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**China Issues the National Innovation-Driven Development Strategy Outline**

China issued the National Innovation-driven Development Strategy Outline, proposing a "three-step" strategic target: to become an innovative country by 2020, a forefront of innovation-oriented country by 2030, and world's top scientific and technological innovation powerhouse by 2050.

The Outline proposed that, for the implementation of innovation-driven development strategy, China must take more measures on open and reform, environmental construction, allocation of resources.

China will deeply implement the intellectual property strategic action plan to guide and support the creation and use of intellectual property, to promote the benefit-sharing and innovation achievement transforming mechanism, to implement of strict intellectual property protection, and enhance people's awareness of IP protection, strengthen the role of intellectual property and innovative system.

[http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201606/t20160601\\_1272497.html](http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201606/t20160601_1272497.html)

**China Issues Opinions on Stepping up IP Protection in Foreign Trade**

The State Council of China recently issued opinions to promote the development of foreign trade.

The opinions put forward 14 measures in five aspects, and requires to support innovative services, build own brands, strengthen import and two-way investment and IP protection.

Under the notion that IP protection in foreign trade shall be stepped up, the opinions underscore the need for continued campaign for cracking down on infringement and counterfeit goods in foreign trade. The opinions also support enterprises to protect their trademark and patent rights. The mechanism of IP dispute settlement outside China and construction of IPR aid system shall be improved. Strongly support the import and export enterprises to deal with IP dispute outside China by enhancing bilateral and multilateral IP exchange and enforcement coordination system.

[http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201605/t20160525\\_1271020.html](http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201605/t20160525_1271020.html)

### **Recent Judicial Interpretation for Patent Infringement (effective as of April 1, 2016)**

The second Judicial Interpretation on Several Issues Concerning the Application of Law in the Trial of Disputes over Infringement of Patent Rights has come into force on April 1.

In assisting with an essential reading of the total of 31 articles, we list the highlights in a recent article, covering key issues in patent judicial practices such as the interpretation of patent claim, indirect infringement, calculation of the amount of compensation, etc.

<http://afdip.com/index.php?ac=article&at=read&did=2599>

### **SIPO Released Regulations to Promote Patent Law Enforcement**

The State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) issued three regulations to promote China's patent law enforcement, which were Guide of Determining Patent Tort, Evident Rule on Patent Administrative Enforcement, and Guide on Patent Disputes Administration Mediation.

The documents are considered to be the unified and normative pieces that include relevant applicable laws in administrative procedure law, the law on administrative punishments, other relevant judicial explanation related rules, and administrative response.

[http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201605/t20160525\\_1271021.html](http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201605/t20160525_1271021.html)

### **Patent Disputes Mediation Period Shortens to Two Months**

Recently, SIPO released a notice to strengthen handling the patent disputes mediation that relevant department in charge of patent administration must conclude the patent disputes mediation within two months.

The notice regulates that relevant department should play a positive role in helping to bring about a mediation agreement between the two parties on basis of pursuant to the law and voluntary. In case of failure to reach a mediation agreement, the department should issue a notice on mediation termination and then drop this case. If the two parties choose the mediation, the department should conclude the case within two months. If the case is of great complexity and time costly, mediation period must be solved within three months.

[http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201606/t20160615\\_1274671.html](http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201606/t20160615_1274671.html)

### **China's Allows and Issues the First Data Loan**

Difficulty in getting financing has been plaguing many enterprises, especially small and mid-sized innovative start-up businesses. China recently allows company to use its data assets (intangible assets including patents) as collateral. In actual practice, Guiyang Bank issued the first data loan with the amount of one million yuan to a company named Guizhou East Century.

Companies who are interested in applying such a loan can register a rights confirmation letter and get a data assets evaluation report at the Zhongguancun data asset center in Beijing. They can become a shareholder of innovation enterprises by transfer of data use rights. They can get from one to 30 percent of the shares of a startup, based on the size of the company, the amount of data and its utility period.

<http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/article/centralgovernment/201605/1890394.html>

### **Central SOEs Register over 100,000 Patents**

The centrally administered state-owned enterprises own over 100,000 invention patents, with the number of annual applications increasing 30 percent on average since 2011. Their total R&D investment increased to 350 billion yuan.

<http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/article/regionalnews/201605/1890596.html>

### **China to Cut Prices of Expensive Patent Drugs**

China's health authority announced cuts of over 50 percent in the prices of three patent drugs.

GlaxoSmithCline (GSK) will reduce the price of Tenofovir Disoproxil, a treatment for hepatitis B, from 1,500 yuan (\$229) to 490 yuan per month.

Icotinib, an anti-cancer drug made by China's Betta Pharmaceuticals, will be dropped from

12,000 yuan to 5,500 yuan for a month's supply.

AstraZeneca will lower the monthly cost for the anti-cancer Gefitinib from 15,000 yuan to 7,000 yuan.

<http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/article/patents/201605/1890399.html>

### **China Underscores Coordinated Development Between Manufacturing and the Internet**

A guidance on how to boost the coordinated development between manufacturing and the Internet was released recently by the State Council.

The guidance put forward in its guarantee measures that perfection of integrated development mechanism in the course of coordinated development between manufacturing and the Internet.

According to the guidance, IP pledging should be further promoted and the guarantee should be innovated. Meanwhile, efforts should be made to enhance international cooperation and exchange, improve the capability and level of "bringing in", make full use of innovation resources including global talents, technology and IP, and learn international advanced mode of operation and management to boost the coordinated development between manufacturing and the Internet.

[http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201606/t20160608\\_1273647.html](http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201606/t20160608_1273647.html)