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CNIPA and JPO Extend PPH Pilot Program

The China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) and the Japan Patent Office (JPO) have jointly decided to extend their Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program for another five years from November 1, 2023 to October 31, 2028. The established Guideline of CNIPA-JPO PPH Request remains controlling the pertinent requirements and procedures governing applicants' PPH requests.

PPH is a fast track linking patent examination duties of different countries or regions, allowing patent examination authorities to share their work to speed up patent examination. Since the initiation of the first PPH pilot program in November 2011, the CNIPA has built PPH ties with patent examination authorities of 31 countries or regions.

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CNIPA and SAIP Extend PPH Pilot Program

The CNIPA and the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) have jointly decided to extend their PPH pilot program for an infinite period of time from November 1,

2023. The established Guidance of CNIPA-SAIP PPH Request remains controlling the pertinent requirements and procedures governing applicants' PPH requests.

PPH is a fast track linking patent examination duties of different countries or regions, allowing patent examination authorities to speed up patent examination by work sharing. Since the initiation of the first PPH pilot program in November 2011, the CNIPA has built PPH ties with patent examination authorities of 32 countries or regions.

The extension of the CNIPA-SAIP PPH pilot program will continuously advance the two offices' cooperation in patent examination, provide better services to both Chinese and Saudi innovators and speed up patent examination process.

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China’s State Council has Approved the Draft Implementation Rules of its Patent Law

China’s State Council has approved the draft implementation rules of its Patent Law at an executive meeting held on November 3, according to news released on Monday.

Stressing the need to strictly enforce the implementation rules of the Patent Law, the meeting also urged further improving the patent application and examination system to level up China's patent creation, application, protection, management and service, as well as better matching the relevant international treaties.

On 17 October 2020, China's National People's Congress(NPC) adopted the decision to amend its Patent Law, which took effect on 1 June 2021, marking the fourth amendment to China's Patent Law. The highlights are the adoption of a patent linkage system, a patent term extension for pharmaceutical patents, higher damages for patent infringement, a provision easing the burden of proof for damages, the availability of design patents for partial designs and more options to reward employee inventors.

Following the adoption of the amendment to the Patent Law, the CNIPA started the preparation for the revision of the implementation rules of the Patent Law in November 2020.

The draft implementation rules propose implementing rules for the amended Patent Law, including details on applications for patent term compensation and extension, new rules for priority claims, administrative enforcement rules, and specific provisions for international design patent registrations under the Hague Agreement.

The draft rules have been approved last Friday, which will help the smooth implementation of China's newly amended Patent Law and create a better legal environment for innovation, according to the report.

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CNIPA Deputy Commissioner Attends China-EU Cooperation and Development Forum on GIs

The China-European Union (EU) Cooperation and Development Forum on Geographical Indications was recently held in Suzhou City, Jiangsu Province. Li Qibao, Vice Chairman of the 13th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) and President of the China-EU Association, and Bertie Ahern, former Irish Prime Minister and President of the InterAction Council attended the opening ceremony and spoke. Hu Wenhui, Deputy Commissioner of the CNIPA also attended the opening ceremony and delivered a speech.

Hu said that geographical indication (GI) is an important type of IP and plays unique value and special function in external cooperation and communication. The CNIPA has been exerting great efforts in implementing the China-EU Agreement on Protection and Cooperation of Geographical Indications, fulfilling high-level international obligations in GI protection and constantly improving the GI protection system. In the future, we will push for the continuous improvement of the GI protection system and better serve the protection needs of Chinese and foreign users to jointly enable the results of the China-EU GI cooperation to benefit people from different countries and effectively support the high-quality development of China-EU economy and trade.

CNIPA principal officials responsible for the Intellectual Property Protection Department also attended the forum and spoke.

