

Latest Developments of Intellectual Property in China

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Background of Establishing China's IP System

History of China's IP System

Main Characteristics of China's IP System

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Background of Establishing China's IP System

 The modern IP system in China, as a product of China's reform and opening up policy, has been developing since 1978.

Establishing IP organizations

Promulgating a series of IP related laws

Acceding to a series of international IP Treaties and Conventions



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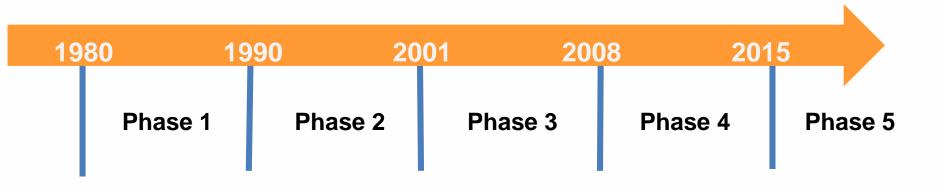
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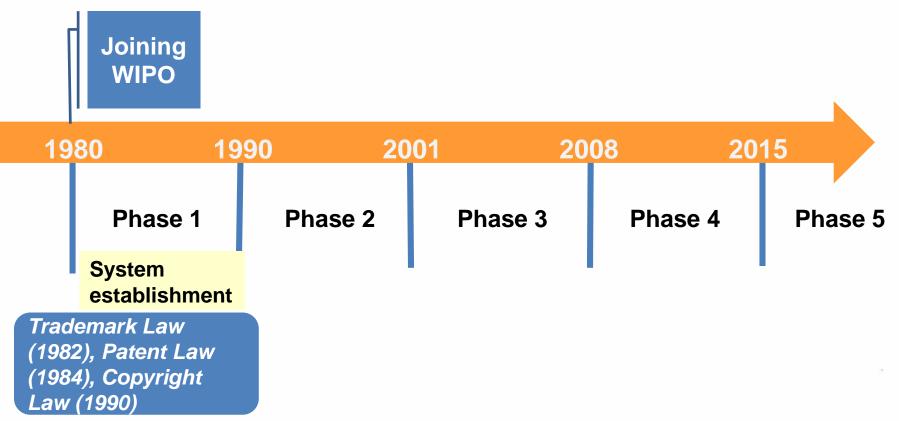
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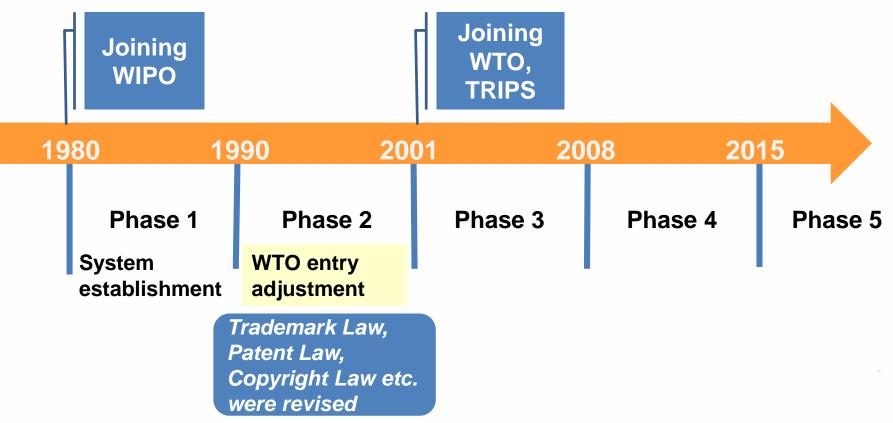




