The Current Situation and the Challenges of IP Training in China

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I. General information on IP training in China

• 1. IP Course in China enters a new age of fast growth
  – The formulation of National IP Strategy is going to draw a conclusion
  – The draft of the third revision of the Patent Law
  – The total number of the patent application is 573,000 in the year 2006
  – 2,801 examiners until the year 2006
I. General information on IP training in China

• 2. Introduction to the IP training in China
  - IP training in China started at the beginning of 1980s
  - Higher education for IP: almost 20 universities established the related colleges, departments and centers.
  - Public education for IP: SIPO is responsible for the consolidate planning and instruction of the national IP training. In 2006, there were over 1,900 training programs accumulatively organized by the local IP Administrations in China with 320,000 trainees.
I. General information on IP training in China

2. Introduction to the IP training in China
   - The IP education for the students from middle and primary schools in Canton province
     ➢ *educate one student*
     ➢ *affect one family*
     ➢ *promote the whole society*
   - Won the high appraise from WIPO.
II. The Training Situation of CIPTC
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• 1. The foundation of CIPTC
  – CIPTC was established in September 1993 under the approval of the Chinese government.
  – Mr. Arpad Bogsch, then Director General of WIPO sent his congratulatory letter. Famous experts and scholars such as Dr. Francois Curchod, then Deputy Director General of WIPO, acted as honorable professors of CIPTC.
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• 2. General Information on CIPTC

   It covers 20,736 square meters. The two building complexes cover 20,000 square meters. The first education building complex covers 13,000 square meters and put into use in April 1998. The second education building complex covers 7,000 square meters and put into use in April 2005.
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• 2. General Information on CIPTC
  – There are 16 training venues in various sizes
    ➢ Lecture Hall for 300 persons
    ➢ Multi-function Hall for over 200 persons
    ➢ Terrace classroom for 130 persons
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- 5 classrooms with 350 seats, each equipped with the adapters for electricity and network.
- 1 video studio
- 1 library
- 1 language lab
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• 2. General Information on CIPTC
  – 160 standard twin rooms
  – 2 dining rooms for 160 persons each, 1 dining room for 30 persons
  – The fitness facilities like swimming pool are also available
II. The Training Situation of CIPTC

• 2. General Information on CIPTC
  - There are 110 staff members, among which 26 persons are specialized at training.
  - General office – administration, personnel, labor and capital, finance, logistics, etc
  - Education Division I – LLM education, routine training, international cooperation, lecturers and teachers, etc
  - Education Division II – Long-distance learning, web administration, textbooks, library, etc
  - Management and Reception Division – building operation, reception, facilities maintenance, building reconstruction, etc
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3. Training

- General information
  - By the end of 2006, CIPTC has held about 400 routine training seminars with 57,000 trainees.
  - From 2001 to 2006, there were about 280 training seminars with 46,000 trainees. The average number of trainees each year is about 7,600.
  - There were about 50 training seminars in 2006 with 12,600 trainees up 5.6% over 2005.
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• 3. Training
  – Training object and content
    ➢ The training object is IP practitioners, government officials at all levels, and enterprises.
    ➢ 4,000 IP practitioners were trained. The training content includes the Current situation of IP, the Basic Knowledge of IP, International treaties such as Paris Convention, TRIPS, etc, the procedure of IP, such as application, examination, invalidation, etc, IP litigation and Patent documentation and searching.
II. The Training Situation of CIPTC

• 3. Training
  – Training object and content
  ➢ 7,000 government officials at all levels were trained. The training courses dealt with the history and the role of the IP system, the domestic and foreign situation of IP, IP strategy, etc.
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• 3. Training
  – Training object and content
    ➢ About 9,000 persons from enterprises were trained. The training content includes the practice of IP, such as IP management of enterprises, patent application, patent documentation and searching, industrial design, etc.
    ➢ One training seminar in Tibet has been held each year since 2000. The training contents include Basic Knowledge of IP, IP Protection of Pharmacy, etc.
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- 3. Training
  - Training objective and content
    - Short-term training seminars (3-5 days), 40 training seminars each year
    - LL,M program co-organized with universities. Until 2006, there have been 7 sessions of the LL,M program including almost 700 students.
    - Long distance learning courses (to be mentioned afterwards).
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3. Training


- Teachers and lecturers: CIPTC has owned an expert team of part-time teachers, who are the best IP experts in the IP field in China.
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• 3. Training
  – International cooperation
  ➢ Every year, CIPTC assists the State Intellectual Property Office (hereinafter SIPO) to organize international symposia and seminars together with WIPO and EPO. Until 2006, there have been over 30 international seminars with over 3,000 trainees.
  ➢ CIPTC jointly organized DL 101 course in Chinese version with the Worldwide Academy of WIPO. 12 sessions were open to the public.
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• 3. Training
  – International cooperation
    • CIPTC developed LL, M program with John Marshall Law School (hereinafter JMLS) in Chicago in US. There were 4 sessions and 56 students obtained LL,M
    • CIPTC developed a stable cooperative relationship with International Intellectual Property Training Institute (hereinafter IIPTI) in Korea to pay mutual visit every year.
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• Long-distance Learning Program
  – Overview
    – In 2002, CIPTC prepared to build up the education platform of China long-distance learning under the request of SIPO.
    – Until now, 23 sessions of long-distance education have been offered with 29267 persons.
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• Long-distance Learning Program
  – Overview
    ➢ The course of *Basic Knowledge of IP laws* was adopted as a selective course in Beihang University, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Northwest Agriculture & Forestry University, and East China Jiaotong University.
    ➢ In China, CIPTC has opened 2 sessions of DL101 courses in Chinese version of the Worldwide Academy.
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- **Long-distance Learning Program**
  - The situation in 2006
    - The course of Basic Knowledge of IP laws was first time offered as a compulsory course in Bei Hang University. About 271 students took the course.
    - There were 4 sessions of LDL courses including 5 courses: Basic Knowledge of IP laws, Patent Documentation and Searching, Copyright, Anti-unfair Competition, Practice of Patent Agents, and 6 sessions of DL101 course. 7,401 students took the course.
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• Long-distance Learning Program
  – The situation in 2006
    ➢ In October 2006, the first video course *IP and IP System* was opened under the long-distance education platform of CIPTC. About 1,876 people took the course.
    ➢ CIPTC made 3,000 copies of video CD of “the IP Study for Government Officials” in 2006. CIPTC distributed the copies to the governmental officials at the municipal and sub-municipal level.
    ➢ CIPTC participated in the 653 Project of the Knowledge Update for the Scientific and Technical Personnel, which is developed by the Ministry of Personnel of P. R. China. With the method of LDL courses in CIPTC, the basic knowledge of IP was spread to over 3,000,000 scientific and technical personnel in 5 major technical fields within 6 years.
The Challenges of the IP Training and Some Thoughts

• The problems in the aspect of culture
  – Chinese traditional ideas conflicts with the basic philosophy of IP.
  – It is an obstacle which must be overcome for China to develop IP education with these ingrained concepts through generations.
The Challenges and Some Thoughts of the IP Training

- Training mode
  - The past simple, uniform, extensive training mode cannot satisfy the demand of IP training in many regions in China.
  - It is very important to make the local governments better play their role in the IP training.
The Challenges and Some Thoughts of the IP Training

- International Cooperation

  - The fast growth of the economy and international trade requires a strengthened international cooperation in IP training.

  - One of the most important factors is to provide the service of IP training to enterprises.
Expecting the cooperation in the IP training

Thank You!