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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



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

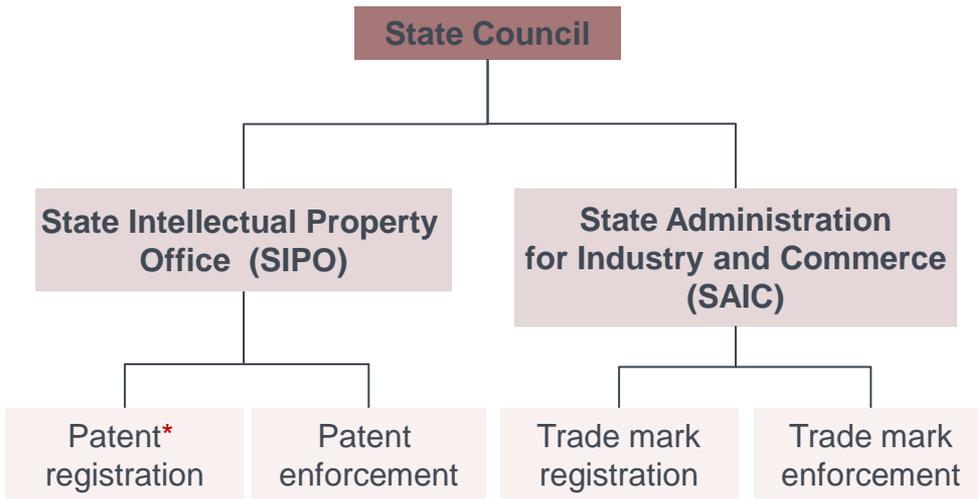
- possible effects
 - streamlining of IP grant/registration procedures
 - shorter examination periods (increased efficiency)

Recent government restructuring – IP authorities

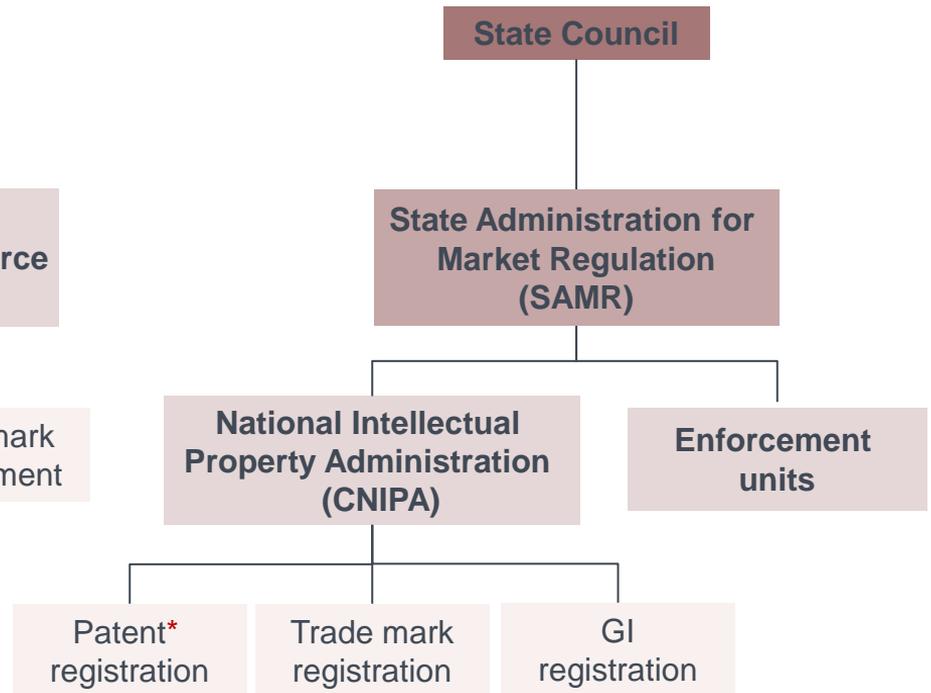
- restructuring in March 2018: State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) also in charge of **trade marks** and **geographical indications**
- August 2018: State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) re-named to **China National Intellectual Property Administration** (CNIPA)
- new URLs: www.cnipa.gov.cn 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

