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Our New Website Launched !

We are delighted to announce that AFD's new website has launched this month. The previous website design had been used for about a decade and it is time for a change.

With clear navigation, convenience, ease of use in mind, we have redesigned the layout of our website. Now you could be kept informed of the latest industry news and developments, significant cases as well as the recent activities of our firm by simply clicking on the content that interests you.

We invite you to share the news of the arrival of our new website. You are also welcome to send us comments or feedback.

We hope you like it as much as we do.

<http://www.afdip.com>

China Received Over 928,000 Invention Patent Applications in 2014

According to the data from SIPO, in 2014, China received 928,000 invention patent applications, with a year-on-year growth of 12.5%. Among them, 801,000 were from domestic, accounting for 86.3%. Besides, 233,000 invention patents were granted, up 12.3%. Among them, 163,000 were from

domestic, accounting for 70.0%. Applications of invention patents took up 39.3% in all the applications, exceeding that of utility model applications, 36.8%.

In 2014, Chinese enterprises filed 485,000 patent applications, accounting for 60.5% of the total, while 92,000 of them were granted, accounting for 56.4% of total granted invention patents, with an increase of 1.5%.
http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201502/t20150204_1071502.html

"2014 Chinese Patent Rankings" Released

Chinese Patent Rankings, a program co-created by "i-Think Tank" of Intellectual Property Publishing House (IPPH) and people.com.cn, was released in January.

The Rankings is sorted by regions, enterprises, scientific research institutions, colleges and universities as well as natural persons to comprehensively reflect the patent authorization statistics in China. In the Rankings, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Zhejiang University, State Grid Corporation of China and ZTE Corporation become the strong presence.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201501/t20150127_1067460.html

Huawei Files 25% of the World's 4G Patents

Latest statistics from Huawei, a leading global information and communications technology (ICT) solutions provider, published that it owned 25% of the world's patents in the field of 4th generation mobile communication technology (4G) now.

In 2014, Huawei was among the top 50 applicants in USA and ranked the top 15 at the European Patent Office. For a long time, Huawei has injected significant capital into R&D, innovation and developing key technology.

Right now, it has developed not only 4G technology, but also 5G technology. An estimated 600 million Dollars will be spent on developing 5G.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201501/t20150130_1069434.html

China Dealt 24,479 Patent Administrative Enforcement Cases in 2014

In addition to our report about China Disclosed 4,995 IP Administrative Cases in 2014, according to the data from State Intellectual Property Office of China (SIPO), China dealt 24,479 patent administrative enforcement cases last year.

Among them, 8,220 cases were patent dispute cases, with a year-on-year growth of 62.6%; 16,259 were counterfeiting patent cases, with a year-on-year growth of 45.5%.

The amount of counterfeiting patent cases dealt in China was 1.98 times of the amount of patent dispute cases, which was less than the proportion of 2.21:1 in 2013. The number of patent dispute cases' increasing shows China is improving its capability of handling cases.

Meanwhile, China dealt more cases involving foreign subjects. In 2014, China dealt 521 cases involving foreign subjects, taking 6.8% of the total 7,617 patent infringement disputes. http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/governme nt/201501/1854186_1.html

2201 Problematic Websites Being Closed by SAIC

In 2014, the State Administration for Industry & Commercial of China (SAIC) launched the "Red Shield Sword Action" special project to supervising commodities online trading.

According to statistics, SAIC inspected 1,330,000 websites and online stores through the Internet, examined 190,000 websites operators on the spot, deleted 36,000 illegal commodity information, ordered to rectify 14,000 websites, closed 2201 problematic websites, investigated and dealt with 7746 illegal cases, and totally fined 113 million yuan.

It is reported that this year's Red Shield Sword Action special project will attach more attention to reinforce the regulation of the network market order.

<http://www.chinaipmagazine.com/en/news-show.asp?id=7560>

Taobao Accused SAIC of Unfair Treatment

After being named and shamed as the online shopping site with the most fake goods in China, Alibaba's Taobao marketplace has stepped up to the challenge, accusing the SAIC, one of the country's top watchdogs, of unfair treatment over its random quality inspection.

Taobao, the largest customer-to-customer online marketplace, posted an article on January 27th saying that the SAIC published a misleading report over a "problematic" random quality inspection.

The article, which is claimed to have been written by a Taobao employee, said that the quality inspectors sampled very few items and there is no logic to the report.

The report, which was released by the SAIC on January 23th, said just over 50% of goods bought online are genuine and meet national quality standards.

Taobao marketplace was found to have the worst performance, with only 37.25% of its goods being genuine products, compared with 90% for JD.com and 85.71% for Tmall, a business-to-customer site of Alibaba.

The quality inspection was conducted between August and October of 2014. As many as 92 items from six online sites are chosen for the test, 51 of which were from Taobao.

<http://www.chinaipmagazine.com/en/news-show.asp?id=7561>

China Vows to Step up Copyright Commercialization of Internet Literature

The State Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film and Television of China recently issued a guide opinion on facilitating the development of online literature, requiring to step up on construction of content delivery platform and cultivating the market, encouraging the companies full use of internet, mobile internet to develop and popularize excellent internet literatures in the form of image and text, audio and video. The opinion attracted the attention of internet writers, experts and some media companies. People generally think that it is good news for the developing internet literature market.

After ten years' development, China now has 274 million internet literature readers, and more than 44% netizens have habit of reading internet literature.

According to a report released by Enfodesk, in the third quarter of 2014, the six websites of Shengda Literature own nearly 50% of the market, following by Chuangshi Chinese Station, 17K Novel Station and Zongheng Chinese Station. The report also indicates that in 2014, China's mobile reading market was worth 8.84 billion yuan, and it is expected to break 15 billion yuan in 2017. In terms of the periodic of industry development, the mobile reading industry is still under fast development.

http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201502/t20150212_1075602.html