

## 694,000 Patent Applications Filed and 350,000 Patents Granted in China in 2007

According to the patent statistics 2007 released from the SIPO on Jan. 9, the SIPO received a total of 694,153 applications for the three kinds of patent in 2007, an increase of 21.1% year on year, and granted 351,782 patents, an increase of 31.3% year on year. The total number of the three kinds of patent applications continued growing fast, and the domestic patents for invention increased at a higher rate than those from abroad.

Among the three kinds of patent applications received in 2007, 586,743 were domestic and 107,419 were from abroad; 245,161 were for invention, 181,324 for utility model, and 267,668 for design; 380,260 were service applications and 313,893 were non-service ones.

Among the three kinds of patents granted in 2007, 301,632 were domestic and 50,150 were from abroad; 67,948 were for invention, 150,036 for utility model, and 133,798 for design; 182,340 were service patents and 169,442 were non-service ones.

The patent applications in 2007 have the following four features: (1) The total filings for the three types of patents continued growing fast, but the filings for utility model and design accounted for the majority of the total; (2) Domestic patent filings for inventions represented the major proportion of the total, and domestic invention filings increased at a higher rate than those from abroad; (3) The proportion of domestic service patent filings further increased; (4) Enterprises emerged as principal innovation entities.

The granted patents in 2007 have two features, i.e., the number of the three types of patents kept increasing rapidly, and domestic patents for invention grew at a higher rate than those from abroad. The rate of growth of domestic patents for invention was seventeen percent higher than that of the foreign patents, and the gap between the numbers of domestic and foreign patents for invention further narrowed.

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