



VIII. International Cooperation

In 2014, SIPO continued to actively participate in international IP affairs; the cooperation with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and various other IP institutions and organizations was further promoted, and many new cooperation partners were made. In 2014, SIPO gained fruitful achievement, and signed 29 new cooperation agreements.

1. Comprehensive Coordination of Foreign-related IP Affairs

Through the coordination of SIPO and with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, State Administration for Industry and Commerce, National Copyright Administration, and Beijing Municipal Government, the official opening of WIPO China Office successfully unveiled in July.

In September, Commissioner Shen Changyu headed the Chinese governmental delegation to attend the 54th General Assembly of the member states of WIPO. In March, Deputy Commissioner He Hua headed a delegation to attend the 69th meeting of Coordination Committee of WIPO. In May, Deputy Commissioner He Zhimin,



headed a delegation to attend the 53th General Assembly of the member states of WIPO.

In 2014, SIPO organized delegations including members from relevant departments to attend various meetings under the framework of WIPO, including the meeting of the Standing Committee of Patent Law (SCP), the Planning and Budget Committee (PBC), the Committee of Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP), Standing Committee on the Law of Trademark, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indication (SCT) and Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC).

SIPO also organized delegations to attend the IP related meetings of International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV), World Trade Organization (WTO), Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), Biodiversity Convention (CBD), etc., and kept contact with International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI), International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys (FICPI) and Licensing Executives Society International (LESI).

2. Participating in the Mechanisms of Dialogue, Consultations and Negotiations

SIPO actively participated in the mechanisms of meetings, consultations and negotiations, for example, the China-U.S. Strategic and Economic Dialogue, China-U.S. Innovation Dialogue, China-U.S. Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade, China-EU Intellectual Property Dialogue and working-unit Meetings, the China-Swiss and the China-Russia Intellectual Property working-unit Meetings, China-UK Economic and Financial Dialogue, China-Italy Inter-governmental Commission etc.

SIPO actively participated in the negotiations of Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, China-Australia, China-Korea and China-Japan-Korea FTA negotiations.

3. Cooperation with World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

In 2014, SIPO completed its first donation program to WIPO on behalf of China, signed *Framework Agreement and Working Plan of the Year 2014-2015* with WIPO. The Director General and Deputy Director Generals of WIPO paid visit to China for many times to push forward the cooperation between SIPO and WIPO.

SIPO kept short-term visiting contacts and long-term communication with WIPO. SIPO and WIPO jointly held the

Advanced PCT Seminar, Roving Seminar on the Design, Awarding Ceremony of Chinese Patent Award and successfully finished the joint study of *Intellectual Property and Social Economic Development*. SIPO and WIPO attended the Geneva International Exhibition of Inventions, Shanghai International Technology Trade Fair, Shanghai (International) IP Seminar and Kunshan (International) Exhibition of Inventions.

SIPO steadily accelerated work on China's process to accede to the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs, and has completed the design and test of Chinese User Interface System for the Hague System. SIPO has become the international searching and preliminary examination authority of PCT applications for Iran.

4. Cooperation of the IP5

The cooperation of the IP5 was steadily pushed forward, which increased the efficiency and quality of examination. The effective communication mechanism between the IP5 offices and the Industry was set up to provide better service for the industry and the users.

In 2014, SIPO participated or held 11 IP5 related meetings. Commissioner Shen Changyu attended the 7th Meeting of Heads of IP5 Offices and the 3rd Meeting between Heads of IP5 Offices and Industry. A consensus of strengthening the share and use of patent information has reached, which made the public users in China,



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Meeting of IP5 Deputy Heads of Office.

U.S., Japan, Republic of Korea (ROK) and European Areas access to the basic patent database of the above 5 IP Offices at a marginal cost or free of charge. The delegates of Chinese industry were invited to the above meetings.

5. Regional Cooperation

(1) Trilateral Cooperation among the SIPO—JPO—KIPO

In November, Commissioner Shen Changyu attended the 14th Policy Meeting along with JPO and KIPO Commissioners and the 2nd Trilateral Seminar on IP Protection, and signed the meeting minutes with JPO and KIPO Commissioners, which reached an agreement on strengthening cooperation and a leading role of SIPO in upgrading the website of trilateral cooperation. The cooperation on the field of patent examination, IT infrastructure, design, re-examination and training programs of the 3 IP Offices paved the way for providing better service for the users from China, Japan and Korea.