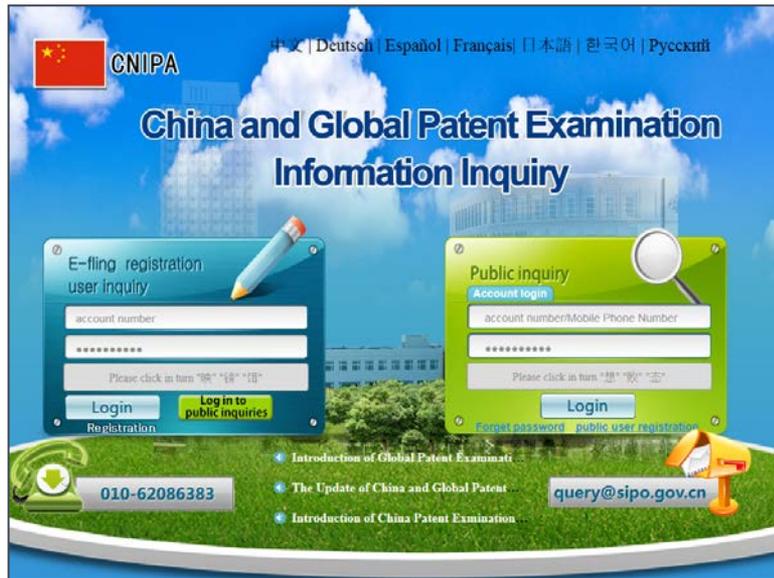


New structure (since March 2018)



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

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

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New search guide available for CPQUERY

The screenshot displays the EPO website's 'Helpful resources' section for 'China (CN)'. The page title is 'Searching in databases - China'. A sidebar on the left lists various resources, with 'Searching in databases' selected. The main content area lists several guides, including 'Legal status search in Chinese' and 'Online file inspection in the CPQUERY database', which is highlighted with a red box. An inset window on the right shows a preview of the CPQUERY database interface, titled 'ONLINE FILE INSPECTION IN CNIPA'S "CHINA AND GLOBAL PATENT EXAMINATION INFORMATION INQUIRY"'. The interface includes a search bar, a 'Public inquiry' button, and a list of search results. The URL 'http://cpquery.cnipa.gov.cn/' is visible at the bottom of the preview.

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Tips & tricks for searching in databases

Easy, step-by-step instructions on how to use Chinese search interfaces without knowledge of Chinese. Click on the links below to download the respective search guides.

Number search and document retrieval

CNIPA - [Retrieving Chinese documents](#) (PDF, 570 KB)

CNIPA - [Monitoring Chinese publications by IPC classes](#) (PDF, 710 KB)

English machine translation

PSS - [Retrieving a machine translation \(English interface\)](#) (PDF, 1.50 MB)

Legal status information

CNIPA - [Legal status search in Chinese](#) (PDF, 818 KB)

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China and Global Patent Examination Information Inquiry

Search for registered patents of all kind (utility, invention, design, etc.)

Public inquiry

Online file inspection via "public inquiry" is possible for Chinese patent, utility model and design applications filed on or after 10 February 2016.

- Online file (notices, refusal, search report, documents submitted by applicant etc.) updated daily, time delay: one day.
- Fee payments for applications since 1986, updated weekly, time delay: one week.
- Interfaces are available in several languages.

Online file inspection in Chinese, Chinese and Global Patent Examination Information Inquiry

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

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

China and Global Patent Examination Information Inquiry

Since August 2018, registration with mobile phone number is required on <http://cpquery.cnipa.gov.cn>. Users can register themselves online or ask the EPO to obtain a user profile from CNIPA on their behalf. For details, contact asiainfo@epo.org.

Click here to register free-of-charge

Online file inspection in Chinese, Chinese and Global Patent Examination Information Inquiry

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

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!

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Boards of Appeal and key decisions 2018

Global patenting and emerging technologies

Patenting Blockchain

User consultation conference on the Rules of Procedure of the Boards of Appeal

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Event organiser: EPO's Asian patent information services

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- *to better understand Asian patent information*
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- 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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