

CNIPA's Patent Intelligent Examination and Search System — China's Nationwide AI Roll-out With a Built-in Guardrail

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · China

Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

China's IP office built a national AI system for patent search, translation and document comparison, live since January 2023 and expanded in 2025 with large-model search and legal-assistant tools — while officially barring examiners from using AI output as an examination opinion.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	1/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability beyond pilot	2/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-08-06

China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) — accessed 2026-08-06

National Law Review — CNIPA June 2025 press conference coverage — accessed 2026-08-06

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