(2) IP Cooperation among BRICS Countries

In September, Commissioner Shen Changyu attended the 3rd BRICS head meeting during the WIPO Assembly. SIPO kept pushing forward the implementation of the basic framework of BRICS IP cooperation.

(3) Cooperation among China—ASEAN Countries

The China-ASEAN Cooperation Work Plan 2014-2015 was discussed and approved in the 5th China-ASEAN Heads of IP Offices Meeting

in June, 2014. SIPO sent a delegation to Malaysia and Thailand to share its construction and managing experience on traditional medicine database. 20 senior officials were invited to the China-ASEAN IP Training Program held by SIPO.

(4) Cooperation among China, Mongolia and Russia

In September, Deputy Commissioner He Zhimin attended the 2nd Trilateral Joint Conference among SIPO, IPOM and ROSPATENT.

6. Bilateral Cooperation

(1) Cooperation with European Patent Office (EPO)

In 2014, SIPO and EPO continued to carry out high level communication, joint-conference and trainings, which strengthened the traditional friendship and close cooperation.



Commissioner Shen Changyu met with Mr. Battistelli, President of EPO.

In September, Commissioner Shen Changyu took his first visit to the headquarter of EPO in Munich, and held a meeting with Mr. Battistelli, President of EPO. In November, Commissioner Shen signed *the Cooperation Work Plan 2014* with EPO during their meeting in Belgium. Deputy Commissioner He Zhimin also met his counterpart of EPO in Beijing.



Deputy Commissioner Deputy Commissioner He Zhimin met with vice President of EPO.

(2) Cooperation with Office of Harmonization for Internal Market (OHIM)

In January, Commissioner Shen Changyu met Antonio Campinos, Head of OHIM, who visited Beijing, and discussed cooperation of the two offices and international IP affairs concerned.

(3) Cooperation with European Union

SIPO held Roving Seminar on European Design System in China and Roving Seminar on Chinese Patent System in Europe with the joint effort from European Union, to help the users from both sides to understand each other's IP system.

(4) Exchange and Cooperation with European Countries

In 2014, SIPO strengthened the friendly cooperation with IP offices in European countries through concrete cooperation in the field of Macro-managing, legal affairs, training, examination and information technology.

SIPO carried out high level exchanges with IP Administrative agencies from countries including Germany, United Kingdom, France, Austria, Switzerland, and Denmark. Commissioner Shen Changyu attended the meeting with his counterpart from Germany, United Kingdom and France etc.. Deputy Commissioner He Zhimin attended China-Switzerland Commissioners' Meeting and the international conference of Protection of Industrial Property In Europe. Deputy Commissioner Gan Shaoning attended the China-Visegrad Group Joint IP Seminar.

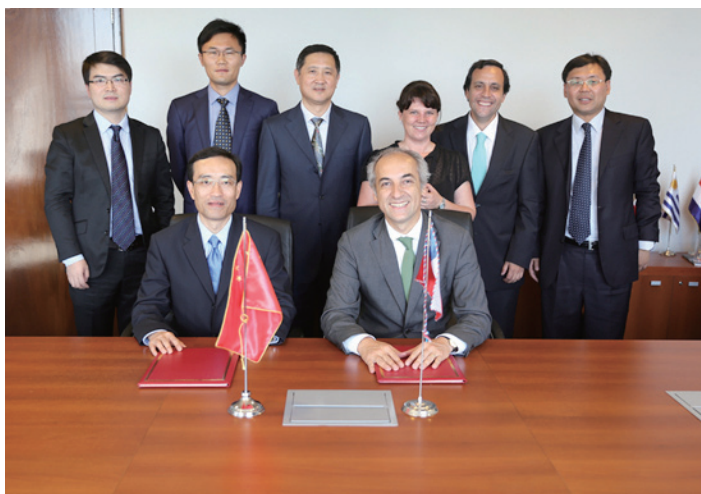
Cooperation with Czech and Slovak were newly developed, and contacts with Hungary were restored. SIPO signed 14 bilateral cooperation agreements, memorandums of understanding and work plans with United Kingdom, Germany, France, Swiss, Iceland and Sweden etc.

