



### **Lunch 1 - Briefing: Development of the IP system in China**

Since joining the World Trade Organization in 2001, China has continued to strengthen its legal framework and amend its IP laws and regulations to comply with TRIPS. Today, China has the second largest economy in the world, one of the top five patent offices in the world and hosts the world's largest trademark office. It is therefore not surprising that the 2016 Global Patent & IP Trends indicator cited the continued increase in the importance of IP in China as a key trend.

While China has embraced IP to drive an innovation-based economy, the development of its IP system has drawn increasing attention from the world. In December 2016, China released the 13th Five-year Plan on National IP Protection and Utilization. Amongst other things, the plan calls for an improved IP legal system, enhanced IP protection, better IP quality, comprehensive IP utilisation and strengthened international cooperation.

This Lunch Session will provide a briefing on recent Chinese IP system developments, and a practical guide to navigating the systems of IP protection in China including via criminal, civil and administrative measures.