# **Most Recent Developments** of IP Practice in China

Patent Reexamination Board State Intellectual Property Office, China June 2015

### **1、The Development of IP Laws (2014-2015)** 知的財産に関する法律の発展 (2014-2015)

2014.5.1	Trademark Law Implementing Regulations of the Trademark Law Entered into force
2014.6.9	Copyright Law draft amendment sought for review
2014.8.3	The provisions of the recognition and protection of the well-known trademarks Entered into force
2014.9.2	The protection of the copyright of the works of folklore and art Sought for public opinions

### 1、The Development of IP Laws (2014-2015) 知的財産に関する法律の発展(2014-2015) cont.

Decision of the Supreme People's Court on Modifying Several Provisions of the Supreme People's court on
Issurs concerning Applicable laws to the Trial of Patent Controversies (2015)
Interpretation of the Supreme People's Court on reviewing the application of law to the preservation of IP and competition disputes Sought for public opinions
Patent law Draft amendment sought for public opinions
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Draft Regulations on Service Invention Sought for review

# 2、 Proposed Amendment of Patent Law 特許法改正案

- Involving approximately 30 articles
- 5 aspects
  - Protection of patent
  - Exploitation of patent
  - Administrative functions of SIPO
  - Patent examination system
  - Patent agency

# 2.1 Protection of Patent (特許権の保護)

### **Burden of evidence**

The burden of evidence for proving damages may be shifted to the alleged infringer

#### Administrative authorities

The administrative authorities for patent affairs may have more powers and responsibilities

#### **Punitive Damages**

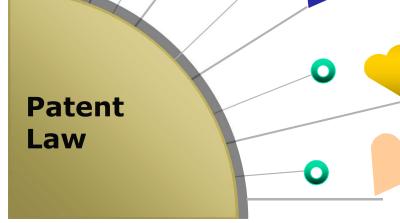
The punitive damages for willful infringement may be introduced

#### **Internet Service**

Internet Service Provider may be liable for infringement

#### **Counterfeiting of patent**

The liability of counterfeiting of patent may be increased



### 2.2 Exploitation of Patent (特許の実施と運用)

### Service invention

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In the absence of an agreement, an invention made mainly by using the material and technical means of the employer, the right to apply for a patent shall belong to the inventor or the designer.

### A voluntary license mechanism is introduced

Any patentee could make a statement before the administrative agency to show his voluntariness to grant a non-exclusive license. The administrative agency shall make an announcement thereof. Any potential licensee may take the license by notifying the patentee in written form and paying the royalty.

# **2.3 Administrative functions of SIPO**

SIPOの行政機能



### 2.4 Patent Examination System 特許審査制度

### **Unpatentable Subject Matter**

Excludes **farmed animals** from the scope of unpatentable subject matter according to Art. 25.

#### **Design Patent**

- (1) Partial design will be patentable;
- (2) The term of design patent will be extended to 15 years
- (3) The right of priority for domestic application will be available

#### **Fuctions of PRB**

If necessary, PRB may conducts examination on whether an application or a patent is in conformity with relevant provisions of the Patent Law in the reexamination or invalidation procedures.



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