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Tian at WIPO Assembly: A Balanced IP System is What We Need

The 48th Series of Meetings of the Assembly of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) was opened in Geneva, Switzerland on September 20. SIPO Commissioner Tian Lipu led the Chinese delegation with Vice Minister Fu Shuangjian from the State Administration for Industry and Commerce (SAIC) and Vice Minister Yan Xiaohong from the National Copyright Administration of China (NCAC) as deputies.

The first two-day of the 2010 Assemblies was reserved for a high-level segment, based on the theme "Innovation, Growth and Development: The Role of Intellectual Property and Member States' National Experiences". Speaking at meeting, Tian reviewed China's experiences in IP field during the 30 years' of reform and opening-up. He also proposed that the international society look at innovation in a wider view, treat IP protection in a more comprehensive standpoint, develop cooperation in a more open attitude and being tolerant in a broader chest to build a balanced and effective IP system for the international community at large.

http://www.sipo.gov.cn/sipo_English/news/official/201010/t20101019_541051.html

Patent Filings from abroad Roll over 1M

With the climate favorable for IPR protection constantly improved, patent applications from abroad maintain strong momentum in recent years. As of September 9, 2010, SIPO had received a total of 1.002 million applications from abroad. In terms of types of patents, there are 865,000 for invention applications, 16,000 for utility models and 121,000 for designs.

The top 4 countries are Japan, the United States of America, Germany and the Republic of Korea with 361,000, 242,000, 89,000 and 81,000 patent

applications respectively, followed by France (37,000), Netherlands (35,000), Switzerland (27,000), the United Kingdom (22,000), Sweden (17,000), Italy (16,000) and Finland (10,000).

http://www.sipo.gov.cn/sipo_English/news/iprspecial/201010/t20101019_541048.html

National Alliance of Patent Technology Trade set up

On the afternoon of October 11, another national agency-China National Alliance of Patent Technology Trade was established, the representatives from 28 national patent technology exhibition and trade centers of 25 provinces and municipalities signed the agreement.

The establishment of alliance is helpful for transferring domestic and overseas IP resources to factor of production and attraction of capitals, and is helpful for the scientific innovation of Changsha. Meanwhile, it is also useful for strengthening the communication, mutual assistance and benefits of the patent technology trade agencies. It plays an active role in promoting the system innovation, service innovation and technological innovation of these patent technology market.

http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/government/201010/973323_1.html

Key subjects of 12th Five-year Plan for IPR concluded

From September 13 to 17, the appraisal meeting for key research subjects of 12th Five-year Plan for intellectual property (IPR) was held in Beijing. 11 subjects have been approved and concluded at the meeting, which offers big supports to the institution of the 12th Five-year Plan.

Subjects appraised including researches on general thoughts for IPR, patent and IC design, researches on general thoughts and strategy for trademark, copyright

and new plant variety in farming and forestry, systematic research on IPR service industry, research on administrative protection and systematic innovation for IPR, research on judicial protection for IPR and so on.

All the 11 subjects groups made reports on the research process, achievements and suggestions. Experts and scholars from National Development and Reform Commission, State Intellectual Property Office, State Administration for Industry and Commerce, National Copyright Administration, Ministry of Agriculture and others made appraisalment to the subjects.

http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/government/201009/971370_1.html

Wen Jiabao: China has upgraded IP protection to national strategy

The World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2010 (the Summer Davos Forum) was opened on September 13 in Tianjin, Premier of the State Council Wen Jiabao was present at the opening ceremony and made a speech. Wen Jiabao pointed out that China attaches great importance to intellectual property (IP) protection and has upgraded IP protection to a national strategy, and China is also willing to make IP communications with each country. China will treat each country equally on independent innovation, government procurement and IP protection.

Wen Jiabao pointed out, China's development is open and mutually beneficial, and China will uphold all the policies in favor of opening. China has always been committed to create an open and equal environment for foreign investment, China attaches great importance to intellectual property (IP) protection and has upgraded IP protection to a national strategy, and China is also willing to make IP communications with each country.