SIPO and UK IP Office held the 2nd China-UK IP Symposium in Beijing. The First China-Switzerland Round Table Discussion for Industry, the China-Russia IP Seminar and the first Innovation Award for France-Chinese Teams were held with joint efforts from Britain, Switzerland, Russia and France respectively.



(5) Exchange and Cooperation with American and Oceania Countries

SIPO kept cooperation with USPTO on patent examination, IT, Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) and IP Awareness Education etc. Commissioner Shen Changyu met with Michelle Lee, the acting Director of USPTO, and signed a MOU on exchange of priority document. The two Offices also carried out cooperation on IP malicious litigation, submission of supplementary data, patent protection for graphical user interface and patent statistical analysis.



Deputy Commissioner Liao Tao visited the Industry Property Office of Chile.

Deputy Commissioner Liao Tao visited IP administrative agencies of Chile and New Zealand, and signed agreement on data exchange with Chile and framework arrangement with New Zealand. The PPH cooperation with Mexico was indefinitely extended.

(6) Exchange and Cooperation with Asian and African Countries

SIPO carried out high level exchanges with South Korea, Singapore, Cambodia, Iran, Moroccan and Kazakhstan and Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Commissioner Shen Changyu attended the 20th Commissioners Meeting of China-South Korea and signed meeting minutes. Deputy Commissioner He Zhimin attended the first deputy commissioners' meeting of China-Japan and signed meeting minutes. In 2014, SIPO signed work plan with IP administrative agencies from Thailand, Cambodia, Ethiopia, and Mongolia etc.

Deputy Commissioner Yang Tiejun visited Patent Office of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Patent Office of Saudi Arabia and Intellectual Property Office of Qatar, and signed meeting minutes with GCC and Qatar.



Deputy Commissioner Yang Tiejun visited the GCC Patent Office.



Deputy Commissioner Xiao Xingwei visited Ethiopia Intellectual Property Office.

(7) Cooperation on Patent Examination

SIPO completed the consultations of PPH pilot extension with Germany, Mexico, Austria and South Korea, PPH pilot program with United Kingdom, Iceland, Sweden and Israel. SIPO Signed PPH pilot MoUs with Sweden and Iceland, and organized delegations to Germany and Denmark for seminars on PPH users. The PPH cooperation network has begun to take shape with 18 PPH pilot programs and IP5 PPH programs. SIPO is also active in PPH rule-making, the “Common PPH Request Form” program led by SIPO earned widely support in plurilateral PPH level and working group 3 unit (WG3) in IP5, with a lot of Offices begun to use this form since January 2015.

SIPO carried communication with examiners from Japan, RoK, UK, Finland, Germany, and Austria on examination rules, patent searching and examination. SIPO Organized delegation of examination experts to EPO, OHIM. SIPO sent examination experts to Finland, France and Germany for roving seminar on Chinese Patent System. SIPO also received visits of examiners from EPO and held seminars on China-EU patent examination.

(8) Cooperation with IP Related Industry and Organizations

In 2014, the commissioner and deputy commissioners of SIPO also met respectively with foreign guests including Hugin, president of Pharmaceutical Research and Manufactures of America (PhRMA), Wayne Sobon, President of American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA), Marc Rings, Vice President of International Business Machine (IBM), Philip Johnson, President of Intellectual Property Owner Association (IPO), Rader, Chief Judge of the U.S.



Commissioner Shen Changyu met with Chairman of PhRMA.

Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, Professor Li Wangyinlan from John Marshall Law School and the president of European Union Chamber of Commerce in China.

In 2014, SIPO received the visits from many foreign associations, academies, and enterprises including SAMSUNG, SONY, CANON, NISSAN, American Chamber in China, U.S.-China Business Council, Biotechnology Industry Organization, Attorney Association of Brazil, Saint Mary's University and Apple Inc.