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ISSUE BRIEF

IN FOCUS THIS WEEK: Intellectual Property
September 28, 2005

Please join the China Caucus for a briefing on Intellectual Property Rights in China

Featuring

Chris Israel, International IPR
Enforcement Coordinator

TODAY

September 28, 2005
2:00-3:00 pm
2318 Rayburn

On July 22, 2005, President Bush appointed Chris Israel as the Coordinator for International Intellectual Property Enforcement. In this new position within the Department of Commerce, Mr. Israel is working with agencies across the Administration to develop policies combating intellectual property violations and enforcing intellectual property laws overseas. Mr. Israel recently returned from a week-long trip to China and will share his impressions of IPR enforcement and discuss ongoing U.S. and Chinese initiatives to fight IP theft. This briefing is open to all Members and staff.

DID YOU KNOW?

"According to calculations from U.S. industry sources, IPR piracy has cost U.S. firms \$2.5 billion in lost sales, and the IPR piracy-rate in China for U.S. products is estimated at around 90%"

-CRS Report RL 32804
July 25, 2005

"It is estimated that counterfeits constitute between 15 and 20% of all products made in China and totals and accounts for about 8% of China's GDP."

-CRS Report IB 91121
August 26, 2005

IN THE NEWS

The New York Times
China's Copy-Cat Vendors Prowling the Back Streets

Howard W. French
September 5, 2005

The Wall Street Journal
Studios Boost Efforts to Fight Piracy of Videos

Kate Kelly
September 27, 2005

BusinessWeek
Mr. Hu Comes to Washington
Joseph Weber and Brian Bremner
September 12, 2005

RECOMMENDED READING

Robert B. Zoellick, Deputy Secretary of State
"Wither China: From Membership to Responsibility"

Remarks to the National Committee on U.S.-
China Relations
September 21, 2005

U.S.-China Joint Commission on Commerce and
Trade (JCCT)
"Outcomes on Major U.S. Trade Concerns"
July 11, 2005



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UPCOMING CHINA CAUCUS EVENTS

September 28 2:00 pm Rayburn 2318	Briefing on Intellectual Property Rights in China by Chris Israel, International IPR Enforcement Coordinator
November 3	Meeting with the members of the U.S.- China Economic and Security Review Commission
Early 2006	Roundtable discussion with Admiral Mike Mullins, Chief of Naval Operations, regarding China's Naval Expansion and Shipbuilding Plan. This event will coincide with the release of the Quadrennial Defense Review and the FY 07 Budget.

ABOUT THE CAUCUS

The Congressional China Caucus is a bipartisan forum for Members of Congress who share a common interest in the emergence of China as a political, economic and military actor on both the regional and global stage. The Caucus will take a critical look at a number of issues including: Military, Economy/Trade, Intellectual Property, Energy/Resources, and Human Rights/Religious Freedom.

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