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Lulin Gao, Ph.D.

**Founding Father of the
Chinese Patent System**

- **Commissioner of China Patent Office (1987-1997)**
- **Founding Commissioner of SIPO (1997-1998)**
- **Senior Adviser at WIPO (1998-2000)**
- **Founder/Chairman at Beijing East IP (2002-present)**
- **Patent Attorney, Ph.D. in Engineering**
- **Recipient of EPO International Cooperation Medal (1995)**
- **Recipient of Germany Grand Star Cross (1995)**
- **IP Hall of Fame Inductee (2016)**
- **Honorary President of All China Patent Agents Association**
- **Vice Chairman of Internet Society of China**
- **Dean of China Internet Electronic Data Institute**
- **Adviser at International Intellectual Property Institute**
- **Senior Counsel at China Internet Network Information Center**
- **Arbitrator at ADNDRC and CIETAC**
- **Adjunct Professor at Tsinghua University School of Law**
- **Adjunct Professor at John Marshall School of Law**

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China's longest standing patent commissioner and the founding commissioner of China's State IP Office

IP Hall of Fame inductee in 2016



Considered by many as one of the principal architects of China's IP system, Dr Gao held the longest term as patent commissioner and is one of the founders of the modern patent system in China. He has played a significant role in China's embrace of patents as an asset class and has worked tirelessly to facilitate the nation's participation in international IP initiatives.

Dr. GAO worked for many years in public office in the field of intellectual property protection in China and has been very active in the intellectual property and information technology areas. During the course of his career he has held the positions of Commissioner of the Chinese Patent Office and the founding Commissioner of State Intellectual Property Office, China. He was a Senior Advisor to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Geneva. Dr. Gao is currently the honorary President of All-China Patent Attorneys Association (ACPAA), Vice Chairman of the China Internet Society (ISC) and a member of the Steering Committee of the China Internet Network Information Center (CNNIC), Advisory member for International Intellectual Property Institute (IIPi) in Washington DC, IP Law Center of John Marshall Law School (JMLS) in Chicago.

He is currently a PRC lawyer, Patent Attorney and Panel Expert for handling dispute resolution between Trademark and Domain Names for Asian Arbitration Center, Hong Kong and Chinese International Economic and Trade Arbitration Center (CIETAC). Beijing. He helped found the Intellectual Property Institution at Peking University. He has been a taught IP Law and Practice in China at many universities including IP Institute of Peking University, Tsinghua University Law School and JMLS, Chicago.

During his civil service, Dr. GAO has headed numerous delegations for the Chinese government at many international forums and diplomatic conferences on intellectual property. He has also held the Chair of the Paris Union Assembly and the WIPO General Assembly. In 1995, he was given the Grand Star Cross by the German Government for his remarkable contributions to the field of IP protection and international cooperation and in that same year, the European Patent Office awarded him the International Cooperation Medal for his contributions to the IP field. He was elected as Fellow at the Russian International Academy for Engineering.

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Dr. GAO is not only an intellectual property expert, but also has strong technology backgrounds. He has obtained a degree of Bachelor of Science in prospecting technology with distinction and earned a PhD in the same area from one of the top schools in the former Soviet Union.

For many years, he worked in research institutes, Ministries, at the State Planning Commission and the State Economic Commission as Director General of Science and Technology Department, as well as one of the top technology specialists as Senior Engineer of PRC. Although in later years the major thrust of his career shifted to IP issues, he has remained active in the technical field. He is currently PRC lawyer, Patent Attorney and Panel Expert for handling dispute resolution between Trademark and Domain Names for Asian Arbitration Center, Hong Kong and Chinese International Economic and Trade Arbitration Center (CIETAC). Beijing. He has handled numerous cases in IP field including patent, trademark, copyright and domain names disputes etc. and published a series of works on patent prosecution and litigation, licensing, IPR protection, TRIPS Agreement and domain names. He helped founded the Intellectual Property Institution at Peking University. He was invited as Adjunct Professor to teach IP Law and Practice in China by many universities including IP Institute of Peking University, Tsinghua University Law School and JMLS, Chicago.

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