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IP Statistics

State Council Information Office Holds Press Conference to Introduce 2025 IP Work Progress

Recently, the State Council Information Office held a press conference, at which RUI Wenbiao, Deputy Director of the CNIPA, introduced the progress of intellectual property (IP) work in 2025.

Patents

In 2025, a total of 972,000 invention patents, 1.461 million utility model patents, and 666,000 design patents were granted nationwide. A total of 96,000 patent reexamination and invalidation cases were concluded. **The examination cycle for invention patents was shortened to 15 months**, and the case conclusion accuracy rate was increased to 95.6%. A total of 78,000 PCT international patent applications were accepted. Chinese patent applicants submitted 2,844 international design applications through the Hague Agreement.

By the end of 2025, the number of valid domestic invention patents (excluding Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan) in China had reached 5.32 million, and the number of high-value invention patents per 10,000 people had reached 16. The added value of patent-intensive industries accounted for 13.38% of GDP in 2024, exceeding the expected target of the 14th Five-Year Plan for Intellectual Property.

Among the valid domestic invention patents (excluding Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan), the

year-on-year growth rate of high-value invention patents was 2.2 percentage points higher than the overall level, with the number reaching 2.292 million. The valid invention patents in fields such as **information technology management methods, computer technology, and medical technology** grew the fastest, and the number of valid **artificial intelligence** patents ranked among the top in the world.

Trademarks

In 2025, 4.206 million trademarks were registered, 384,000 various trademark review cases were concluded, and 112,000 opposition cases were handled. **The average examination cycle for trademark registration remained stable at 4 months**, with an examination pass rate of over 97%. Throughout the year, 6,718 Madrid international trademark registration applications from Chinese applicants were received.

By the end of 2025, the number of valid domestic registered trademarks (excluding Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan) in China was 49.877 million. Among the world's top 5,000 brands, the value of Chinese brands reached 1.81 trillion US dollars, ranking second in the world.

IP Protection

Five new national IP protection centers and 2 new rapid rights protection centers were established, bringing the total number to 129. Thirty-six new overseas IP dispute response and guidance platforms were set up, with the total number reaching 116. The entire system handled 57,000 administrative cases of patent infringement disputes and guided the handling of 62,000 IP mediation cases. Fifty-eight administrative adjudication cases under the early resolution mechanism for pharmaceutical patent disputes were concluded.

IP Application

In 2025, the number of patent transfer and licensing registrations reached 697,000, a year-on-year increase of 13.7%. Among them, the number of patent transfer and licensing registrations by universities and scientific research institutions was nearly 90,000, a year-on-year increase of 16.6%. The industrialization rate of enterprise invention patents reached 54%, maintaining a steady growth for many consecutive years. From January to November 2025, the total import and export volume of IP royalties nationwide reached 382.87 billion yuan, a year-on-year increase of 7.4%, of which the export volume increased by 23.1% year-on-year.

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2025 Annual Report of the Intellectual Property Court **of the Supreme People's Court**

Recently, the Supreme People's Court (SPC) released the *2025 Annual Report* of the Intellectual Property Court.

Basic Case Data

In 2025, the court accepted a total of **4,679** technical IP and monopoly cases (including 2,663 newly accepted cases and 2,016 pending cases from the previous year), **concluded 3,146 cases**, and had 1,533 pending cases. Compared with 2024, the number of newly accepted cases under the court's current jurisdiction was 2,636, a year-on-year increase of 0.9%, and 2,959 cases were concluded, a year-on-year increase of 8.5%.

Since its establishment on January 1, 2019, the court has accepted a total of 24,602 technical IP and monopoly cases and concluded 23,069 cases.

Civil Case Data

In 2025, the court newly accepted 972 substantive civil cases of second instance. Among them, there were 674 patent disputes (including invention patents), 238 new plant variety disputes, 32 monopoly disputes, 3 integrated circuit layout design disputes, and 25 other disputes.

From 2019 to 2025, the court accepted a total of 13,918 substantive civil cases of second instance. Among them, there were 7,860 disputes over infringement of invention and utility model patents, 1,194 disputes over patent application rights and patent ownership, 842 new plant variety right disputes, 20 integrated circuit layout design disputes, 355 technical secret disputes, 2,711 computer software disputes, 357 technical IP contract disputes, 178 civil monopoly disputes, and 401 other disputes.

Administrative Case Data

In 2025, the court newly accepted 1,292 substantive administrative cases of second instance. Among them, there were 223 administrative disputes over rejection and reexamination of invention patent applications, 393 administrative disputes over invalidation of invention patents, 19 administrative disputes over rejection and reexamination of utility model patent applications, 397 administrative disputes over invalidation of utility model patents, 198 administrative disputes over invalidation of design patents, 3 new plant variety administrative disputes, 1 integrated circuit layout design administrative dispute, 16 administrative monopoly disputes, and 42 disputes such as administrative adjudication.

