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**AFD's Patent Administrative Case Selected as Exemplary IPR Case of 2014**

AFD is glad to report that one of our cases is selected by the Beijing High Court as one of the Top 10 Intellectual Property Rights Cases of the Year of 2014.

The High Court's review of the case read that "forward comparison" should be used in novelty determination and this case can help form a unified standard for future operation.

"Forward comparison" is a method that compares to see if the technical scheme of the prior art has all technical features presented in the technical scheme of the concerned patent.

[http://www.sipo.gov.cn/mtjj/2015/201504/t20150415\\_1101759.html](http://www.sipo.gov.cn/mtjj/2015/201504/t20150415_1101759.html)

**SIPO-ROSPATENT and SIPO-PPO PPH Pilot Programs Extend**

The Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot programs between the State Intellectual Property Office of China (SIPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property of the Russian Federation (Rospatent) and between SIPO and the Polish Patent Office (PPO), are both extended as of July 1, 2015.

[http://www.sipo.gov.cn/ztz/ywzt/pph/zxdt/201506/t20150630\\_1138045.html](http://www.sipo.gov.cn/ztz/ywzt/pph/zxdt/201506/t20150630_1138045.html)

**Comments Solicited for New National Standards for IP Management by Higher Education and Research Institutions**

Drafts of national standards for Intellectual Property Management for Research and Development Organizations and for Higher Education are released for comment (before July 28, 2015).

The drafts were prepared by SIPO, the China National Institute of Standardization, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, and the Ministry of Education.

The Higher Education standard includes provisions that rewards are mandated for those who make a significant contribution, although specific amounts are not set forth. Also, in the Research and Development standard, simple rules for licensing are set forth, which include: due diligence before licensing, confirming the effectiveness of the IP, and drafting of a written contract.

These procedures, once final, can also serve as useful reference materials for privately-funded Research and Development projects.

[http://www.sipo.gov.cn/tz/gz/201506/t20150630\\_1138053.html](http://www.sipo.gov.cn/tz/gz/201506/t20150630_1138053.html)

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### **".CN" Domain Name Now Opens to Oversea Registrants**

According to China Internet Network Information Center (CNNIC)'s new policy, companies, organizations and individuals located outside of China may now register ".CN" domain names without the need for local presence in China.

".CN" domain names refer to certain Chinese top level domain names that feature ".CN" as the suffix, including the second-level domain names directly registered under ".CN" and the third-level domain names registered under the ".CN" second-level domain names.

### **China to Set up Standardized IPR Service System**

China will initially establish an effective standardized IPR service system by the year of 2020. To establish a standardized IPR service system should mainly involve five tasks, namely, to build a technology organization, to enhance R&D, to foster pilot programs, to strengthen cultivation of talents and to improve propaganda and implementation. As efforts to foster pilot programs, a number of pilot demonstration projects will be gradually launched in nation-grade high-tech exploiting zones, IPR service industry cluster regions, model and pilot cities (parks) of IPR.

[http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201507/t20150706\\_1140380.html](http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201507/t20150706_1140380.html)

### **Regulation Tightened for Music Websites**

The copyright regulator announced stricter rules on music streaming, updating a copyright system that has been out of sync with the way people listen to music for years.

Online streaming services must stop providing unlicensed music to users, said the National Copyright Administration (NCA) in a statement published on its website. Service providers were required to remove unlicensed music by the end of July.

As part of "Sword Net 2015", the anti-piracy campaign aims to improve online copyright management, better protect royalty holders and restore confidence in the copyright system.

<http://www.chinaipmagazine.com/en/news-show.asp?id=7906>

### **New Memoranda of Understanding Signed for IP Cooperation**

The Ministry of Commerce of China (MOFCOM) and DG Trade of the European Commission have signed a new memorandum of understanding (MOU) to reinforce cooperation on IP and upgraded the dialogue.

<http://www.chinaipmagazine.com/en/news-show.asp?id=7894>

Malta and China have signed a MOU which aims to increase cooperation on intellectual property matters between the two nations.

<http://www.chinaipmagazine.com/en/news-show.asp?id=7936>