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WIPO and CNIPA Celebrate Chinese Innovators with Patent Awards

The 13th China International Patent Fair (CIPF) and the 24th WIPO-CNIPA Award for Chinese Outstanding Patented Invention took place in Dalian, Liaoning. Daren Tang, Director General of WIPO, congratulated the 29 recipients of the patent Gold Award in a video message. Tang highlighted China's remarkable progress in advancing intellectual property for economic and societal development. According to data provided by WIPO, China is a significant user of the PCT system, with over 70,000 patent applications last year. China's patent-intensive industries have contributed over 14 trillion RMB to the economy, reinforcing its position as a center for intellectual property, innovation, and technology.

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Moreira appreciated the pragmatic results of cooperation between the CNIPA and the INPI during the years and looked forward to deepening cooperation in information technology, geographical indication, PPH and other projects, increasing mutual understanding, and offering more quality and convenient services to both users to further deepen IP cooperation between the two countries.

During the meeting, the two offices organized a workshop on automation work, sharing wisdom on AI examination, construction of intelligent examination system and other issues.

CNIPA principal officials responsible for the International Cooperation Department and the Automation Department under the Patent Office also attended the meeting.

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Shen Changyu Meets INPI President Julio Moreira

Shen Changyu, Commissioner of the CNIPA met Julio Moreira, President of the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) in Beijing on October 11.

Shen said that the Chinese government has been attaching great importance to IP protection and President Xi Jinping has given a series of important instructions on it. The CNIPA and the INPI have been maintaining close communication for many years and carrying out a series of effective cooperation. He wished the two sides, under the bilateral, BRICs and multilateral frameworks, would continue to enhance communication and cooperation, and learn from each other's experience to create a sound business environment for both enterprises and boost the constant development of the international IP system together.

CNIPA : China to Promote Industrialization of High-value Patents

China will promote the industrialization of a number of high-value patents, according to a press briefing held in Beijing on Thursday. Shen Changyu, Director General of the CNIPA said at the briefing that by 2025 patent industrialization rate at Chinese universities and scientific research institutions is expected to be significantly increased, the turnover of patent technology contracts nationwide to reach 800 billion yuan, and the output of certified patent-intensive products to exceed one trillion yuan.

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Shokz Filed over 100 Patent Infringement Lawsuits against its Rivals , including Lenovo, and Xiaomi

Computers and electronics manufacturing company Shokz filed a new patent infringement suit against industry giants, this time the defendant being Lenovo, according to a court hearing opened at the Guangzhou Intellectual Property Court earlier last month.

Founded in 2004, Shenzhen-based Shokz develops and sells electro-acoustic products. Since 2007, it has been focusing on bone-conduction speakers and has become a leading sports headphone brand now. According to WIPO Statistics, the company's revenue has increased more than 80-fold in the last seven years.

Relevant reports show that over the past two years, Shokz has filed at least approximately 100 separate lawsuits against more than 39 defendants at 15 Chinese courts, including the Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou IP courts.

The defendants in these cases involve industry leaders like Xiaomi, Iflytek, and others.

Xiaomi was sued last August for infringing Shokz's utility model patents and Iflytek last October and November for infringing Shokz's utility model patents and invention patents.

With such widespread patent enforcement actions, Shokz sets an example for Chinese innovative entities in patent rights protection, according to IP analysts.

However, not a few of Shokz's enforcing patents were challenged by its strong rivals. Incomplete statistics suggest that at least 7 of its 16 patents have been partially or completely invalidated up to now. One of the companies' bone-conduction patents, ZL201721044773.5, has been challenged 13 times and was declared invalid at last.

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CNIPA Deputy Commissioner Attends 2023 IP5 Statistical Working Group Meeting

The 2023 IP5 Statistical Working Group Meeting hosted by the CNIPA was recently held at the Patent Examination Cooperation Sichuan Center of the CNIPA's Patent Office. CNIPA Deputy Commissioner Li Danlu attended the opening ceremony and delivered a speech. Representatives of the IP5 partners including the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office (JPO) and the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) participated in the Meeting online and offline.

Li noted that General Secretary Xi Jinping attached importance to deepening IP international cooperation. The IP5 Statistical Working Group Meeting is an epitome of the IP5 cooperation by offering a crucial window for global users to know the five offices and global innovation trends, reflecting the spirit that is open, inclusive, cooperative and win-win to all between the IP5 offices. He wished the five offices would continue to deepen cooperation and make more contributions to implement the new cooperation vision and prop up the construction of a sustainable future.

