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IP Courts in China Received over 10,000 Cases

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Recently, the statistics from the Supreme People's Court show that up till August 20, 2015, Beijing IP Court, Shanghai IP Court and Guangzhou IP Court totally received 10,795 cases, wherein 4,160 cases were concluded.

Of all cases, Beijing IP Court received 6,595 cases among which there were 5,622 first instance cases and 973 second instance cases. Of all received cases, administrative cases concerning ownership of patent and trademark rights accounted for more than 3/4. Of all the first instance cases, foreign-related cases took up 39.4%. Beijing IP Court already concluded 2,348 cases.

As for Shanghai IP Court, 1,052 cases were received which included 612 first instance cases and 440 second instance cases. Of all cases, copyright cases accounted for over 50 % and 409 cases were concluded.

Guangzhou IP Court received 3,148 cases among which there were 1,842 first instance cases and 1,306 second instance cases. Patent cases accounted for 53% of the first instance cases. 1,403 cases were concluded by Guangzhou IP Court so far.

NCAC will further Enhance Copyright Enforcement in Network

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At a recent workshop, official from National Copyright Administration (hereinafter NCAC), indicated that NCAC will further enhance copyright enforcement in network, since enforcement is one of the major missions in copyright work.

Since 2005, related departments including NCAC, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology and Ministry of Public Security have jointly launched the Sword Net Action, the special action on cracking down network infringement and piracy. The protection for copyright in the network has significantly improved and each year, a large number of big cases were investigated and concluded. At present, problems still occur in literature and music websites. Therefore, constant efforts and focus should be utilized against these infringement and piracy on the internet.

Strategic Alliance for Third-Generation Semiconductor Industry Established

2015-9-30

The Strategic Alliance for Technology Innovation of Third-Generation Semiconductor Industry (hereinafter the Alliance) was recently established in Beijing, key members which are from research institutes, universities and enterprises.

It is said that the third-generation semiconductor is considered as a new key material in supporting the development of major industries including information, energy, transportation and defense. Chinese government has always been an active supporter of the development and industrialization of third-generation semiconductor materials and devices.

With supports from Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, and Beijing Municipal Science& Technology Commission, the Alliance will aim at constructing the innovation chain by promoting the industry-university-research institute collaboration, pushing forward the building of industrial ecosystem, cultivating a number of enterprises with independent intellectual property rights, famous brands and market competitiveness.

China Improves the Reward System for Scientific Researchers

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According to the official from Ministry of Science and Technology, the Newly Revised Law of the PRC on Promoting the Transformation of Scientific and Technological Achievements (hereinafter the New Transformation Law) perfected and solved the widely concerned issue of reward system for scientific researchers.

Pursuant to the New Transformation Law, where there is an agreement, the concerned parties should follow. It is also clearly defined that where there is no such agreement or regulations, the reward given to scientific researchers should be no less than 50% of the net income. Where the reward is less than 50% when there is no agreement, it will be considered to be of no effect by law. Meanwhile, the New Transformation Law further specified that the reward of scientific and technological achievements is not limited to the fixed total sum of wages of the entity.

Other revisions were also made to taking into account of the coordination with the relevant provisions of the Patent Law, the Law of the P.R.China on Employment Contract and other related laws and regulations.