

# **National Qualification Examination for Patent Agents 2011**

## **Notice of State Intellectual Property Office No. 161**

On 6 May 2011, the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO) published the Notice on the National Qualification Examination for Patent Agents 2011. The relevant examination arrangements are summarised as follows:

### Date of Application

From 20 June to 3 July 2011.

### Application Method

Eligible residents of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region intending to take the National Qualification Examination for Patent Agents 2011 should submit their applications through the online application system on the website of SIPO (<http://www.sipo.gov.cn>) during the application period from 20 June to 3 July 2011 and submit the relevant documents to IPD by 15 July, 2011 for forwarding to SIPO.

### Examination Schedule

The National Qualification Examination for Patent Agents will be held concurrently across the country in 18 cities with designated examination centres on 5 and 6 November 2011.

### Examination Venue for Hong Kong Candidates

Guangzhou examination centre.

### Arrangement for Payment of Application fee by Hong Kong Candidates

Eligible Hong Kong candidates are required to pay the application fee and obtain the examination passes when they report to the Guangzhou examination centre on 4 November 2011.

### Examination Syllabus

Applicants may base their revision and preparation on “The Guidebook on the National Qualification Examination for Patent Agents 2011” compiled by the Office of the Patent Agent Examination Board (專利代理人考核委員會辦公室).

### Subjects and Form of Examination

The Examination covers three subjects, namely, Knowledge on Patent Laws, Related Legal Knowledge and Work Practices of Patent Agents. The examinations on the two subjects of Knowledge on Patent Laws and Related Legal Knowledge will be in the form of multiple-choice questions. As for the examination on the subject of Work Practices of Patent Agents, essay-type questions will be adopted.

### Release of Examination Papers

After the Examination, SIPO will release the examination papers of the following two subjects with draft model answers: (i) Knowledge on Patent Laws; and (ii) Related Legal Knowledge. Comments from the public will be invited within a specified period.

### Passing Lines

The Patent Agent Examination Board will determine the passing lines after thorough deliberations by taking into account the actual demand for patent agent service and the difficulty of the examination papers in that particular year.

Intellectual Property Department

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region