

II . Legal Affairs

1. Legal System Construction

In cooperation with the Legislative Affairs Office of the State Council, SIPO made preparations for the legislative review work of *the Draft Amendment to the Patent Law*, and organized specific study and other related study program. The preparation work of the amendment of patent law was initiated with 11 monographic study programs.

In cooperation with the inspection group of law-enforcing of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, SIPO supervised the implementation of patent law in Liaoning, Zhejiang, Guangdong, Shaanxi and Anhui, and coordinated 21 government agencies to review the problems, advices and opinions in the supervision report and proposed solutions.

SIPO completed the opinion collection work for *the Draft of Regulations on Service inventions*, especially carried out related surveys and studies in small and medium enterprises in central and western part of China. SIPO completed communications with the Legislative Affairs Office of the State Council, and submitted supplemented materials, and the Draft was once again called for comments from related agencies and court system.



The inspection group of law-enforcing of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress supervised in the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

SIPO reviewed the regulatory documents including *the Regulation on Drafting Procedure of Internal Regulations of SIPO*, *Measures on Patent Administrative Enforcement*, *Discipline Rules of Patent Agencies (trial)*. *The Patent Examination Guideline* was revised to cover the protection of graphical user interface. SIPO completed *the Draft of Measures on Deducting Patenting Fees*, *Measures on Revoking the Layout Design of Integrated Circuit*, revised *the Measures on the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purpose of Patent Procedure*.

SIPO kept explore and optimize the instruction and coordination mechanism for local patent legislation, and gave special guidance to legislative work in central and western part of china. The local legislative information database was established and updated, and the training to the local liaison team on patent legislation was further strengthened.

SIPO also held the Summary Conference of law education and popularization, as well as constitution related trainings in December 14, China's first Constitutional Day.

2. Patent Agency Administration

SIPO initiated the research and formulation work of *the Middle and Long Term Planning of Patent Commissioning Industry (2016-2025)*, organized specific studies and researches, and drafted the Framework Plan. SIPO also formulated the first draft of *the Quality Specification for the Service of Patent Agency (Draft)*.

SIPO published *the Opinions on Promoting the Development of Patent Commissioning Industry*. The promotion project for patent commissioning industry in Beijing and other 10 provinces was further implemented, mainly to solve the contradiction between supply and demand; over 4000 patent attorneys were trained.

In cooperation with the Leading Group of the Examining and Approving Institution Reform of the State Council, SIPO changed the pre-administrative-examining-and-approval to post-administrative-examination-and-approval, and simplified the examining and approval procedures. SIPO canceled the annual survey, and established the publicity system of annual report.

SIPO published *the Notice on Regulating the Retired Officials Practicing in Patent Agencies* to regulate the retired IP officials' practicing in the patent agencies and applying establishment of the patent agencies.

The number of patent agencies climbed to 1,098 with 119 newly approved to set-up in 2014. In 2014, the number of candidates applied to participate in the 2014 patent agents' qualification examination was 27,542, increased by 26.99% compared with the previous year, which reached a new high in history in total number and increasing rate. Among them, 368 candidates were from Hong Kong and Macau SAR, and Taiwan, China. 4,777 candidates passed the examination. By the end of 2014, there were 22,097 qualified patent agents in China, among which 10,524 were practicing in patent agencies.

3. Administrative Reconsideration

SIPO received 113 administrative reconsideration cases in 2014, and responded to 14 cases in the name of SIPO.