

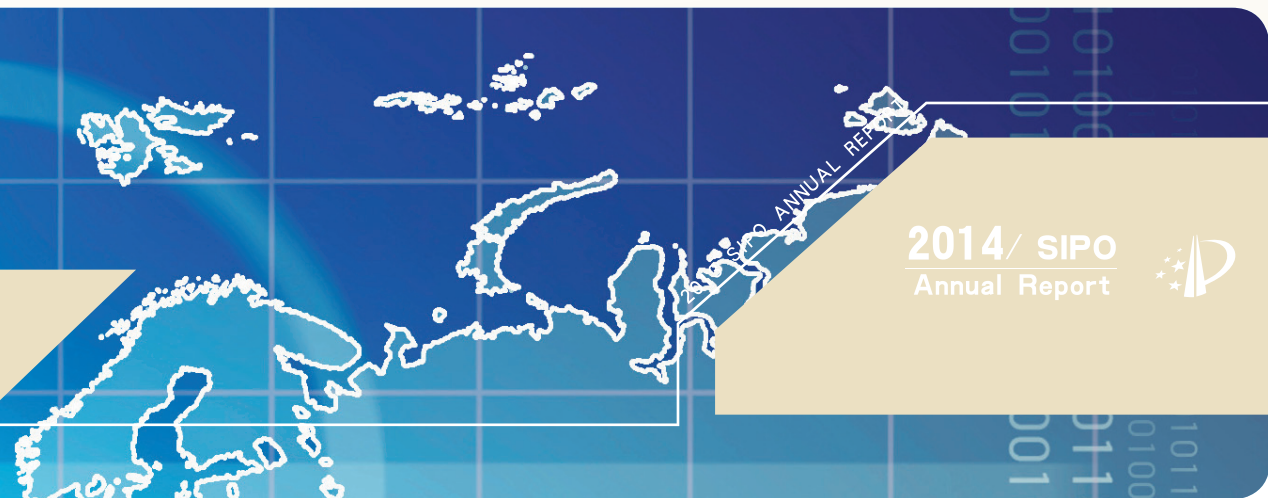
# I. Major Events in 2014



The National Conference of Heads of Intellectual Property Offices.

On January 1, *the Managing Provisions of National Standard Involving Patent (provisional)* was implemented.

On January 2, SIPO and Ministry of Education, Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Culture, State Administration of Industry and Commerce, Nation Copyright Administration jointly printed and released *Several Opinions on Further Implementing IP Strategy and Promoting Economic and Social Development of Central China Economic Zone*.



On January 6, Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot among IP5 Offices was officially initiated.

On January 7, SIPO and People's Bank of China, Ministry of Science and Technology, China Securities Regulatory Commission, China Insurance Regulatory Commission jointly published *the Opinions on Vigorously Promoting the Innovation of System and Mechanism and Doing a Solid Job on Technology and Financial Services*.

On January 15, the National Conference of Heads of Intellectual Property Offices was held in Beijing.

On February 19, the 10<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session of the Liaison Officers for the Inter-ministerial Joint Conference on the Implementation of National IP Strategy was held in Beijing.

On February 20, Information on the Granting and Relevant Issues of Invention Patent in 2013 was released in Beijing.

On February 28, *Several Opinions on Promoting the Development of Patent Commissioning Industry* was printed and released.

On March 5, Premier Li Keqiang made the government work report to the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the 12<sup>th</sup> National People's Congress, stated to strengthen the protection and utilization of intellectual property.

On March 12, *the Decision on Revising the Guidelines for Patent Examination* was issued. The new Guidelines for Patent Examination, which widens the scope of the protection of design patent to include product design with graphical user interface, has been implemented since May 1, 2015.

On March 18, the National Patent Agency Administration Conference was held in Jinan.

On March 24, during the meeting of Premier Li Keqiang and 54 foreign representatives for the 2014 Annual Meeting of China Development Forum, Mr. Li stated that the Prerequisite of Innovation is the Protection of Intellectual Property.

On March 25, the Symposium on the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the promulgation of China Patent Law was held in Beijing.

On March 31, CEPCT System was put into operation.

On April 2, the 1<sup>st</sup> plenary meeting of Patent Law Enforcement Inspection Group of the National People's Congress (NPC) Standing Committee was held in Beijing, marked the beginning of the Patent Law enforcement inspection.

