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Digital Access Service for Priority Documents

The State Intellectual Property Office [SIPO] of China has recently initiated a Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS).

DAS enables a patent applicant claiming priority from an earlier application to rely on a copy of the priority document held in, or accessible via, the Service, rather than having to provide a certified copy separately to each Patent Office with which a patent application claiming priority is filed. This service would facilitate the patent filing processes in a quick and inexpensive way.

Further information will be provided in a later supplement.

<http://www.sipo.gov.cn/pdoc/das/>

The National Copyright Administration Accelerates the Revision Work of China's Copyright Law.

In March 19 the second meeting of the Committee of Experts of the copyright law amendments was held in Beijing. The National Copyright Administration has collected and reviewed approximately 200 suggestions and consultations and is planning to publish the advance draft in early April.

http://www.ipr.gov.cn/gndtarticle/txw/201203/1285007_1.html

China's Customs Launched Special Rectification Campaign

Since the beginning of this year, the Customs across the nation have been promoting the construction of IP protection long-term mechanism and launched a one-year-long special rectification campaign in important ports and transport channels so as to maintain import and export order and protect consumers' health and safety. As of March 13, 1,164 batches of infringing goods for import and export were seized with a value of 87 million yuan.

http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/government/201203/1286707_1.html

SIPO Cracks Down on False Patent Marking

The Measures for the Marking of Patent Marks, issued by China's State Intellectual Properly Office (SIPO), will take effect on May 1.

The Measures cover marking on products, on packaging or instructions of the products with the patent classification and the patent numbers granted by SIPO. The marks must also be in simplified Chinese.

<http://www.chinalawandpractice.com/Article/3003387/Channel/12591/SIPO-cracks-down-on-false-patent-marking.html>

Microsoft Awarded 410,000 Yuan over Copyright Lawsuit in China

Beijing No.1 Intermediate Court recently made its first-instance judgment over Microsoft's allegation against Beijing Newsmy, a renowned Chinese supplier of portable digital devices, on using 42 sets of unauthorized Microsoft products including Microsoft Windows and Microsoft Office, the first kind of lawsuit against end customers for using pirated software by Microsoft, ordered the defendant to stop infringement and indemnify 410,000 yuan in damages.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201203/t20120315_652530.html

Created in China: The Power of Invention Patents

In 2011 alone, invention patents in China surpassed 170,000, rising 27.4 percent over 2010.

Applications for invention patents from abroad - 95.3 percent of them by companies - surpassed 100,000 filings last year, also a record high.

Three Japanese electronics conglomerates - Matsushita Electric, Sony and Sharp - were among the top overseas invention patent applicants, showing the high value they place on the Chinese market, noted Gong Yalin, director of SIPO's Planning and Development Department.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201203/t20120301_647753.html

IPR: Number of Lawsuits Soars

Last year 66,000 IPR cases went to litigation, up 37.7 percent on 2010. The reason for the rise is growing public awareness and China's vigorous push for science and cultural industries.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201203/t20120320_655808.html

Protection of New Plant Varieties Works Efficiently

Protection on new plant varieties, which is the most important intellectual property right in agricultural sector, has become part of China's IPR protection. The Ministry of Agriculture has released 8 batches of plant variety protection lists incorporating 80 agricultural plant genera and species. By the end of 2011, applications on new plant varieties had amounted to 9,016, only 39% of which were from domestic enterprises and individuals, foreign applications recorded 555, reflecting foreign organizations were increasingly confident in China's protection on new plant varieties.

http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/government/201203/1285979_1.html

Newly revised Measures for Compulsory Licensing of Patent Implementation approved

The newly revised Measures for Compulsory Licensing of Patent Implementation has been approved and will come into force as of May 1, 2012.

According to the revised measures, in the fields involving the public interest such as medicine, compulsory licensing may bring more affordable medicine and benefit more people.

http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/government/201203/1285090_1.html