

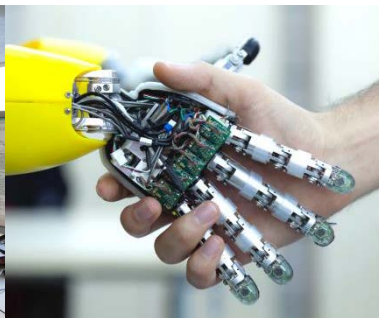
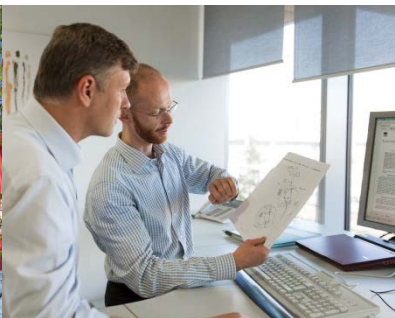


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News from Asia



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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

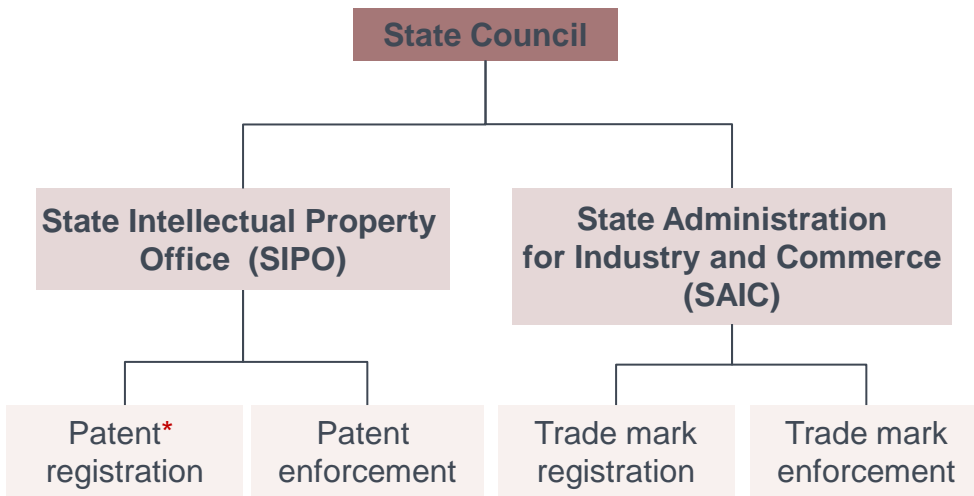
- possible effects
 - streamlining of IP grant/registration procedures
 - shorter examination periods (increased efficiency)

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.)

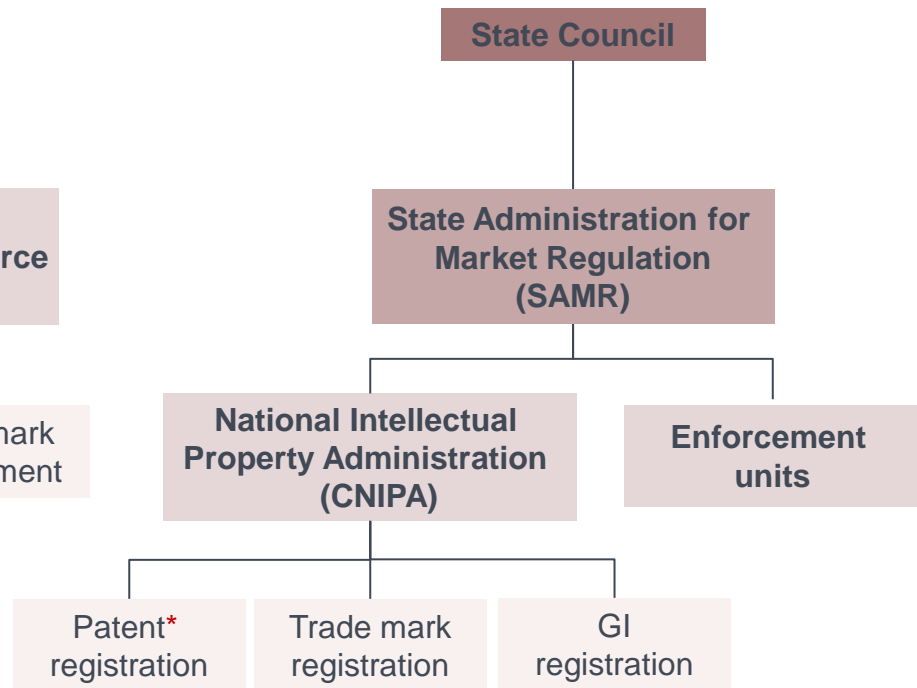
Recent government restructuring

Previous structure



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

New structure (since March 2018)



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 'Searching in databases - China' page. The page is structured with a sidebar on the left containing navigation links such as 'Home', 'Searching for patents', 'Applying for a patent', 'Law & practice', 'News & issues', and 'Learning & events'. The main content area is titled 'Searching in databases - China' and includes a section for 'Tips & tricks for searching in databases'. This section provides step-by-step instructions on how to use Chinese search interfaces without knowledge of Chinese. Below this, there are links to various search resources, including 'Number search and document retrieval', 'English machine translation', and 'Legal status information'. A red box highlights the link for 'Online file inspection in the CPQUERY database (PDF, 900 KB)'. An inset image on the right shows a preview of the CPQUERY database interface, which includes a search bar, a list of results, and a 'Fill & Sign' button. The URL <http://cpquery.cnipa.gov.cn/> is visible at the bottom of the inset image.

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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Event organiser: EPO's Asian patent information services

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 - annual "East meets West" forum in Vienna
 - exchange between Asian experts & (European) users
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