

2009-2010 Agreement on Guangdong/Hong Kong Co-operation on Intellectual Property¹

The two sides formulate this agreement with a view to actively promoting the all-round co-operation and development of Guangdong and Hong Kong. The major co-operation details are as follows:

- * To co-operate to raise the level of intellectual property development and protection in the region.
- * To organise “Guangdong/Hong Kong Seminar on Intellectual Property and Development of Small and Medium Enterprises – Use of Intellectual Property to Facilitate Restructuring and Upgrading of Enterprises” in Guangdong.
- * To take forward the implementation of the coordination mechanism for handling intellectual property cases in Guangdong and Hong Kong, to further enhance the intelligence/information exchange and sharing between the intellectual property enforcement authorities in Guangdong and Hong Kong and to promote enforcement co-operation of the two places.
- * To further kick-start the “No Fakes Pledge” Scheme for outreach to the third batch of pilot cities in Guangdong.
- * To kick-off focus exchange activities on intellectual property, to jointly organise exchange activities for enterprises in creative industries and intellectual property intermediaries in Guangdong and Hong Kong.
- * To continue to update information in intellectual property databases.
- * To launch work for assisting Hong Kong candidates to sit for the National Qualification Examination for Patent Agents 2009.
- * To take forward exchanges between intellectual property-related non-government organisations in both places.
- * To organise a symposium on “China Patent Law Amendment and Implementation” in Hong Kong.
- * To kick-off practical training in Guangdong on intellectual property protection in conventions and exhibitions in Guangdong and Hong Kong.
- * To organise training course in Guangdong on use of patent information by Hong Kong-invested enterprises in Guangdong Province to accelerate restructuring and upgrading.

¹ Signed by the Guangdong/Hong Kong Expert Group on the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights (that is, the Intellectual Property Department of HKSAR and the Intellectual Property Office of Guangdong Province)