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On May 5, 2022, the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs entered into force in China, meaning that Chinese industrial designers will be able to apply for design registration and protection overseas through the Hague System in a cost- and time-effective manner, while foreign right holders can also apply for design registration in China through the Hague System.



According to the information gathered by WIPO Office in China, 34 Chinese enterprises and companies filed 95 international applications for designs through the Hague System on May 5, the day of entry into force. This reflected the growing importance that Chinese enterprises and companies attached to design innovation and creation, to IP protection, and their strong desire to integrate into the global intellectual property ecosystem with WIPO at its core.

Chinese enterprises and companies will make full use of WIPO's IP protection ecosystem to continuously propel Chinese brands and designs to go global.

Part 02

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By the end of August, 2022, there were 4,367 patent agencies in China, with 30,653 patent agents in practice.



1. Enhance Talent Training

Among others, we will research and establish a multi-level and classified talent training system to form a broad coverage, high-quality and sustainable talent training model, consolidate the foundation of core business, organize practice training and professional technical knowledge update training for patent agents. In addition, we will actively expand cooperation with administrative organs, judicial organs, enterprises, universities and institutes, and strengthen cross-industry talent exchanges and training. In response to the new policies and rules of the industry, special rotation training will be carried out in a timely manner.



2. Expand Diversified Services

To promote high quality development of the patent agency, we will open up the entire chain of intellectual property services based on patent agency services, encourage patent agencies to provide diversified intellectual property services for innovation entities, and improve service capabilities in new fields such as big data and artificial intelligence. On top of it, we will expand the business fields of patent agencies, explore and carry out value-added services such as patent navigation, investment and financing, insurance, asset evaluation, arbitration and mediation, and support the innovation and development of enterprises.



Thank you