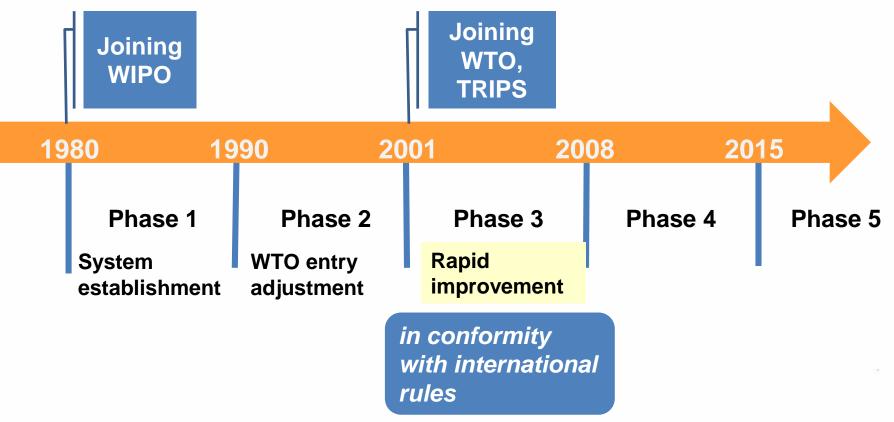




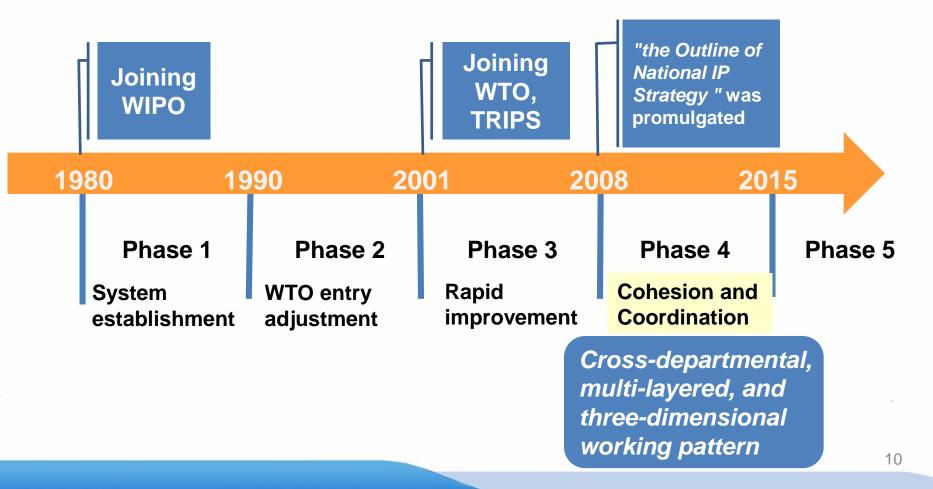






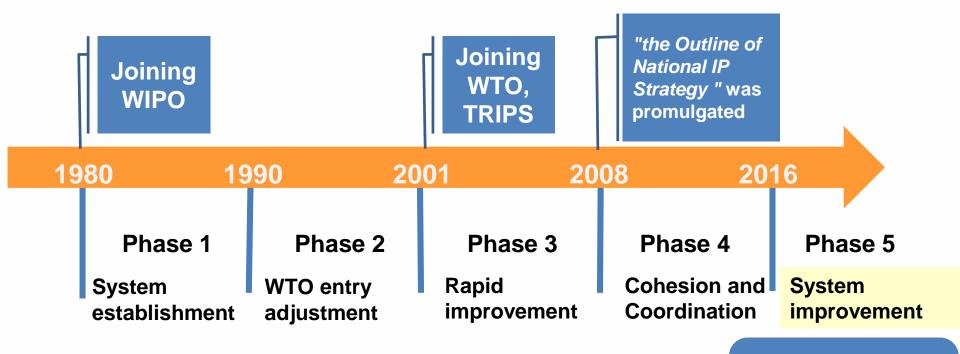








Development Phases



IP related laws and regulations are being revised



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Main Characteristics of China's IP System (1)

Originated from Europe and the Civil Law System

Extensively absorbing the essence of IP systems in various countries

Considering and combining the practical situation and conditions of China

Being in conformity with international rules



Main Characteristics of China's IP System (2)

Constructing diversified IPR protection patterns







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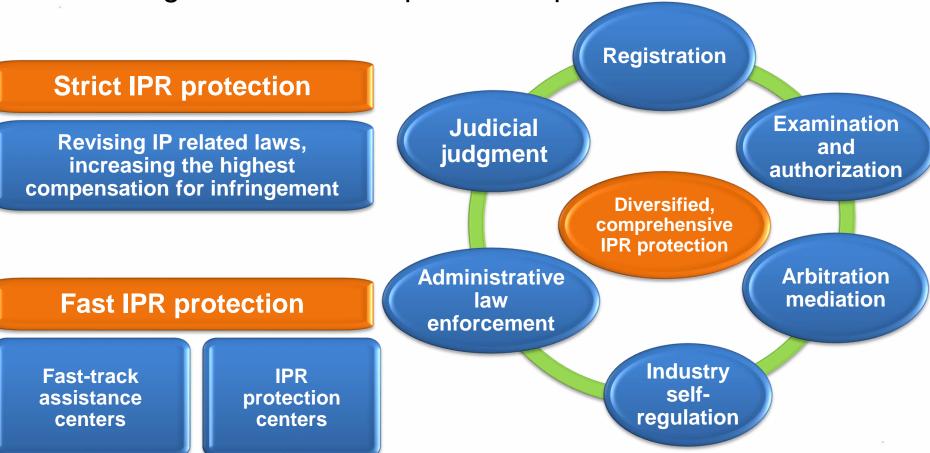
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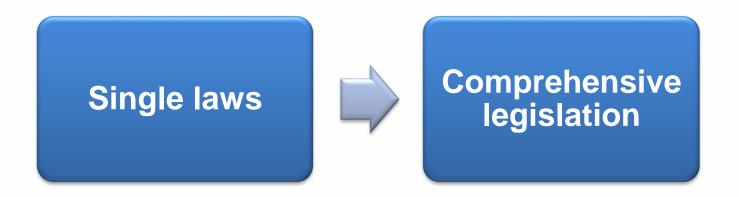
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Main Characteristics of China's IP System (3)



In March 2017, the *General Principles of Civil Law* was promulgated, in which the objects of IP were made a general provision, which provides the basis for the establishment of *IP law* in the *Civil Law*.



