



I. Highlights of Events

On 5 January, State Councilor Wang Yong inspected SIPO and chaired a work seminar on IP. The Meeting for Heads of Nationwide IP Administrations was convened in Beijing.

On 11 January, The Opening Session for the Patent Quality Improvement Campaign was held in Beijing.

On 12 January, SIPO's Party Group held an enlarged meeting in Beijing.



State Councilor Wang Yong inspected SIPO.



The Meeting for Heads of Nationwide IP Administrations 2017.



The Enlarged Meeting of SIPO's Party Group.

On 13 January, the Party Building and Party Disciplinary Meeting was convened in Beijing.

On 16 January, President Xi Jinping and Doris Leuthard, President of the Swiss Confederation witnessed the signature of *the Memorandum of Understanding between the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property* in Berne, Switzerland.

On 21 February, Commissioner Shen Changyu met with Daren Tang, Chief Executive of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore in Beijing.

On 24 February, Innovative Management – Guidelines for Intellectual Property Management, the first new international standard on IP management raised by China, was approved by the Innovation Management Technical Committee of the International Organization for Standardization.

On 24 February, the signature ceremony for the 2nd round IP cooperation consultation between SIPO and the Shaanxi Provincial Government was held in Xi'an.

On 9 March, *the Opinions of the State Council on Enhanced Measures against Intellectual Property Infringement and Manufacture and Sale of Counterfeits and Shoddy Products* were published.

On 20 March, Commissioner Shen Changyu met with Emi Palmor, Director General of the Ministry of Justice of Israel.

On 23 March, during Premier Li Keqiang's official visit to Australia, the two sides signed *the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and IP Australia*.

On 24 March, the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2017 IP Symposium was held. This is the first time the Boao Forum has introduced IP-related agenda and symposium.



Commissioner Shen Changyu at the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2017 IP Symposium.

On 28 March, 9 ministries and agencies under the State Council, including SIPO, the National Development and Reform Commission, the Ministry of Science and Technology, jointly published *the Opinions on Supporting the Comprehensive Rejuvenation of the Old Industrial Bases in Northeast China and Deepening the Implementation of the National Intellectual Property Strategy in the Northeast Region*.

On 1 April, The new version of *the Guidelines for Patent Examination* came into force. The IP cooperation consultation between SIPO and the Sichuan Provincial Government and the conference on promoting the development of a leading province with IP strength was held in Chengdu.

From 6 to 7 April, the 8th Meeting of the BRICS Heads of Intellectual Property Offices was held in New Delhi, India.

On 10 April, Commissioner Shen Changyu led a delegation to visit the Moroccan Industrial and Commercial Property Office (OMPIC) and held a bilateral meeting with Mr. Adil EI-Maliki, Director General of OMPIC, and signed *the Agreement between the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the Moroccan Industrial and Commercial Property Office on*

Cooperation in Patent Examination Work Sharing and the Bilateral Cooperation Work Plan 2017-2018.

On 12 April, Commissioner Shen Changyu and his delegation visited the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) and held a meeting with Paulin Edou Edou, Director General of OAPI and signed *the Bilateral Working Plan 2017-2018 between the State Intellectual Property Office and the African Intellectual Property Organization.*

On 14 April, the State Council approved the experimental reform on integrated IP administration in 7 newly established pilot free trade zones in Liaoning, Zhejiang, Henan, Hubei, Chongqing, Sichuan and Shaanxi.

On 17 April, Commissioner Shen Changyu delivered a presentation on “*Facilitating Innovation-Based Development with IP*” at the invitation of the Chinese Academy of Governance.

From 20 to 26 April, the National Intellectual Property Publicity Week 2017 was organized.

On 20 April, State Councilor Wang Yong attended and spoke on the opening ceremony of the National IP Publicity Week. The High-Level Forum on China IP Protection 2017 was held in Beijing, and Commissioner Shen Changyu delivered a keynote speech.

On 25 April, Commissioner Shen Changyu released China’s Intellectual Property Development Status in 2016 at the State Council Information Office.

On 26 April, SIPO organized an Open Day event.

On 28 April, Commissioner Shen Changyu, delivered a presentation themed “*IP and innovation-based development*” at the study and presentation meeting of the Jiangsu Provincial Party Committee.



On 15 May, Commissioner Shen met with Francis Gurry, Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), who attended the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in Beijing, and signed *the Agreement on Enhancing "Belt and Road" Intellectual Property Cooperation between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)*.

On 18 May, the China-Visegrad Group Joint Seminar on Intellectual Property was convened in Chengdu, Sichuan.

From 30 May to 1 June, the 10th Meeting of IP5 Heads of Office was held in Valletta, Malta.

On 19 June, the 2017 Work Meeting for the 3rd Round IP Cooperation Consultation between SIPO and the Guangdong Provincial Government was held in Guangzhou.

On 26 June, the central group of SIPO's Party Group organized an enlarged meeting to study the important remarks of General Secretary Xi Jinping on IP.

On 1 July, the China-Egypt Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program was launched.

On 17 July, Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China, gave important instructions at the 16th meeting of Central Financial and Economic Leading Group, CPC.

On 18 July, SIPO sent letters to confirm the regions participating in the 1st batch of experimental reform on integrated IP administration. It was decided that city (district) level reform on integrated IP administration will be carried out in Xiamen, Fujian Province, Qingdao, Shandong Province, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province, Changsha, Hunan Province, Suzhou, Jiangsu Province and Xuhui District, Shanghai Municipality.

