News from Asia

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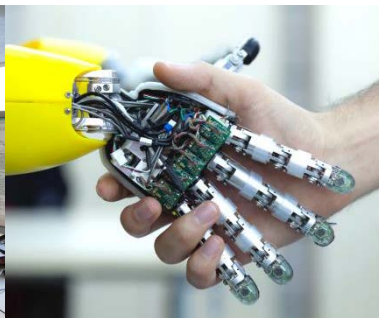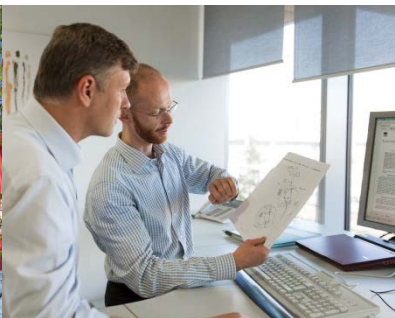
Agenda

- News from China:
  - Recent government restructuring
  - Online file inspection tool CPQUERY
- Announcement: East meets West 2019
  - EPO's forum on Asian patent information in Vienna, Austria

News from China

Recent government restructuring - Background

- restructuring plan for various institutions submitted by State Council during 13th National People's Congress in March 2018
- largest government restructure in China since late 1970s
- modernise governance structure for more efficiency and service orientation
  - reduce ministries and agencies, eliminate duplication of responsibilities, improve intra-government collaboration
  - strengthen market supervision, social management, public service and environmental protection

Recent government restructuring – IP authorities

- harmonise management/enforcement of patents and trade marks by supervision of single agency
  - institutional foundation to foster building of an "IPR powerful country"
  - strengthen creation, protection and utilisation of IP
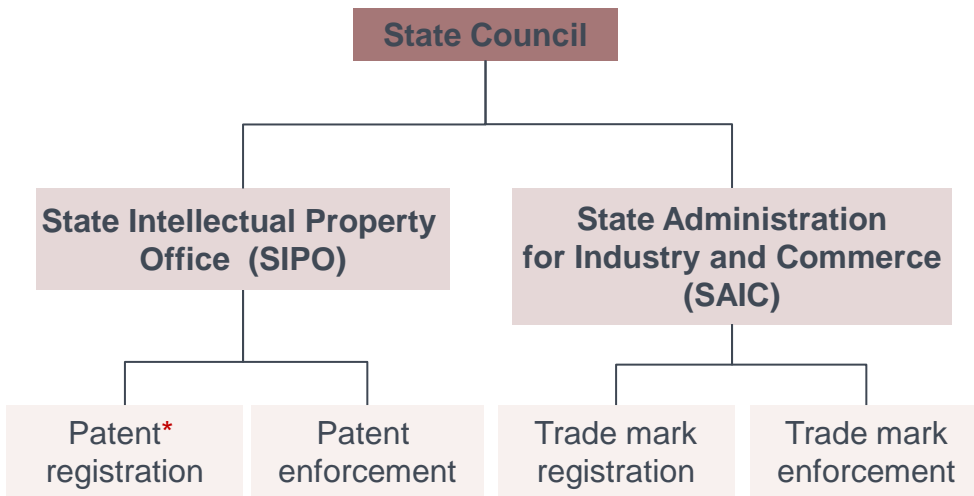 - advance construction of IPR review bodies

- possible effects
- → streamlining of IP grant/registration procedures
- → shorter examination periods (increased efficiency)