On April 3, State Councilor Wang Yong presented in the 4<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session of Inter-ministerial Joint Conference on the Implementation of National IP Strategy and made a speech.

On April 10, the 2014 annual meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of high level strategic cooperation on intellectual property between SIPO and Guangdong provincial people's government was held in Guangzhou.

On April 21, SIPO, Central Propaganda Department and other departments jointly kicked off the activity of the National IP Publicity Week.

On April 23, SIPO and State Administration of Industry and Commerce, Nation Copyright Administration jointly released the development status of China's intellectual property in 2013. *The White Paper on the Protection Status of China's Intellectual Property of 2013* was released on the same day.

On April 25, the 9<sup>th</sup> Opening Day was held. On the same day, the Report of Patent Strength in 2013 was released.

On May 22, the opening ceremony of the 5<sup>th</sup> Intellectual Property Entering into Colleges and Universities activity was held in Southeast University.

From May 23 to 24, during President Xi's visit to China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone, he stated to improve the mechanism of the utilization and protection of intellectual property.

On May 27, the opening ceremony of the large-scale public events "Intellectual Property Go Grass-Roots, Serve the Economic for Miles" was held in Wuhan.

From June 4 to 6, the 7<sup>th</sup> IP5 Heads Meeting was held in Republic of Korea.

On June 4, the State Council promulgated *Several Opinions on Promoting Fair Competition in the Market and Maintaining Normal Order of the Market*, which put forward that for strengthening the market behavior supervision, SIPO and other departments should be responsible for the protection of all types of IP rights according to the division of responsibilities in accordance with the law, should encourage technological innovation and fight against infringement and counterfeiting.

On June 23, Chen Zhu, Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of NPC, delivered the Patent Law Enforcement Inspection Report in the 9<sup>th</sup> session of the 12<sup>th</sup> Standing Committee of NPC.

On June 24, the High-level Seminar for Commissioners of Local Intellectual Property Offices was held.

On June 27, the State Council printed and released *the Plan of the Construction of Social Credit System (2014-2020)*, jointly formulated by SIPO and other 35 departments, which clearly put forward the plan and the goal of building Intellectual Property Credit System.

On June 30, the 5<sup>th</sup> China-ASEAN Heads of Intellectual Property Offices Meeting was held.

On July 1, National IP Development Planning Work Conference was held in Hefei. On the same day, SIPO initiated Pilots on Patent Prosecution Highway with UK, Iceland and Sweden.

On July 4, SIPO and China Council for the Promotion of International Trade signed a strategic cooperation protocol.

On July 9, Dr. Francis Gurry, Director General of World Intellectual Property Organization visited SIPO. On the same day, the Work on

Promoting Coordinated Development in Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei Region with Intellectual Property Rights was started.

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On July 11, Premier Li Keqiang met with Dr. Francis Gurry, Director General of WIPO in Beijing.

On July 14, Premier Li Keqiang chaired a forum on economic situation, and pointed out the need to crack down on counterfeiting, infringement of intellectual property and other illegal act.

On July 15, SIPO, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, State-owned Assets Supervision & Administration Commission, State Administration of Industry and Commerce, National Copyright Administration and Chinese Academy of Sciences jointly printed and released *Several Opinions on Further Implementing IP Strategy*,

*Strengthening and Improving the Management of Intellectual Property.* On the same day, the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of SIPO Academic Committee was held.

On July 18, *Overseas Intellectual Property Environment Research Report* was released.

On July 21, SIPO and People's Insurance Company of China (PICC) signed *the Strategic Cooperation Agreement on Intellectual Property Insurance.*

From August 14 to 15, National IP Strategy Implementation Seminar was held in the city of Chongli, Hebei.

On August 19, National IP System Enforcement Work Forum was held in Beijing.

On August 31, the 10<sup>th</sup> session of the 12<sup>th</sup> Standing Committee of NPC adopted *the decision of establishing Intellectual Property Court in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou.*

On September 1, the 2<sup>nd</sup> China-UK Intellectual Property Symposium was held in Beijing.

On September 3, State Councilor Wang Yong met with the Secretary of State of the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, UK.

On September 9, the work conference of Standing Committee of NPC on the implementation of Patent Law enforcement inspection report was held in Beijing.

On September 11, the 2014 Chinese Conference on Patent Information was held in Beijing.

