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China, U.S. Launch PPH Pilot Project

On November 30, SIPO Commissioner Tian Lipu and United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) Director David Kappos jointly announced that the China-U.S. PPH pilot project would be launched on December 1, 2011.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201112/t20111215_636363.html

Judicial Decision to Protect Intellectual Property

China's top court is drafting a judicial interpretation to protect online intellectual property rights, which is expected to be released in January at the earliest. China currently has four laws and 19 regulations related to intellectual property rights protection, covering patents, trademarks and other fields.

http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/governments/201112/1272866_1.html

U.S. Initiates Probe into Chinese Products for Patent Infringement

The U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) Friday launched a probe into certain products from China after several U.S. companies alleged their patents were infringed. The products in question include

televisions and Blu-ray players produced by Haier Group of China and Vizio Inc. under Taiwan-based Amtran Technology Company and sold in the U.S. market.

The trade panel is scheduled to set a target date for completing the investigation within 45 days after institution of the probe. If the complaint is approved, the agency will ban importation of those products.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201112/t20111221_638007.html

China to Maintain Iron-handed Policy on Counterfeit Drugs

China will keep its iron-handed policy in combating fake drugs in the upcoming year.

China launched a two-year special campaign for drug safety from July 2009 to July 2011, during which authorities investigated more than 42,000 cases and shut down 1,093 illegal websites.

http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/governments/201112/1272695_1.html

China to Install Copyrighted Software in All Government Organs by 2012

All levels of government agencies across China will use legitimate software by the end

of 2012.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201112/t20111221_638006.html

Chinese Court Handle over 52,000 New Cases of IPR Infringement

Per Supreme People's Court (SPC), Chinese courts heard 52,708 new cases of intellectual property right infringement from January to October 2011, up 42.2 percent from the same period of 2010.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201112/t20111221_638004.html

China, U.S. Vow to Bolster Cooperation in IPR

Chinese Vice Premier Wang Qishan, together with US Secretary of Commerce John Bryson and U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk, co-chaired the 22 Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade (JCCT) in Chengdu on November 21. The two sides expressed their willingness to expand bilateral cooperation in high-tech sector and strategic trade relations and deepen cooperation in IPR field. At the conference, the two sides also signed the China-United States Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Cooperation Framework Agreement and other four economic and trade agreements.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201112/t20111221_634386.html

The First Agreement on IPR Cooperation Between Mainland and Hong Kong Signed

On November 16, SIPO Commissioner Tian Lipu and Hong Kong Director of Intellectual

Property, Peter Cheung, signed the two offices' first ever agreement on IPR cooperation.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201112/t20111202_634383.html

Huawei Acquires JV with Symantec for 530 Million USD

On November 25, Huawei reached an agreement with the U.S. Symantec Company on paying 530 million U.S. dollars for 49% of their joint venture (JV) Huawei Symantec's shares and all patent rights.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201112/t20111215_636358.html

Apple Loses Latest Court Fight over Samsung Smartphone

Apple Inc lost a request for a court order in its bid to block sales of Samsung Electronics Co's 4G smartphone and Galaxy Tab 10.1 tablet computer, according to a ruling that was posted on a court docket and then removed.

The iPad maker, in its lawsuit filed in federal court in San Jose, California, sought an order blocking Samsung from selling its Galaxy line of mobile devices products in the United States based on claims they violate Apple patents. The lawsuit is part of a legal battle between the companies being fought in 10 countries.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201112/t20111205_634849.html