

# International Outreach

The international component of AIPLA's advocacy continued to thrive this year. Harmonization is a long-term goal, but efforts continue, with AIPLA participating in numerous meetings across the globe with the Industry Trilateral, IP5, TM5, and many other IP organizations. Many of our efforts are related to the classification of emerging technologies, the future developments in the Global Dossier, the harmonization of patent practices and procedures and enhanced work sharing.

AIPLA provided comments to a number of agencies in countries across the world. For instance, the Association provided comments to the State Council and a number of other agencies of the People's Republic of China. Comments addressed issues such as amendments to Chinese patent law, foreign investment law, stipulations on regulating behavior of application of trademarks, and more.

## A Global Leader

AIPLA continues to reach out to the international IP community, to engage practitioners, and develop relationships around the globe. The AIPLA international committees, including those focused on practice in specific regions or countries, continued to sponsor delegation trips, including visits to Japan, Singapore, China, Israel, England, France, Germany, and Brazil. Delegates are often given the opportunity to network with and learn from representatives from local IP associations, businesses, and industry groups. We continued our strong relationships with National IP offices, and our work with the industry groups of the IP5, the TM5 and the ID5, and hosted many international delegations at the AIPLA offices.

