



March 20, 2026

Re: Invitation to Recommend Applicants for the Belt and Road Master Program on Intellectual Property sponsored by Chinese Government Scholarship

Dear sir/madam,

On behalf of the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), we would like to extend our warm greetings to you.

We are pleased to inform you that CNIPA, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education of China and the China Scholarship Council (CSC), will continue to implement the Belt and Road Master Program on Intellectual Property sponsored by the Chinese Government Scholarship (**BRIPC Master Program**) in 2026. This program is designed for IP officials and professionals in Belt and Road countries with the aim of enhancing the capacity of IP offices and contributing to the creation of strong IP ecosystem in those countries. It is an important part of the Belt and Road Intellectual Property Cooperation (**BRIPC**), a cooperation mechanism jointly created by China and Belt and Road Partner Countries (**BRI Partner Countries**) in 2016 to promote exchanges and win-win cooperation in the field of intellectual property.

The **BRIPC Master Program** accepts applications officially recommended by national IP offices/authorities of BRI Partner Countries. Each IP office/authority is invited to recommend up to 2 applicants and send to CNIPA the required application materials as indicated in the Annexes. The applicants may either be officials employed by the national IP offices/authorities or IP professionals from business enterprises, law firms, research institutions, etc., in the invited country. After the application is closed, CNIPA will evaluate the materials and decide on the admission of the applicants (Please refer to Annex



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1 for detailed explanation on the evaluation and admission procedures). Unsuccessful applicants will still be eligible for application for the program the next year.

After being admitted, the candidates will participate in a two-year master program in one of two China's prestigious universities: **Tongji University and Zhongnan University of Economics and Law**. As designed, the program includes one year of academic study in China and one year in the candidate's country for completing the thesis and oral defense (via videoconference) while working. The admitted applicants will receive the CSC scholarship of the year in China, which will cover the tuition, accommodation, monthly subsistence allowance, general medical insurance for the candidates for the first year. Please be noted that international flight tickets are not included.

In connection with the above, we cordially invite your organization to nominate up to 2 applicants for the master program in accordance with the abovementioned requirements. We are sending you herewith the General Introduction to the Belt and Road Master Program on Intellectual Property (Annex 1) and the Application Form for the Belt and Road Master Program on Intellectual Property (Annex 2) and other required materials (Annex 3, 4, and 5). Please send scanned copies of the materials via email to the International Cooperation Department of CNIPA as early as possible but **NO LATER THAN 15 May 2026** (Attn: Ms. ZHANG Siyu/Mr. ZHANG Keyi, Tel: +86 10 6208 4869/+86 10 6208 6014, Email: bripcmp@163.com).

Yours sincerely,

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