Recent government restructuring – IP autorities

- restructuring in March 2018: State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) also in charge of **trade marks** and **geographical indications**
- August 2018: State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) re-named to China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)
- new URLs: www.cnipa.gov.cn and english.cnipa.gov.cn
- supervised by newly-established *State Administration for Market Regulation*
  - key regulator in supervising market order (business registration, market regulation, product and food safety, quality inspection etc.)
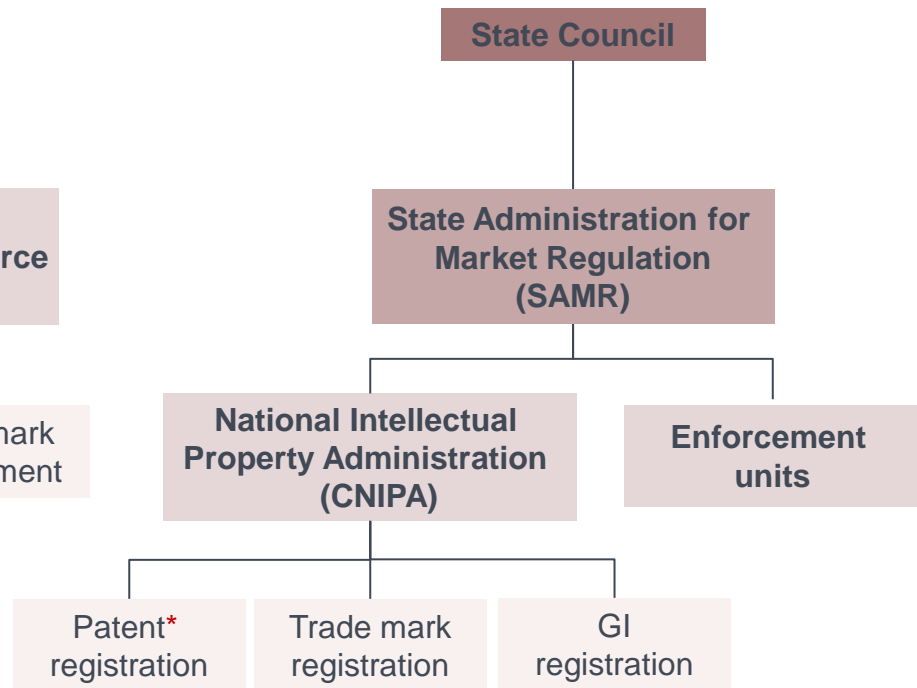
Recent government restructuring

Previous structure

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*"patent" covers invention patents,
utility models and designs

New structure (since March 2018)

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Changed access to CPQUERY online file inspection tool

http://cpquery.cnipa.gov.cn/

- online file inspection possible for Chinese applications filed on or after 10 February 2010
- file updated daily (1 day delayed)
- fee payments for applications since 1985, updated weekly (1 week delayed)
- online file inspection/access to fee payments requires registration/login since August
- still free-of-charge

In case of technical difficulties, contact asiainfo@epo.org to set up a profile for you in co-operation with CNIPA!

New search guide available for CPQUERY

www.epo.org/searching-for-patents/helpful-resources/asian/china/search.html

East meets West 2019

- two day forum on patent information from Asia and beyond
- plenary sessions, workshops, presentations, one-on-one discussions with experts from Asia & beyond
- networking in a relaxed atmosphere
- poster session with commercial providers of Asian data/services
- next event: 11/12 April 2019, Hilton Vienna Danube Waterfront, Vienna

East meets West 2019: sneak preview

- plenary session: patent information news from Japan, China, Korea, India:
  - new technical features in J-Pat Plat database, data exchange with India,...
- plenary session: news from "beyond Asia":
  - recent developments in GCC, improved access to Malaysian data accessibility, searching Russian data with AI tools, ...
- 2 streams:
  - Chinese IP courts
  - availability of ASEAN patent data
- 7 workshops:
  - - free of charge; interactive; possibility to submit questions to the experts
- further networking at evening event: dinner cruise on the Danube river!

East meets West 2019: register for e-mail alerts

- programme will be launched in January 2019!
- will be available at www.epo.org/emw
- register for e-mail alerts at asiainfo@epo.org
  or via webform on www.epo.org/asia

Event organiser: EPO's Asian patent information services

Support for European users:

- *to better understand Asian patent information*
- *to gain easier access to documents in Asian languages*

- help solving PI / documentation issues
- regular news, training, presentations, webinars
- annual "East meets West" forum in Vienna
  - exchange between Asian experts & (European) users
- countries from Asia and beyond
- virtual helpdesk www.epo.org/asia
- most services free of charge or at marginal costs

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