From 24 to 28 July, the China-Africa High-Level Seminar on IP Systems and Policies was held in Guangdong.

On 1 August, *Patent Prioritized Examination Management Rules* came into force.

From 14 to 19 August, the 32nd China Adolescents Science and Technology Innovation Contest was held in Hangzhou. SIPO became an organizer for the first time.

On 17 August, the roadshow events on IP5 and ID5 for industries was held.

On 25 August, the Advanced Training Workshop for Heads of Nationwide Intellectual Property Offices was held in Beijing.

On 30 August, the State Council organized an executive meeting and pointed out that new models for patent pledge financing should be developed.



The 8th China Patent Annual Conference.

On 31 August, President Xi Jinping and Emomali Rakhmon, President of Tajikistan, witnessed the signature of *the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan on Cooperation in the Field of Intellectual Property* in Beijing. Commissioner Shen Changyu and Nematullo Khikmatullozoda, Minister of Economic Development and Trade of Tajikistan.

On 4 September, Commissioner Shen Changyu met with Saule Tlevlessova, President of the Eurasian Patent Office.

On 5 September, the 8th China Patent Annual Conference was held in Beijing.

On 6 September, the 5th China-Mongolia-Russia Joint Seminar on Intellectual Property and the Meeting of Heads of Intellectual Property Offices were held in Vladivostok, Russia.

On 14 September, the signing ceremony for *the Cooperation Framework Agreement between SIPO and the Shenzhen City Government* was held in Beijing.



Commissioner Shen Changyu led the delegation to participate in the series of meetings of the 57th WIPO General Assembly.

On 18 September, the 8th Meeting of China-ASEAN Heads of Intellectual Property Offices was held in Suzhou, Jiangsu.

On 21 September, Commissioner Shen Changyu met with Cham Prasidh, Senior Minister and Minister of Industry and Handicraft, Kingdom of Cambodia. The two sides signed *the Memorandum of Understanding between the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the Ministry of Industry and Handicraft of the Kingdom of Cambodia on Cooperation in the Field of Intellectual Property*. The MOU expressly provided that invention patents granted by SIPO and remained valid will be eligible for patent protection in Cambodia upon registration. The 14th China (Wuxi) International Design Expo, jointly organized by SIPO, the Ministry of Science and Technology and Jiangsu Provincial Government, was held in Wuxi.

On 22 September, State Councilor Wang Yong met with Cham Prasidh, Senior Minister and Minister of Industry and Handicraft, Kingdom of Cambodia in Zhongnanhai.

On 2 October, Commissioner Shen Changyu led the Chinese Government delegation to participate in the 57th WIPO General Assembly.

On 3 October, the 9th Meeting of BRICS Heads of Intellectual Property Offices was held in Geneva, Switzerland.

On 26 October, the Party Group of SIPO convened an enlarged meeting to convey and implement the spirit of the 19th National Congress of the CPC.

On 30 October, *the Reference Form between International Design Classification and Economy Industries Classification* was published firstly by SIPO.

On 2 November, the cooperation consultation meeting between SIPO and the Shandong Provincial Government was held in Jinan, Shandong.

On 10 November, Commissioner Shen Changyu met with Tim Moss, Director General of the Intellectual Property Office of the United Kingdom.

On 13 November, Commissioner Shen Changyu met with Luiz Pimentel, President of the National Institute of Industrial Property of Brazil (INPI) and his delegation and signed the MOU on cooperation and the PPH cooperation agreement between the two offices.

On 15 November, Premier Li Keqiang and Rodrigo Duterte, President of the Philippines, witnessed the signature of *the Memorandum of Understanding between the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines on Cooperation in the Field of Intellectual Property* in Manila.

On 16 November, the IP Cooperation Consultation Meeting between SIPO and Zhejiang Provincial Government was held in Hangzhou. The 24th Heads Meeting between SIPO and the Japan Patent Office (JPO) and the 23rd Heads Meeting between SIPO and the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) were held in Hangzhou.

On 21 November, State Councilor Wang Yong met with Benoit Battistelli,

President of the European Patent Office (EPO) and his delegation. The Roundtable Meeting between SIPO, EPO and Chinese industry was also held in Beijing.

On 23 November, the 11th Conference of the Heads of SIPO and EPO was held in Zhengzhou.

From 27 November to 3 December, the 11th China Patent Week was held.

On 27 November, SIPO's Party Group held a meeting to study the second volume of "*Xi Jinping: The Governance of China*."

On 29 November, the Party Building Meeting for IP Administrations Nationwide was held in Haikou, Hainan.

On 5 December, Changsha City firstly established a county-level IP office which applies unified and effective administration and enforcement of patents, trademarks and copyrights.

On 6 December, the 17th TRIPO Heads Meeting between SIPO, JPO and KIPO was held in Jeju, Korea.

On 13 December, the 19th Ceremony for the WIPO-SIPO Award for Chinese Outstanding Patented Invention and Industrial Design was held in Beijing.

On 23 December, the 2017 Operating and Management Meeting for the Patent Examination Cooperation Centers outside Beijing was held in Wuhan.



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Xiao Xingwei, Member of Party Group of SIPO and Secretary of the Party Committee for Directly Affiliated Departments, participated in the Party Building Meeting for IP Administrations Nationwide.