



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY  
BETWEEN  
THE EURASIAN PATENT OFFICE OF THE EURASIAN PATENT ORGANIZATION  
AND  
THE STATE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF  
CHINA**

The Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) of the Eurasian Patent Organization and the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO), hereinafter referred to as "the Offices",

**Recognizing** the importance of patent protection in fostering technological innovation and economic development;

**Taking** into consideration the increasing necessity of adequately coping with the ever-growing number of internationally filed patent applications, which have arisen from a growing need for patent protection in the context of globalization of the world economy;

**Striving** to ensure the benefits of expeditious, inexpensive and high-quality examination for applicants and the benefits of avoiding duplicative work and reducing the examination workload; and

**Desirous** of promoting inter-office cooperation in the patent field,

have reached an understanding on the following:

1. The Offices will start a pilot program of the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) for the patent applications filed with the Offices.
2. The basic concept of the PPH program is that where the office of the first filing (OFF) has determined that one or more claims of a patent application is/are allowable, the applicant will be entitled to the benefit of an accelerated examination before the office of the second filing (OSF) for the corresponding, subsequent application, provided that certain conditions are met, including the sufficient correspondence of claims between the two applications and that work results of the OFF are made

available to the OSF.

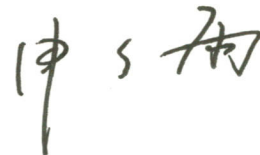
3. The PPH Pilot Program will commence on 1 April 2018 and end on 31 March 2021 with the duration of three years. The pilot program may be extended with the mutual consent of the Offices.
4. To participate in the PPH pilot program, an applicant must file a request to participate in accordance with the guidelines and make available to the OSF all necessary documentation. Further details, including any necessary translations, will be specified in the guidelines.
5. The Offices will prepare guidelines for the pilot program before the program starts. The guidelines will include the requirements and procedures for participating in the pilot program as well as the conditions outlined in paragraph 2 aforementioned.
6. This memorandum of understanding will come into effect upon signature, and may be amended at any time with the mutual consent of the Offices. The Offices may also terminate the PPH pilot program if the volume of participation exceeds manageable level. Notice will be published should the PPH pilot program be terminated before the scheduled time.

Signed in three originals in Chinese, Russian and English each, all the three texts being equally authentic.

In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.



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