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SIPO Starts PPH Pilot Program with ILPO on August 1, 2014

The Patent Prosecution Highway Pilot Program between SIPO and the Israel Patent Office (ILPO) has formally commenced on August 1, 2014.

This PPH Pilot will run for a period of 2 years, ending on July 31, 2016.

http://www.sipo.gov.cn/ztl/ywzt/pph/zn/201407/t20140728_985999.html

International Invention Fair is to be Held in China

An international invention fair, co-hosted by China Association of Inventions (CAI) and the International Federation of Inventors' Associations, is due to be held in Kunshan, Jiangsu province, China, from November 19 to 22, 2014.

This International Exhibition of Inventions is expected to attract participants from more than 30 countries and regions as well as international organizations including the Asian and Pacific Center for Transfer of Technology, and more than 3,000 technological projects will be exhibited therein.

http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/local/201408/1834170_1.html

China Sets Goal for Intellectual Property Protection

The Guideline on 'Deepening Implementation of State Intellectual Property Strategy and Strengthening and Improving Management on Intellectual Property' is issued on July 29th, 2014.

This guideline is issued jointly by China's State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) the SIPO and other seven organizations, including the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology.

This aim of the guideline is to boost intellectual property protection.

In the content, the guideline requires stepping up law enforcement to safeguard market order.

Besides, service innovations are encouraged to provide better intellectual property services to the public.

By issuing this Guideline, SIPO vows to set up an efficient administrative management system on intellectual property by 2020.

<http://www.chinaipmagazine.com/en/news-show.asp?id=7127>

China Moves up in World's Innovation Rankings

Recently, the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2014, in its 7th edition this year, has been co-published and released by WIPO, Cornell University, INSEAD.

According to the GI 2014, China mainland has made its progress by improving 6 places to the 29th.

The index lauded China's progress for several times and China's ranking is now comparable to that of many high-income economies.

The progress of China in the rankings is among the most notable in the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa), and China seems on track to enter the top 10 in the GI in the next following years.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201408/t20140807_991974.html

China's Int'l Patent Applications Jump

China received 11,243 international patent applications through the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) in the first half of the year.

The number of international patent applications represented an increase of 20.5 percent from a year earlier, according to the office.

About 91.5 percent of the total patent applications came from domestic companies and individuals with 10,283 filings.

Information technology giant companies, such as telecommunication device and solution providers Huawei and ZTE, and semiconductor supplier BOE Technology Group Co., Ltd., were most active in filing patent applications, the office said.

More than half of international patent applications came from southern China's Guangdong Province in the January-June period, according to the office.

The PCT provides a unified procedure for filing patent applications to protect inventions in each of its contracting states.

The United States and Japan contributed the top number of foreign international patent applications in China, with 482 and 94 filings respectively.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201408/t20140819_997512.html

Geographic Indication Logos Granted

The General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine granted 6,000 companies and organizations across China permission to use geographic indication logos, or GIs, on more than 1,800 products worth nearly 1 trillion yuan (\$161 billion).

Primary agricultural products increased by 15 to 20 percent in value, which made GIs a key tool to promote county economies in the country, according to the administration.

http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/governme nt/201407/1831790_1.html

New Alliance Established to Promote LED Patent Protection

Recently, an intellectual property management summit forum was held by Guangdong Solid State Lighting Industry Innovation Center.

The forum attracted more than 150 delegates from LED companies, research institutions and IP agencies across the nation.

According to a report made by Guangdong Solid State Lighting Industry Innovation Center, which is the holder of the intellectual property management summit forum, there were more than 200,000 patents granted in the LED industry in China by the end of March, and it is estimated that the sales of LED lighting facilities around the world will increase 60 percent this year.

Therefore, in order to serve the LED companies by helping them deal with IP problems, the first national patent alliance for the LED industry was unveiled at this forum.

It is hoped the establishment of this national patent alliance will help to foster a better IP environment for the LED industry, greatly enhance the cooperation between professional IP agencies and the research institutions in LED industry and promote the commercialization of LED patents.

http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/local/201408/1834172_1.html

Online Portal Established to Sell Copyrights

The Shanghai Media Group established a website for copyrights selling.

Copyright owners can entrust the company to sell their copyrights, especially video copyrights or open their own online stores.

As of the establishment of this online portal, copyrights for 680 finished videos and 100,000 footage clips are being sold. Sales have so far reached 13 million yuan (\$2.1 million).

http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/local/201408/1834170_1.html

China Investigates Companies for Possible Anti-monopoly Behaviors

China has mounted investigations in the past weeks on several companies for alleged monopolistic practices.

The National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) alleged Qualcomm Inc. for monopoly and charged licensing fees; the State Administration for Industry and Commerce (SAIC) announced an anti-monopoly probe of Microsoft. In addition, some automobile companies were also under investigation. It is said that Mercedes-Benz and 12 Japanese auto parts and bearing manufacturers would be fined for alleged antitrust violations.

http://finance.ifeng.com/a/20140805/12865048_0.shtml