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China launches industrial IPR strategy trial

The State Intellectual Property Office and the Ministry of Railways signed an intellectual property rights (IPR) strategy cooperation frame agreement in Beijing on June 30, marking the launch of China's first state-level industrial IPR strategy trial.

The State Intellectual Property Office and the Ministry of Railways will establish the railway industry's IPR strategy trial working scheme, including negotiation cooperation mechanism and information service mechanism, and will jointly research and establish an IPR guide for the railway sector, according to the agreement.

They will also promote IPR management ability construction in the railway sector. The current railway IPR protection will be strengthened and the railway industry's self-innovation capability and self-owned IPR quantity will also be enhanced.

In addition, they will jointly research, establish and implement an IPR strategy compendium for the railway industry at a proper time to guide the establishment and implementation of industrial IPR strategy and to promote the enforcement of the Compendium of China National Intellectual Property Strategy.

Zhang Qin, vice-director of the State Intellectual Property Office, said at the signing ceremony that the official launch of China's first state-level industrial IPR strategy trial marks an important step forward for the implementation of the Compendium of China National Intellectual Property Strategy. It also shows that China has always been a responsible country in IPR protection, including railway IPR protection.

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