

Newly Released Statistics on Patent Filings at SIPO 2011

Patent Office of China, SIPO, received more than 1.63 million new patent filings in the year 2011, according to newly released information from SIPO. This represents a 33.6% increase on the basis of 2010. 961,000 patents were granted, 17.9% more than that in 2010.

Table 1 Filing and Grant at SIPO 2011 (X 1,000)

	Filing				Grant			
	Invention	Utility Model	Design	Total	Invention	Utility Model	Design	Total
2011	526	585	522	1,633	172	408	381	961
2010	391	410	421	1,222	135	344	335	815
% (yoy*)	34.50%	42.7%	24%	33.6%	27.40%	18.6%	13.7%	17.9%

* Year-on-year increase on the basis of 2010

Also in the year 2011, SIPO received 17,473 PCT applications, accounting for an increase of 35.3% on 2010.

The Patent Re-examination Board decided a total of 12,683 cases in 2011, 16% more than those in 2010. Table 2 shows more details about the cases at the Board.

Table 2 Re-examination and invalidations at PRB Board 2011

	Decided			Received		
	Re-examination	Invalidation	Total	Re-examination	Invalidation	Total
2011	10116	2567	12683	12946	2749	15695
2010	9005	1946	10951	12369	2411	14780
% (yoy*)	12.3%	31.9%	16%	4.7%	14%	6%

* * Year-on-year increase on the basis of 2010

* The Board received 4,364 cases in 2008, and 9,195 in 2009.