara, Japan. SIPO Commissioner Shen Changyu, JPO Commissioner Hitoshi Ito and KIPO Commissioner Choi Dong-kyu attended and addressed the meeting. Three parties jointly reviewed the achievements of cooperation over the past year, reported the latest developments in IPRs in their countries respectively, and spoke highly of the progresses of cooperation among SIPO, JPO and KIPO. They determined the cooperation plan for 2017, and exchanged views on the cooperation among them before reaching an important consensus. The three offices exchanged, extensively and in depth, ideas on the cooperation in patent examination, automation, design, re-examination, and training institutions, and signed the *Minutes of Talks of 16th Policy Dialogue Meeting between SIPO, JPO and KIPO*. The 23rd SIPO-JPO Heads Meeting and the 22nd SIPO-KIPO Heads Meeting were held during this meeting.

The 18th Ceremony for the WIPO-SIPO Award for Chinese Outstanding Patented Invention and Industrial Design Held

On December 26, 2016, the 18th Ceremony for the WIPO-SIPO Award for Chinese Outstanding Patented Invention and Industrial Design, co-hosted by the SIPO and WIPO, was held in Beijing. SIPO Commissioner Shen Changyu and WIPO Deputy Director General Wang Binying attended and addressed the opening ceremony, respectively. They presented awards for representatives who won the China Patent Gold Award, China Industrial Design Gold Award and some representatives who won the China Patent Excellence Award. Shen Changyu pointed out that efforts needed to be made to give full play to the incentive and directive role of China Patent Awards, further improve the level of IP creation, the effect of IP protection, the benefits of IP utilization and the capacity of IP management, and realize the shift of IP creation from a big number to better quality and from being big to being powerful so as to provide a powerful support for the IP power construction. Gold award winners delivered speeches. In this session, 20 China Patent Gold Awards, 5 China Industrial Design Gold Awards, and 568 China Patent Excellence Awards and 65 China Industrial Design Excellence Awards were selected.



IP5 PPH Pilot Project Program Extended

EPO, JPO, KIPO, the State Intellectual Property of China (SIPO) and the United State Trademark and Patent Office (USPTO) initiated the IP5 PPH pilot project program on January 6, 2014. The term of the project program would last till January 5, 2017. The IP5 PPH pilot project program would extend for another three years since January 6, 2017. See the websites of IP5 for specific requirements and procedures.

Investigation and Handling of Patent Infringement and Counterfeiting Cases in the National Intellectual Property System Delivered in 2016

In 2016, the national intellectual property system thoroughly implemented the decisions and arrangements made by the CPC Central Committee and the State Council on strict IP protection, perfected policies and measures, innovated on the law enforcement mechanism, intensified the work of cracking down upon patent infringement and counterfeiting, actively met the demand of the patentees and the innovation entities for rights safeguarding, and further reinforced the confidence of all walks of life in patent protection, making significant achievements. A total of 48916 cases of patent administrative law enforcement were handled, up 36.5% year on year, of which cases of patent disputes exceeded 20000 to reach 20859 for the first time (of which 20351 were patent infringement cases), up 42.8% year on year; and 28057 were cases of counterfeiting patents, up 32.1% year on year. Law enforcement and case handling were generally strengthened in different places, and the structure of law enforcement and case handling was bettered, and the efficiency of law enforcement and case handling kept being improved. The settlement rate of various types of patent cases reached 97.5%, and the work of law enforcement and case handling in key fields was significantly promoted.

Number of Invention Patents Held Domestically in China Exceeded One Million in 2016

In 2016, the quality and quantity of each and every indicator on the development of the IP undertaking rose in China, and the invention patents that were held domestically exceeded one million for the first time, and enterprises' status as the mainstay of IP creation and utilization continued to be stable. In 2016, the SIPO received

1339000 patent applications, registering a year-on-year growth of 21.5% and topping the world for the sixth consecutive year; and granted altogether 404000 invention patents, of which 302000 were domestic invention patents, up 14.5% year on year. As of the end of 2016, the invention patents that were held domestically (excluding Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan) reached 1103000 in number, and the number of invention patents that was held per ten thousand people reached eight. The SIPO received 45000 international patent applications patents that were filed through *Patent Cooperation Treaty* (PCT), up 47.3% year on year, of which 42200 came from China, up 48.5% year on year; 2800 came from abroad, up 31.2%.