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China's First Rise to Top 5 US Patent Owners

According to the latest statistics of 2017, the number of US patents owned by Chinese enterprises has increased tenfold in the past ten year. China has turned out to be one of the Top 5 countries holding the most US patents for the first time.

2017		Number
Patents granted by USPTO (United States Patent and Trademark Office)		320,000
Worldwide Enterprises	US	148,139
	JP	50,600
	KR	20,970
	DE	15,771
	CN	11,241

Name of Enterprises	New US Patents	Year-on-Year Increase	Ranking of newly granted US patent
International Business Machines Corporation (IBM)	9,043	12%	1
BOE Technology Group Co., Ltd. (BOE)	1,413	62%	21
Shenzhen China Star Optoelectronics Technology Co., Ltd. (CSOT)	708	33%	45

(Via China Intellectual Property News)

China Leads the Global Patent Applications in Graphene Photovoltaic Industry in 2017

The *2017 Graphene Photovoltaic Patent Analysis Report* indicates that, by August 31 2017, overseas applications in this industry reached 1,852, while domestic applications reached 2,312, taking a world leading position.

In photovoltaic field, the patent application related to the application of graphene submitted by domestic applicants amounted to 2,060, accounting for 89% of the total domestic applications. Among the top ten regions with the most domestic application, the number of applications from Jiangsu Province was 377, ranking first in China.

(Via iprdaily.cn)

2017 Ranking of Granted Patent among the Global Top 50 E-Retailers

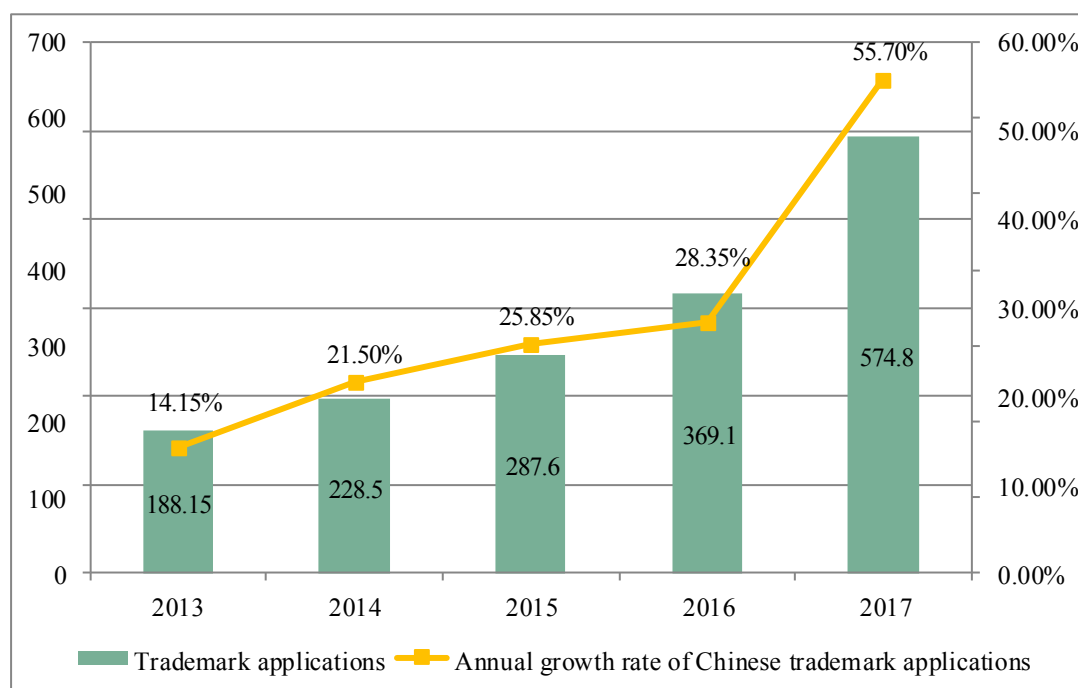
The 2017 Ranking of Granted Patent among the Global Top 50 E-Retailers includes four Chinese enterprises, namely JD.com, Suning.com, Vip.com and DangDang.com. Apple ranks the first, while JD is in the fourth position. Most of the e-commerce companies in this list are concentrated in the US, and then in the UK, France and China.

2012-2016 Statistics from Ministry of Commerce	2012	2016
Number of online shoppers in China	242 million	467 million
Turnover of e-commerce	8,100 billion RMB	26,100 billion RMB
Turnover of online retail	1,310 billion RMB	5,160 billion RMB
Direct/Indirect contribution of e-commerce to employment	15 million	37 million
Contribution rate of e-commerce development to the increased total retail sales of consumer goods	17%	30%

(Via iprdaily.cn)

Trademark

2017 Trademark Applications in China



In the tendency chart of the number of trademark applications 2014-2018 (Unit: ten thousand applications), the growth rate of Chinese trademark applications exceeded 20% in 2014 and maintained a steady growth rate of 20% to 30% between 2014 and 2016. In 2017, the number of trademark application exploded to 5,748,000, which represented an increase of 55.7% compared with the same period of the previous year.

(Via iprdaily.cn, data from Trademark Office of State Administration for Industry and Commerce)