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**SIPO to Enable Updated Digital Access Service for Priority Documents**

Beginning April 15, 2013, The State Intellectual Property Office of China (SIPO) starts Digital Access Service 2.0 operation. It is required to provide an Access Code in order to retrieve a foreign priority application filed in a foreign intellectual property office that participates in the WIPO DAS program. In addition, non-electronic applications are no longer applicable to DAS request before the SIPO.

[http://www.sipo.gov.cn/tz/gz/201304/t20130409\\_790587.html](http://www.sipo.gov.cn/tz/gz/201304/t20130409_790587.html)

**China Witnesses Fruits of Campaign against IP Infringement**

The implementation of the National Intellectual Property Strategy has gained a lot in recent years.

There were 2,510 patent disputes handled and 6,512 patent infringements cracked down in 2012. The courts received a total of 87,419 and 2,928 first-instance IP civil cases as well as administrative cases, and concluded 12,794 IP criminal cases. Meanwhile, the

procuratorates nationwide approved arrests of suspects in 5,256 cases, up 20.3%. During the same period, the polices investigated 44,000 cases of counterfeiting which involved goods worth of 11.314 billion yuan, while the customs officials recorded 4,138 IP applications and confiscated over 15,000 batches of infringing goods with more than 90 million goods involved. Moreover, the industry and commerce administrations nationwide tackled 120,400 cases of counterfeiting worth an estimated 851 million yuan in value and 112,000 cases of fake name-brands with a value of 274 million yuan. Besides, the state copyright authorities also handled 282 cases and shut down 183 websites last year in a campaign against online IPR infringement and piracy.

With these efforts, China had further strengthened the campaign against IP infringement, established a long-term mechanism for IP protection, and made remarkable progress in IP field.

[http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201304/t20130412\\_791081.html](http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201304/t20130412_791081.html)

### **Promotion Plan for the Implementation of the National Intellectual Property Strategy in 2013**

Recently a plan for the Implementation of the National Intellectual Property Strategy was promulgated. The Plan intends to carry out the innovation-driven development strategy, promote the realization of the five-year goals of the Outline of the National Intellectual Property Strategy, and identify the primary goals and measures for the implementation of the National Intellectual Property Strategy in 2013.

With these 84 specific measures in the Plan, 30 of which are about strengthening IP protection, China will further improve its IP-related laws as well as regulations, and improve the long-term mechanism to combat IP infringement in accordance with the laws.

<http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201303/t201303>

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### **China Further Extends the Scale of IPR Pledge Financing**

There is an obvious growth trend for IPR Pledge financing in China. The yearly financing of patent, trademark and copyright reached 14.1 billion, 21.46 billion and 2.751 billion yuan. With the establishment of 20 IPR financing service platforms, it is forecasted that the financing amount would be further extended. Meanwhile SIPO launched IPR

financing pilots in 28 regions around the country, carried out company patent pledge financing business matchmaking in 10 provinces, 5 cities and 8 high-tech parks, and established IPR pledge financing service. It will undoubtedly encourage the creation and use of intellectual property and create a good atmosphere for innovation.

<http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201304/t2013>

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### **State Council Revises Copyright Rules**

State Council recently issued the decision on modifying the Copyright Law Implementation Regulations, Regulations for the Protection of Information Network Transmission Rights, Protection of Computer Software Regulations, strengthening the administrative sanctions on infringements against copyright. Anyone who provides others' works through the network shall have to obtain permission otherwise will be punished by the law. Infringing acts with illegal business revenue shall be liable to a fine of 3 to 5 times as much as the entire illegal business revenue. Infringing acts without illegal business revenue or less than 50,000 yuan, shall be liable to a fine of from 100,000 to 250,000 yuan.

<http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201303/t2013>

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### **Copyright Campaign Launched**

The National Copyright Administration launched the nationwide Green Bookmark Campaign 2013 on April 1 in an effort to increase copyright awareness. During the campaign, which lasts until World Intellectual Property Day on April 26, green bookmarks will be distributed in more than 2,000 schools, cinemas, theaters, bookstores and residential communities across China. Pirated publications seized last year will also be destroyed in the period.

[http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/governme/nt/201304/1744722\\_1.html](http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/governme/nt/201304/1744722_1.html)

### **China's Supreme Court Amends Rules Relating to Adjudication of Patent Disputes**

China's Supreme People's Court released the "Decision on Revising Several Provisions Concerning the Application of Law in Hearing Patent Dispute Cases" on April 14, which states that the Supreme People's Court may, depending on actual circumstances, designate local people's courts to exercise jurisdiction over first-instance trials of patent dispute cases. The Decision came to effect on April 15, 2013.

The Decision came as part of the Chinese government's efforts to tackle rising intellectual property disputes in the country. In the "Promotion Plan for the Implementation of

2013 National Intellectual Property Strategy" released by the SIPO, it clearly states that the number of local people's courts which have jurisdiction over general intellectual property cases will be increased, and more intermediate people's courts will be assigned to handle first-instance intellectual property cases.

[http://www.court.gov.cn/qwfb/sfjs/201304/i20130415\\_183307.htm](http://www.court.gov.cn/qwfb/sfjs/201304/i20130415_183307.htm)

### **SIPO Cooperates with the Patent Offices of Brazil, Australia and Tajikistan**

The delegation of the State Intellectual Property Office visited Brazil's National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) and together identified cooperation plans for 2013.

During later visit to IP Australia in the past month, and both sides signed the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between China's SIPO and IP Australia.

At the meantime, the SIPO and Tajikistan's patent information center also signed a Memorandum of Understanding for deeper cooperation in documentation and patent examiner training in both countries.

[http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201303/i20130319\\_788386.html](http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201303/i20130319_788386.html)

<http://www.chinaipmagazine.com/en/news-show.asp?id=5742>

**ZTE Vaults into Top 10 EP Patent Applicants**

The Shenzhen-based ZTE Corporation last year applied for 1,184 patents with the European Patent Office to become the first Chinese company to rank among the top 10. Huawei, another Shenzhen high-tech company, is 17th on the list.

ZTE has applied for a total of 46,000 patents around the world, more than 11,000 of which have been granted. It has invested 30 billion yuan (\$4.8 billion) in R&D over the last four years.

[http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/enterprise/201303/1739586\\_1.html](http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/enterprise/201303/1739586_1.html)

**WIPO to Open Headquarter in Beijing**

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has recently chosen the nation's capital Beijing as the site for the WIPO Chinese office, the fifth of its kind to be opened worldwide after offices in Brazil, Japan, the United States and Singapore. The new facility is expected to play an important role in enhancing WIPO's cooperation with China and offering local services, such as arbitration and mediation, collective management and capacity building, according to the Beijing Intellectual Property Office.

[http://ipr.chinadaily.com.cn/2013-03/27/content\\_16349204.htm](http://ipr.chinadaily.com.cn/2013-03/27/content_16349204.htm)