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**Pilot Projects of Patent Pledge Financing and Patent Insurance Get Started**

Recently, the State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) decided to carry out pilot projects of patent pledge financing and patent insurance in 72 regions and departments including Guangzhou city to let intellectual property financing play its role in promoting China's innovative development.

As backgrounds, in the year of 2015 about 2,000 enterprises secured 56 billion yuan with patent pledge. Sampling results on 20 patent pledge projects showed that enterprises involved generated 3.77 billion yuan in sales and 320 million yuan in profits.

[http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201609/t20160901\\_1289560.html](http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201609/t20160901_1289560.html)

**China to Improve Legal Protection for Property Rights**

China will improve legal protection for property rights to shore up social confidence and stability, according to an official statement released in September 2016.

The government will offer comprehensive and equal protection for public and private owners of property, equities, obligatory rights, intellectual property rights (IPR) and other

intangible property rights, according to the guidelines passed by the central leading group for comprehensively deepening reform, which outlined ten detailed measures.

Regarding IPR protection, the statement indicates that more efforts will be taken, including raising penalties for IPR infringement and reducing the costs of protecting one's IPR.

[http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201609/t20160905\\_1290155.html](http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201609/t20160905_1290155.html)

**China Eyes Multiple S&T Breakthroughs in 5-year Plan**

The Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) recently unveiled 60 major science and technology (S&T) breakthroughs the country aspires to make in the next five years.

These projects span the fields of life and health, resources and environment, new generation materials, energy, oceans, information, photoelectricity and space.

According to the plan, the country will join the world-leading club in physics, chemistry, materials science, math, ecology and Earth science by the end of 2020, while holding a series of independent intellectual property

rights (IPR) and industrial technology standards.

It set the goal to double the country's 2015 IPR earnings by 2020, and help companies to create 150,000 jobs and additional revenue worth more than 4.8 trillion yuan (717 billion U.S. dollars) with the application of new technology.

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### **Energy Patents Get Better Connected with New Center**

The Clean Energy Intellectual Property Commercialization Center, which was jointly founded by Dalian Institute of Chemical Physics and CAS Holdings Co Ltd., has been established in September 2016.

The center aims to build a complete operating system to promote the research and development as well as international technical cooperation of clean energy.

At the same time, to help integrate patent resources inside the CAS and form a chain of patents in the clean energy field, the center will screen CAS' existing technical standards related to clean energy, cooperate with government institutions and carbon trading markets, facilitate agencies to construct a standard system for clean energy technology and carbon financial markets, and take part in the development of carbon quotas and the construction of a standard system for carbon measurement and auditing.

The center will launch pilot work to explore new patent commercialization modes and eventually consider social investments and set up a special company for the commercialization of clean energy technology patents.

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### **China to Build 40 Manufacturing Innovation Centers by 2025**

China will set up around 40 national manufacturing innovation centers by 2025, according to the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT).

The centers will be devoted to information technology, intelligent manufacturing, new materials and biomedicine.

The MIIT has promised to improve the intellectual property management system to promote cooperation and profit sharing between centers.

To build a better manufacturing sector, China came up with the "Made in China 2025" plan last year, to shift the country away from low-end manufacturing to more value-added production.

China's value-added industrial output grew 6.1 percent in 2015, lower than the 8.3-percent growth in 2014. Manufacturing output expanded 7 percent, 2.4 percentage points lower than the previous year.

[http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201608/t20160802\\_1284168.html](http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201608/t20160802_1284168.html)

### **The 10th China International Patent Fair Opened in Dalian**

On September 9th, the 10th China International Patent Fair was held in Dalian.

Sponsored by the State Intellectual Property Office and the Liaoning provincial government, the event showcased more than 5,500 patented technologies and products created by 1,175 companies, universities and research institutes from 24 countries and regions. More than 50 buyer groups and 1,600 professional buyers attended the exhibition.

Statistics from the organizing committee show that on the first day of the fair, contracts were signed for 12 major projects with a total value of 447 million yuan (\$66.9 million), concerning technologies of smart manufacturing to shipbuilding, new energy and new materials, energy conservation and environmental protection, as well as healthcare.

[http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201609/t20160914\\_1291778.html](http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201609/t20160914_1291778.html)

### **Recent International Communication Organized by the SIPO**

On August 26, the China-Japan-Korea International Symposium on Intellectual Property, and the 3rd UK-China Intellectual Property Symposium was held in Beijing. SIPO's Commissioners attended and addressed the symposiums.

[http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201609/t20160906\\_1290429.html](http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201609/t20160906_1290429.html)

On September 5, the 2016 China-ASEAN Training Workshop for Patent Examination was opened in Guangzhou. 29 trainees from Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam attended the training workshop.

[http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201609/t20160914\\_1291863.html](http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201609/t20160914_1291863.html)

On September 6, the 4th China-Mongolia-Russia IP Seminar was held in Ulan Bator, Mongolia, discussing the IP cooperation mechanisms along "the Belt and Road" route and the trilateral IP cooperation mechanism.

[http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201609/t20160913\\_1291593.html](http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201609/t20160913_1291593.html)

### **Over 30,000 Candidates Vying for Patent Bar Exam of China in 2016**

The sign-up of National Patent Bar Exam of China in 2016 ended in 29th, July. By the end of the day, 33,098 candidates signed up on line. Of all the people signing up, 30,948 passed the sign-up review, with a year-on-year growth of 11.05%.

The National Patent Bar Exam of China in 2016 will held on 5th and 6th in November. Centers in 27 cities will conduct the exam at the same time. It will be taken in computer-based exam, while candidates still have the right to choose paper-based exam.

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