

4,322 Convicted for Crimes of IPR Infringement in China in 2007

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Xiong Xuanguo, Vice President of the Supreme People's Court and Grand Justice, said in Beijing on Apr. 15 that in 2007 the people's court at all levels nationwide concluded 2,684 IP infringement-related criminal cases and 4,322 people were convicted for crime of IPR infringement.

In a speech delivered at the "Top-level International Symposium on IPR Judicial Protection", Xiong Xuangan noted that in 2007 the people's court across the country accepted a total of 17,877 civil cases of first instance and concluded 17,395. Meanwhile, the people's courts conducted the IP administrative trial according to law and carefully exercised their judicial powers to review and supervise cases involving the grant and invalidation of patents, trademarks and cases involving IPR administrative enforcement. In 2007, the people's courts accepted 1,001 IP administrative cases of first instance and concluded 947 of them.

According to Xiong Xuanguo, the rapid increase in the number of criminal, civil and administrative IP cases indicated that the judicial protection of IPR was gaining more and more trust among the people.

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