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SIPO Starts PPH Pilot Program with UKIPO, IPO and PRV on July 1, 2014

The State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) of China has announced that the Patent Prosecution Highway Pilot Program (PPH) between SIPO and the Intellectual Property Office of the United Kingdom (UKIPO), SIPO and the Icelandic Patent Office (IPO), and SIPO and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office (PRV) have formally commenced on July 1, 2014.

Each of these PPH Pilots will run for a period of 2 years, ending on 30 June 2016.

http://www.sipo.gov.cn/zscqgz/2014/201406/t20140627_972290.html

Revised Judicial Interpretation on Patent Infringement Litigation for Public Comments

On July 16, the Supreme Peoples Court (SPC) published a draft of proposed revisions to its Decision of the SPC Regarding Questions of Application of Law in Adjudication of Patent Cases.

Any individual or entity may submit their comments on the draft by August 15, 2014 to zhuanliyijian@163.com.

http://www.court.gov.cn/swzx/yw/201407/t20140717_196482.htm

SIPO Join Hands with the China Council to Provide IP Help

SIPO has established a partnership with the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade to provide its expertise to help Chinese companies expand their global reach.

The two organizations will work together on 13 issues including IP exchanges with foreign countries, strengthening IP services in overseas markets, improving corporate IP operations, and organizing and managing IP training programs.

<http://www.chinaipmagazine.com/en/news-show.asp?id=7091>

Discussion on the Hierarchy of China's Intellectual Property Courts

The Central Reform Leading Group held its third meeting and passed Plans for Setting up Intellectual Property Courts.

In order to achieve the consistency of the judgment on similar intellectual property cases, according to the discussions in the meeting, three intermediate-level intellectual property courts will be set up respectively in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangdong.

<http://www.chinaipmagazine.com/en/news-show.asp?id=7076>

Legislators Discuss Measures to Commercialize "Sleeping" Patents

According to a report to the National Patent Council Standing Committee, China owns a large number of Patents, but the utilization rate of patent is very low. To improve the situation, suggestions are collected.

A number of lawmakers suggested adjusting the system by which profits are distributed to patented products' creators at higher learning institutes to raise their enthusiasm in applying for and commercializing patents.

http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/governme nt/201406/1825751_1.html

China Deals with 40 Thousand IPR Cases

Administrative departments in China dealt with nearly 40 thousand cases on infringement and counterfeiting from January to April. During this period, public security organs cracked 3,700 cases and captured about 6000 suspects; procuratorates approved 2,700 arrests in 1,700 cases; judicial organs concluded 5,100 cases, with more than 8000 suspects effectively sentenced.

In addition to the fruitful results, efforts were called for to enhance the online market regulation, disclose information on administrative cases and promote the establishment of a credit system.

http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/governme nt/201406/1825880_1.html

State Council: National Outline of Integrated Circuit Industry issued

Gross sales revenue of integrated circuit industry in China is expected to exceed 350 billion yuan in 2015, nearly an increase of 100 billion yuan from 250.8 billion yuan in 2013, according to the National Outline of Promoting the Development of Integrated Circuit Industry recently issued by the State Council.

Last year, the integrated circuits imported from abroad were valued at 231.3 billion US dollars, indicating the lack of leading-edge technologies in this regard, which makes the industry not be able to meet the need of the market.

On this background, the Outline sets a goal that the gap with international level will be gradually narrowed down and the average growth rate of the sales revenue of this industry will reach 20% in 2020, and the leading technologies of the industry will stand at the world with a batch of enterprises joining the big league in 2030.

It also reads that a series of measures ensuring the sound development of the industry will be introduced, for instance, a leading group dedicated to guiding the development of this industry will be formed to improve policies and an investment fund will be created to help out those enterprises facing financing difficulties.

http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/governme nt/201407/1826361_1.html

WIPO Chinese Agency Opened in Beijing

On July 10th, the opening ceremony of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Chinese agency was held in Beijing, which is the 5th of its kind to be opened worldwide after offices in Brazil, Japan, the United States and Singapore.

The Office is regarded as a new connection and a communication flat form between China and WIPO, and a great way for Chinese enterprises and innovators participating in international cooperation and communication which will greatly help to push the developing of China and Beijing's intellectual property community.

Along with the establishment of this Office, Beijing, as the center of national technological innovation, should increase the power of innovation and accelerate the development of intellectual property to build an advanced economic structure. In a bid to facilitate economic development and construction of innovative country, Beijing will make concrete efforts to fully implement the IP strategy and improve the creation, utilization, protection and management of IPR.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201407/t20140716_980595.html

2014 China-ASEAN Intellectual Property Training Seminar Launched in Beijing

Recently, the 2014 China-ASEAN Intellectual Property Training Seminar opened in Beijing.

This Seminar is organized by SIPO, China Intellectual Property Training Center and Qingdao Municipal Intellectual Property Office and will be held in Beijing and Qingdao successively. About 20 trainees from 10 ASEAN countries and the ASEAN Secretariat participate in the training.

The purpose of this Seminar is to promote China-ASEAN communication in the dissemination and utilization of patent information, the patent examination of cloud system, the enterprise intellectual property management, and the local intellectual property administration.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201407/t20140718_981944.html