From 2019 to 2025, the court accepted a total of 7,023 substantive administrative cases of second instance. Among them, there were 1,767 administrative disputes over rejection and reexamination of invention patent applications, 1,931 administrative disputes over invalidation of invention patents, 183 administrative disputes over rejection and reexamination of utility model patent applications, 1,746 administrative disputes over invalidation of utility model patents, 14 administrative disputes

over rejection and reexamination of design patent applications, 828 administrative disputes over invalidation of design patents, 14 new plant variety right administrative disputes, 4 integrated circuit layout design administrative disputes, 81 administrative monopoly disputes, and 455 disputes such as administrative adjudication.

Case Conclusion Methods

In 2025, the court concluded a total of 3,146 cases. Among them, 1,957 cases were concluded by upholding the original judgment, accounting for 62.2%; 531 cases were concluded by withdrawal (including withdrawal of appeal and withdrawal of prosecution, the same below), accounting for 16.9%; 159 cases were concluded by mediation (issuing civil mediation documents, the same below), accounting for 5.1%; 471 cases were concluded by reversal, accounting for 15.0%; 28 cases were concluded by other methods, accounting for 0.9%; there were no cases remanded for retrial.

Among the 1,281 substantive civil cases of second instance concluded by the court, 465 cases were concluded by upholding the original judgment, accounting for 36.3%; 320 cases were concluded by withdrawal, accounting for 25.0%; 159 cases were concluded by mediation, accounting for 12.4%; 337 cases were concluded by reversal, accounting for 26.3%; there were no cases remanded for retrial.

Among the 1,473 substantive administrative cases of second instance concluded by the court, 1,212 cases were concluded by upholding the original judgment, accounting for 82.3%; 137 cases were concluded by withdrawal, accounting for 9.3%; 117 cases were concluded by reversal, accounting for 7.9%; 7 cases were concluded by other methods, accounting for 0.5%; there were no cases remanded for retrial.

From 2019 to 2025, the court concluded a total of 23,069 cases. Among them, 13,221 cases were concluded by upholding the original judgment, accounting for 57.3%; 4,082 cases were concluded by withdrawal, accounting for 17.7%; 1,807 cases were concluded by mediation, accounting for

7.8%; 124 cases were concluded by remand for retrial, accounting for 0.5%; 3,384 cases were concluded by reversal, accounting for 14.7%; 451 cases were concluded by other methods, accounting for 2.0%.

Among the 13,263 substantive civil cases of second instance concluded by the court, 5,311 cases were concluded by upholding the original judgment, accounting for 40.0%; 3,548 cases were concluded by withdrawal, accounting for 26.8%; 1,449 cases were concluded by mediation, accounting for 10.9%; 119 cases were concluded by remand for retrial, accounting for 0.9%; 2,775 cases were concluded by reversal, accounting for 20.9%; 61 cases were concluded by other methods, accounting for 0.5%.

Among the 6,195 substantive administrative cases of second instance concluded by the court, 5,242 cases were concluded by upholding the original judgment, accounting for 84.6%; 484 cases were concluded by withdrawal, accounting for 7.8%; 5 cases were concluded by remand for retrial, accounting for 0.1%; 450 cases were concluded by reversal, accounting for 7.3%; 14 cases were concluded by other methods, accounting for 0.2%.

Foreign-Related, Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan-Related Cases

In 2025, the court newly accepted **449** foreign-related, Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan-related cases, accounting for 16.9% of all newly accepted cases. Among them, 431 were foreign-related cases, accounting for 16.2% of all newly accepted cases; 18 were Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan-related cases, accounting for 0.7% of all newly accepted cases; 190 were civil cases and 259 were administrative cases. A total of 492 foreign-related, Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan-related cases were concluded, a year-on-year increase of 15.8%, accounting for 15.6% of the total concluded cases.

From 2019 to 2025, the court accepted a total of 2,871 foreign-related, Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan-related cases, accounting for 11.7% of all cases. Among them, 2,546 were foreign-related

cases, accounting for 10.3% of all cases; 325 were Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan-related cases, accounting for 1.3% of all cases; 1,484 were civil cases and 1,387 were administrative cases. A total of 2,339 foreign-related, Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan-related cases (including 2,046 foreign-related cases) were concluded, accounting for 10.1% of all concluded cases.

The foreign-related cases accepted by the court mainly came from EU countries such as **Germany, France and Italy, and the United States**, accounting for 37% and 31% respectively; cases involving the Asian region mainly came from **Japan and South Korea**, accounting for 14% and 3% respectively.

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