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Working mechanism of IP in China

Central level

Local level

SIPO

NCAC

SAIC

MOA SFA GAC MOST MOC etc.

Provincial, municipal, and county IP authorities

Patents, IC layout designs

Copyright

Trademark

New varieties of plants

Other related IP work

Local IP policies

Administrative law enforcement

Public service



Administration of China's IP System

Geographical Indications (GIs) protection in China:

- Trademark
 Office
 regulated
 individual
 cases
- through administrative means

1980s

1990s

- Trademark law system protection
- through the certification trademarks and collective trademarks

 Parallel protection of Trademark protection and appellation of origin protection

early 2000s

after 2008

- GI trademark protection: SAIC
- GI product protection:
 AQSIQ
 - GI protection of agricultural products: MOA



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Implementing the national strategy with strong IP competence

Inter-**Ministerial** Conference **National IP** convened by State Strategy **Annual Action** Councilor Plan for **Implementation Local strategies** at 31 provinces and municipalities

"Construction of the **Nation with Strong IP** Competence" was officially written into the Outline of the National Strategy of Innovation-Driven Development, Report on the Work of the Government, and the outline of the national 13th Five-Year Plan, becoming one of the central deployed nine power construction strategy tasks



The 13th Five-Year IP Plan was brought into the national key special planning for the first time, as one of the 22 pieces of national key special planning.

The indicator of "invention patent ownership per 10,000 people" continued to be written into the outline of the national *13th Five-Year Plan*, as one of 25 main indicators of economic and social development.



Promoting integrated IP administration reform

• Integrated IP Administration Reform Pilots Program has become one of the important reform tasks deployed by the central government.

To match the requirements of the National Strategy of Innovation-Driven Development

To be in line with the direction of accelerating the transformation of government functions

Goal: to construct an integrated IP administration system

To integrate with the international rules

To improve management efficiency, support innovation-driven, and promote healthy and stable economic development

Shanghai Pudong and other pilots have made progress



Implementing quality improvement project

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the Construction of the
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New Situation:

Article 18: Improving patent quality, having core patents.



Creation

Examination

Filing

Representation

Protection

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Implementing quality improvement project

2016.12, SIPO promulgated the Working Plan on Improving Patent Quality

Promoting the patent quality improvement from the whole chain

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Promoting IP utilization

Establishing IP operation and public service platform using "1+N" structure



Supporting the establishment of key industries IP operation fund





Overview of SIPO



Main duties of SIPO

Organization

- National IPR protection work
- drafting the fiveyear-plan of IP development strategy

Coordination

 Foreign-related IP affairs, especially
 WIPO-related affairs

Administration

- Standardizing the basic order of patent administration, drawing up related laws and policies
- Patent popularization and training work
- patents
- layout design of integrated circuit

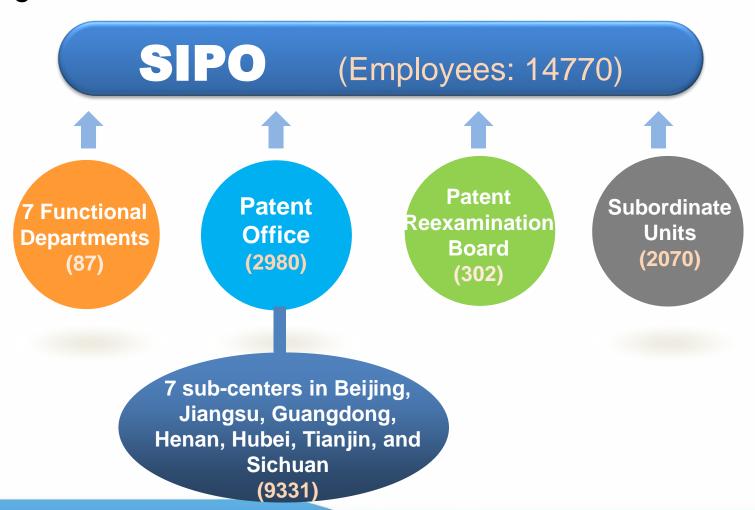


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Statistics

	Total	Home	Abroad	PCT	Invention	Utility Model	Design
2015	2798500	2639446	159054	30548	1101864	1127577	569059
2016	3464824	3305225	159599	44992	1338503	1475977	650344
Growth Rate	23.8%	25.2%	0.3%	47.3%	21.5%	30.9%	14.3%

- The number of domestic invention patents exceeded 1 million.
- "Invention patent ownership per 10,000 people" reached to 8.0.
- Invention patent examination period is stable, about 22 months.



International cooperation

WIPO

- Deepening friendly cooperation with WIPO
- MoU on voluntary donation was signed marking the establishment of WIPO China Trust Fund

Multilateral

- IP5
- ID5
- BRICS countries
- China-ASEAN
- China, Japan and Korea
- China, Mongolia and Russia

Bilateral

- Deepening friendly cooperation with IP institutions from various countries and districts
- EPO, EUIPO
- Continuously expanding new partnership



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