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Online File Inspection at SIPO Now Possible in English

The State Intellectual Property Office of China (SIPO) launched an English interface to its "China Patent Inquiry System" (CPQUERY) in early December 2012, at

http://cpquery.sipo.gov.cn/index_en.jsp?language=en_US

CPQUERY gives the public online access to file wrapper information for Chinese patent, utility model and design applications. The system covers information for applications filed on or after 10 February 2010 and is updated on a weekly basis.

Users can retrieve bibliographic data, application information, corrections/amendments, office actions, decisions (grant, refusal, withdrawal) and other documents contained in the file. Post-grant information is not included. It is currently not possible to search with English titles or applicant names.

<http://www.epo.org/searching/asian/asia-updates/updates-2012/20121204.html>

SIPO and EPO Officially Start Patent Document Chinese-English Machine Translation Service

On December 6, the State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) and the European Patent Office (EPO) officially kick-started the patent Chinese-English machine translation service in Brussels, Belgium. It will help European users overcome language barriers and swiftly acquire richer technology information.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201212/t20121214_780405.html

Global IP Filings Continue to Grow, China Tops Global Patent Filings

A new WIPO report shows that while the global economy continued to underperform, intellectual property filings worldwide kept growing strongly.

It also finds that China's patent office became the largest in the world, as measured by the number of patent applications received.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201212/t20121213_780214.html

Domestic Invention Patent Filings in China Soar in the First Three Quarters

According to the latest statistics from SIPO, patent filing and grants are still on the fast track in the first three quarters.

SIPO received 423,000 invention patent applications, up 22.3%. 336,000 are from home, up 26.3% and representing 79.4% of the total.

Statistics show that not only the domestic invention patent application structure is optimized; the patents granted also maintain a rapid growth. In the first three quarters, SIPO granted 164,000 invention patents, up 28.1%. 108,000 are from home, up 30.1% and representing 65.9%. The 108,000 are broken down into 94,000 or 87.0% service ones and 14,000 or 13.0% non-service ones.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201211/t20121107_768347.html

China: Applications for New Variety Right of Plant Exceeded 10,000

As of November, the applications for new variety right of plant in China had outnumbered 10,000 pieces and reached the goal in Agricultural IP Strategy Outline three years earlier. And China scrambled into the first two ranks in annual applications among the members of International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants.

http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/governme nt/201211/1709252_1.html

Campaigns Target IPR Violations

China has launched several campaigns to combat copyright infringement, aiming to boost regular supervision and extend powers to target the violation of products.

This year the authority has received 282 reports of online piracy from provincial departments, of which 210 were related to administrative punishment and 72 were transferred to judicial organs. A total of 93 servers and other equipment were confiscated and 183 websites shut down.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201212/t20121211_779805.html

Fake-brands Crackdown Nets 73 Counterfeiters

Police from China and the United States arrested 73 suspects after a joint operation targeting an international gang making and selling fake brand-name bags.

Police seized more than 20,000 counterfeit bags bearing fake Louis Vuitton, Hermes and Coach tags, and destroyed 37 production and sales sites during a raid.

Police also seized enough material to produce about 50,000 fake bags, and 91 bank cards and accounts used for receiving and transferring funds

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201211/t20121112_773407.html

Sino-America Patent Litigation Seminar Discussion

The seminar was held on December 3, 2012, aiming to enhance dialogues on patent law theory and practice of the two countries and promote the modernization of China's IP system.

During the seminar, China and the United States discussed about court settings for patent litigation, investigation and preparation before litigations, patent litigation claim construction, patent case controversial points and fact discovery, expert witness and investigation for patent litigation, the motion practice and trial preparation before the trial of patent cases, the motion practice and appeal after the trial and mediation, conciliation and permission.

http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/chinaword/201212/1714635_1.html

Service Inventor Remuneration Regulations Opens for Public Comment

SIPO made publicly available a draft of the proposed Service Invention Remuneration Regulations.

The draft consists of 46 articles in 7 chapters. The contents include the legislative aim, the supervision and regulation departments and its responsibility, applicable scope of the Regulations, definition of an inventor, and ownership of the rights to an invention.

The service invention system is a basic system for adjusting the ownership of the rights and profit distribution, which is closely related to innovation enthusiasm of inventor and enterprise, and constitutes an important part of a country's innovation policy as well.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201211/t20121126_774518.html

Napa Valley Gains GI Status in China

Napa Valley is the first wine region outside of China to be recognized with the Geographic Indication status from the State Administration for Quality Supervision Inspection and Quarantine. For NV, this provides a pivotal element in consumer protection against wines illegitimately labeled as being from Napa Valley in the Chinese market.

AQSIQ recognition is one of two procedures available for protection of geographical indications in China, the other being through recognition as a certification or collective mark through the Chinese trademark office.

<http://chinaipr.com/2012/11/29/napa-valley-gains-gi-status-in-china/>