IP Best Practice in Technology Transfer

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Technology transfer activities in China are led by the Science & Innovation Network.

I focus on intellectual property – specifically helping remove IP as a barrier to valuable deals.
IP Protection & Enforcement in China

217,105
Invention patents granted in China

2 million
Total invention patent / utility model / design patent applications in China

China has a functioning IP system – it is possible to protect and enforce IP. Opportunities exist. But so do risks.

9,022
Number of administrative enforcement cases covering patents, utility models & design rights

87,419
Number of 1st instance civil IP cases

Don’t forget to register your trade mark.

Trade mark squatting is the single most common IP problem we see in China. It affects all industries.
IP in Technology Transfer in China

Risk mitigation starts with understanding parts of the Chinese innovation & IP environments that are different to elsewhere.

What do we mean by “technology transfer”?

IP Checklist:

• Are you protected in China?

• Commercialisation route & necessary regulations
  *Tax; equity investments; licensing; deal structure*

• Technology import-export or foreign investment restrictions?
  *Restricted technology sectors; infringement liability clauses*

• Improvements to background IP:
  *Ownership; overseas filing; service invention remuneration*

• Impact of any state funding?
Thank You

Discussion / Q&A