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China's Largest Patent Database Goes Online

A search system with the nation's largest patent database went online at the State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) as part of its April 26 open house for World Intellectual Property Day. As the result of two years of efforts by SIPO software engineers, the system provides comprehensive information for patent examiners and the public.

The system has more than 80 million abstracts of patent-related documents, and more than 70 million full-text documents and charts, collected from nearly 100 countries, regions and organizations. More than 100 visitors - including patent owners, inventors, intellectual property (IP) scholars and interested citizens, who signed up online, attended the event.

http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/government/201105/1223479_1.html

SIPO Briefs Multinationals

The State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) held a briefing in late April to summarize its efforts and solicit suggestions from foreign embassies, overseas organizations and multinationals. Many of those in attendance applauded the Chinese government's increasing efforts to fight counterfeits and piracy, especially the ongoing national crackdown since last October.

Concerns about SIPO's capacity to handle the surging number of patent applications were called for in the nation's new Five-Year Plan (2011-2015).

http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/government/201105/1223473_1.html

Software Piracy Declined in China

China's software piracy rate dropped 2 percentage points from 2009 to 2010 according to a latest survey

conducted by internet research firm ChinaLabs.

http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/government/201105/1223466_1.html

China Has Most of the Registered Trademarks in the World

In 2010, Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) authorities in China received more than 1.22 million patent applications. Chinese applicants submitted 12,337 patent applications abroad last year under the Patent Cooperation Treaty. These applicants were the fourth largest group in the world to do so last year.

IPR authorities in China handled 1,077 patent dispute cases and solved 728 counterfeit cases last year.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201104/t20110425_600898.html

Chinese Telecom Firms Fight for Rights

Huawei Technologies Co Ltd, the world's second-largest telecom equipment maker, took legal action in a U.S. district court in January against Motorola Solution Inc. This action shows that Chinese companies intent to act more aggressively to pursue the enforcement of rules for their intellectual property rights.

ZTE Corp, China's second-largest telecom equipment maker, has also been the subject of allegations from rivals and actively disputed many such claims as the victim of infringements.

In April, Ericsson AB filed lawsuits against ZTE in the United Kingdom, Italy and Germany, alleging patent infringements related to its second and third generation mobile technologies. ZTE launched a counter-claim against Ericsson within 10 days, claiming the Chinese unit of Ericsson had infringed the patents held by ZTE's second generation GSM products and fourth generation LTE products sold in China.

Huawei sued ZTE for alleged patent infringement in Europe on April 28.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201105/t20110516_604365.html

Investigation of Copyright Row between Chinese Writers and Search Engine Baidu Underway

Investigations of a copyright fight between more than 40 Chinese writers and BaiDu, the company owns the China's largest search engine, are underway.

The fight highlights the rising public awareness of intellectual property rights protection in China where fledgling software companies, record labels and other players in the creative industry are estimated to lose billions of Yuan a year to the unlicensed copying.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201104/t20110425_600901.html