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"Amendment of Measures on Patent Administrative Law Enforcement (Draft for Comment)" released

In order to implement national intellectual property (IP) strategy, adapt the amendment of patent law and its implementation rules and further consummate the patent administrative law enforcement, State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) recently released

"Amendment of Measures on Patent Administrative Law Enforcement (Draft for Comment)" (hereinafter referred to as "Drafts"). The comments and suggestions from public can be submitted to SIPO by writing or e-mail, and the deadline is September 30, 2010.

According to the related principals of SIPO, the main purpose of the amendment is to ensure the law enforcement measures is consistent with the patent laws and implementation rules of patent laws and related regulations, and further standardize the behavior of patent administrative law enforcement. The "Drafts" enhances the responsibilities of SIPO in patent administrative law enforcement. The "Drafts" adds the regulations on commissioned law enforcement about SIPO and local IPOs' functions. Meanwhile, the "Drafts" puts forward provisions on standardizing the exercise of seizure means, reinforcing the mediation function of local IPOs, defining the cooperation between local IPOs and customs and consummating the procedure of administrative patent law enforcement.

http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/government/201009/947769_1.html

China-EU commemorates 25th anniversary of IP cooperation

This year is 25th anniversary for the implementation of IP cooperation between China and EU. On September 4, the related departments of the two parties held related activities in Shanghai Expo Park to jointly witness the achievements gained by the two parties in IP cooperation fields in the 25 years.

In the commemoration ceremony, Director of State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) Tian Lipu introduced, in the past 25 years, China and EU gained fruitful results in the field of IP cooperation, which includes personnel training, patent examination and business management, automatic patent literature and exchange of information product. He expressed that both sides should further promote the implementation of national innovation activities and create a better IP environment for enterprises.

President of European Patent Office (EPO) Benoît Battistelli also give active evaluations on the achievements gained by EU and China in the field of IP cooperation. He considered that both sides' cooperation in this filed promoted the healthy development of commercial intercourse and

relationship, as well as made active contributions for the global IP protection.

According to statistics, in the first half year, the patent applications submitted to EPO by China exceeded were over 1,000 pieces, increased by 30% compared with the same period of last year; and the patent applications submitted to China by EU countries were more than 14,000 pieces.

http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/government/201009/946429_1.html

Beijing to Grant Subsidiary for Patent Commercialization

Beijing launches subsidiary for patent commercialization on September 28. Patentees in Beijing can gain a maximum of 1 million yuan fund established by Beijing IP Office and Municipal Bureau of Finance for their qualified patent assignment and licensing activities.

According to the Beijing's Promotion Measures on Patent Commercialization, for the income-based patent transfer or license, the funding level is 5% for the part in excess of trade volume of 5 million yuan and the maximum aid financing is 500,000 yuan. For the transferee or licensee where their registration place is in Beijing, the funding level is 10% for the part in excess of 5 million yuan with the maximum of 1 million yuan.

http://www.sipo.gov.cn/sipo_English/news/iprspecial/201010/t20101019_541033.html

China to Lead Global Innovation: Report

China is expected to lead in global patent activities by 2011, with significant rises in both the quality and quantity of patents, a Thomson Reuters analysis on intellectual property showed.

The report, published Monday by the IP Solutions business of the world's leading information source for businesses and professionals, said based on the total volume of first-patent filings in China, Europe, Japan, the Republic of Korea and the United States, both the U.S. and Japan will soon to be eclipsed by China's rising tide of patent applications.

China's patent applications by volume rose by 26.1 percent annually from 2003 to 2009, compared with its closest rival, the U.S., which showed a 5.5 percent growth rate, noted the report.

Further, according to the report, China's acceleration in innovation is government-driven, as the Chinese government has pledged to make the nation an innovation-centered economy through several incentives such as R&D tax deductions.

The report pointed out that the quality of Chinese patents is also slowly improving, as approximately half of all Chinese patents filed in 2009 were utility models, which are less-rigorous and more-affordable.

Besides, a major shift is taking place in Chinese patent filings as the country's economic landscape changes, it said, noting that agriculture-centered innovation, which is related to food production, is growing much more slowly than high-technology innovations.

There was a 4,861 percent increase in domestic Chinese patent applications in digital computers in the decade from 1998 to 2008, compared with a much more modest increase of 552 percent in those of natural products and polymers during the same period, the report said.

http://www.sipo.gov.cn/sipo_English/news/iprspecial/201010/t20101015_540561.html