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This guide takes a look at all aspects of intellectual property rights in China. Written specifically for businesses who want to develop an IPR strategy for China, it details the IPR laws of China, the registration procedures for securing IPR in China, and how to protect that intellectual property once it has been registered.

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