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#### Chinese Patent Documentation Become Mustsearch in PCT Examination

SIPO's proposal on incorporating Chinese patent documentation in PCT minimum documentation was passed at the PCT Union of the 49th Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO held at Geneva, Switzerland on September 29. With this in effect, PCT member states are required to search Chinese patent documentation (invention) when performing examination for PCT applications. China becomes the first developing country having its patent documentation listed in PCT minimum documentation.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201110/t20111020\_623 976.html

### Chinese Patent Award Conferred 1,338 Projects in 22 Years

Latest statistics show that since its establishment in 1989, the China Patent Award has gone through 12 sessions and 1,338 awards have been jointly dished out by SIPO and WIPO. In the past 12 years, its credibility, representation, authority and influence has been on the rise.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201110/t20111020 62397 5.html

# 12th Five Year Plan for Development of National IPR Community Issued

The 12th Five Year Plan for Development of National IPR Community lays out 7 major tasks in improving IPR law system, promoting IPR service industry, deepening and expanding foreign exchange and cooperation and developing IPR culture. In parallel, it also raises ten major IPR projects including IPR enforcement development, IPR operation, raising IPR-strong company, IPR examination and registration, IPR information disclosure, IPR service, benefiting

farmers via IPR, IPR talents, culture construction, traditional knowledge, genetic resources folk literature protection and promotion.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201110/t20111020 62397 4.html

### China and Japan established a PPH to shorten patent prosecution period

The State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) of China and its Japanese counterpart entered an agreement on October 17 to establish a patent prosecution highway, which will greatly reduce the patent prosecution period for applicants in both countries. The China-Japan agreement will take into effect from November, 2011.

http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/chinaworld/201110/ 1262028 1.html

#### Samsung Sued Apple in Patent Row

Samsung Electronics Co sued Apple Inc in Japan and Australia to stop sales of the iPhone 4S. Samsung also sought injunctions against the sale of the iPad 2 and the previous generation iPhone 4 in Japan. Samsung claimed Apple's products infringe its patents covering wireless communications and user-interface technologies.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201110/t20111027\_626 617.html

#### Aigo Prevailed in Lawsuit Filed Against Toshiba

Chinese high-tech company Aigo Digital Technology Co Ltd has prevailed in an intellectual property lawsuit against international electronics giant Toshiba over its technology that enables faster linkage to external hardware. The Xi'an Intermediate Court in Shanxi province ruled on Oct 10 that the Japanese company



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had illegally used the technology developed by Beijing-headquartered Aigo and ordered Toshiba to pay 200,000 yuan (\$31,360) in compensation.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201110/t20111020\_623\_955.html

## Cartier Awarded 500,000 Yuan in Trademark Dispute

Shanghai No.1 Intermediate Court entered a first-instance judgment on Cartier's allegation of Foshan Mingkun Ceramic Company, Jinsi Yuma Decoration Materials Co., Ltd and a Shanghai distributor surname Li's infringement of its Cartier recently, ordering the three defendants to cease infringement and jointly indemnify 500,000 yuan in damages to the France-based jeweler.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201110/t20111019\_623 871.html

### Lacoste Failed to Enjoin Shanghai Pen Maker from Using Crocodile Logo

The Shanghai High People's Court recently put a closure to the scuffle between Lacoste and Shanghai Europe Crocodile Stationery Co., Ltd and Shanghai Heng Fuli Commercial Company, denying Lacoste's request and upholding the first instance decision.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201110/t20111018\_623 686.html