After the Meeting, Li conducted a field study in Chengdu to have a profound knowledge of the achievements made by tech enterprises revolving around IP boosting self-generated innovations and transformation and upgrade and listen to their needs and suggestions.

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**Global Cybersecurity Patent Ranking:
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the Top Three**

Chinese firms accounted for six of the top 10 global patent holdings in the cybersecurity technology sector as of August, with two making the top three, according to a report from Nikkei Asia on Sunday. Nikkei compiled the data in cooperation with U.S. information services provider LexisNexis. The data took into account patents registered across 95 countries and regions. The report said that U.S. computer manufacturer IBM came out top with 6,363 patents, followed by Huawei and Tencent with 5,735 and 4,803 patents respectively. Among the top 10 include financial provider Ant Group with 3,922 patents, State Grid Corporation with 3,696 patents, Alibaba Group Holding with 3,122 patents and China Investment Corporation with 3,042 patents. Chinese companies have filed significantly more cybersecurity patent applications since 2018, the report said. IBM's patent holdings have increased by 1.5 times compared to 10 years ago. By contrast, Huawei and Tencent's holdings have increased by 2.3 times and 13 times, respectively.

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SUPPLEMENTARY ISSUE

The 2023 AIPPI World Congress Kicks off in Istanbul, Turkey

On October 22 (local time), Istanbul, the Turkish economic, cultural and transportation center welcomed more than 2,000 IP practitioners from 69 countries worldwide. The 2023 AIPPI World Congress kicked off in a local Hilton Hotel here with insightful keynote speeches and magic dance performances.

China IP, as the premium media partner of AIPPI, was at the venue to witness this grand event.

At the Opening Ceremony, the keynote speeches began with warm welcome of AIPPI President Shoichi Okuyama, who expressed his sincere gratitude to all participants, relevant organizations of the host country, and the sponsors for their efforts and contributions to the smooth convening of the Congress. Shoichi Okuyama said that AIPPI, as an organization of members from all over the world, organized this meeting for members so that they can interact with each other and discuss a variety of issues that are important in IP. The four-day conference (22-25 October 2023), as introduced, has designed full programs and is a valuable opportunity for all participants to broaden their horizons and exchange experience with their peers in different regions and industries around the world.

Muhammed Zeki Durak, President of the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office briefed Turkey's long history of innovation and the ongoing efforts towards innovation. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of Turkey. Muhammed Zeki Durak noted that over the past hundred years, Turkey has been committed to providing strong support for the IP development and has made vigorous efforts to strengthen the IP framework and collaborate with international partners to create a more global system.

Habip Asan, Director of Division for Transition and Developed Countries of WIPO, concluded the keynote speeches by summarizing the global IP development and changes in the new era and sharing WIPO's corresponding responses. Habip Asan pointed out that the use of global IP system has never been more prevalent in the new era. Over the past five years, global patent applications have increased by 7%, design applications by nearly 20%, and trademark applications by nearly 50%, despite the challenges of the pandemic. The combined value of intangible assets has exceeded \$70 trillion, surpassing the worth of the world's five largest economies. In addition, the landscape of intellectual property is also evolving geographically. A decade ago, 50% of global IP applications came from Europe and North America; Today, 70% of them are from Asia, Africa and Latin America. At the same time, high-growth start-ups are emerging worldwide.

In response to these changes, Habip Asan said the IP system should be more inclusive and horizontal, engaging not only IP experts and professionals but also women, young practitioners, small and medium-sized enterprises and other groups previously underserved. Habip Asan also detailed the projects that WIPO has initiated to adapt to these changes, including a series of programs for women, small and medium-sized enterprises, start-ups and other groups. According to Habip Asan, WIPO, as an United Nation Agency, takes on global climate change challenges as well as IP-related solutions. WIPO also considers the impact of cutting-edge technologies such as artificial intelligence and blockchain on IP protection, and has organized corresponding conversations and discussions on related issues.

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