On September 16, Senior Seminar of the National IP Experts Consultation Committee was held in Beijing.

On September 17, the first Chinese member was elected as the Vice President of International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI).

On September 19, the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting for the Heads of SIPO and EPO was held in Munich, Germany.

On September 22, Chinese government delegation participated in the 54<sup>th</sup> Series of General Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO. SIPO and WIPO signed a cooperation framework agreement. On the sideline of the Assembly, the 3<sup>rd</sup> session of the Meeting among Heads of BRICS IP Offices was held.



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On September 26, SIPO, Ministry of Finance, and Ministry of Science and Technology jointly released *Notice on Deepening the Reform Pilot of the Usage, Disposition and Profit-making Management from Scientific and Technological Achievements in Central Level Institutions*.

On October 8, *Several Opinions on Supporting the Development of Small and Micro Businesses with Intellectual Property* was printed and released. On the same day, priority documents started to be exchanged electronically between SIPO and USPTO.

On October 9, the State Council promulgated *Several Opinions on Accelerating the Development of Scientific and Technological Service Industry*, identifying the development of professional technology services and comprehensive technology services including IP service as priorities.

On October 10, the auditing leading group meeting on SIPO's leading cadres' economic responsibility was held.

On October 13, SIPO and Tianjin municipal government signed the new round of cooperation and consultation protocol.

On October 14, China and Russia jointly published the Joint Communiqué of the 19<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting between the Chinese and Russian Prime Ministers. The two sides agreed to expand cooperation in the field of intellectual property protection. On the same day, the 1<sup>st</sup> session of quality management meeting among IP5 Offices was held in Beijing and the 7<sup>th</sup> session of Cross-Straits Patent Forum was held in Taipei.

From October 20 to 23, the 4<sup>th</sup> plenary session of the 18<sup>th</sup> National Congress of CPC Central Committee was held in Beijing. *The Decision*

*of the CPC Central Committee on Several Major Issues of the Comprehensive Promotion of Ruling by Law* was deliberated and approved, which proposed strengthening legislation in key areas, improving the innovation encouraging property right system, the intellectual property protection system and the system and mechanism of promoting the transformation of scientific and technological achievements.

On October 27, the *Memorandum of Understanding on Intellectual Property Cooperation between the Government of People's Republic of China and the Government of the Republic of Singapore* was signed. Vice Premier Zhang Gaoli attended the signing ceremony.



On October 30, the State Council issued opinions to support national economic development zone to create intellectual property pilot demonstration park.

On November 5, the executive meeting of the State Council studied on strengthening the protection and utilization of intellectual property.

On November 6, SIPO conveyed the spirit from the executive meeting of the State Council on strengthening the protection and utilization of intellectual property.

On November 10, the 14<sup>th</sup> Commissioner Policy Dialogue Conference of SIPO, JPO and KIPO was held in Seoul, Korea.

From November 17 to 24, the 8<sup>th</sup> China Patent Week was held.

On November 18, the first batch of 145 enterprises passed the ISO certification.

On November 12, the Commissioners' Meeting between SIPO and EPO was held in Brussels, Belgium.

On November 19, National IP Talents Work Conference was held in Beijing.

On November 25, the 7<sup>th</sup> plenary session of National Leading Group Against Infringement and Counterfeiting was held in Beijing. On the same day, The National Work Conference on Local IP Strategy Implementation was held in Fuzhou.

On December 4, the National Conference on Governmental affairs of IP System was held in Chengdu.

From December 9 to 11, Central Economic Work Conference was held in Beijing. Paying more attention to strengthen the protection of property rights and intellectual property was required.

On December 10, the Patent Data Service Test System was put online, which provided patent information resource of IP5 Offices for free.

On December 10, General Office of the State Council forwarded *the Action Plan of Further Implementation of National IP Strategy (2014-2020)*, which put forward Striving to Build Intellectual Property Power for the first time.

On December 12, the 16<sup>th</sup> Award Ceremony for the Chinese Outstanding Patent was held.



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On December 24, the Commendation Meeting of outstanding youth and excellent youth of SIPO and the Youth Civilization Awarding Ceremony were held in Beijing.

On December 31, 127 people of the 2<sup>nd</sup> batch of National IP Leading Talents and 120 candidates for Hundreds Senior Talents of the 4<sup>th</sup> batch of National Million IP Talents Project was selected.