

Statistical Data

Part 6

General Statistics Tables

1) Patents

	Applications	Requests for examination	First actions	Decision of registration	Registrations
1994	353,301	144,051	☆	81,664	82,400
1995	369,215	167,923	☆	97,677	109,100
1996	376,615	186,415	☆	195,846	215,100
1997	391,572	205,300	183,744	122,386	147,686
1998	401,932	208,392	216,015	129,443	141,448
1999	405,655	217,389	203,117	135,412	150,059
2000	436,865	261,690	191,131	116,279	125,880
2001	439,175	253,826	196,288	107,581	121,742
2002	421,044	237,345	215,288	109,720	120,018
2003	413,092	243,836	226,420	111,276	122,511

☆: No data were collected.

(Note) The number of first actions indicates the number of first notices of examination results made by examiners - mainly a decision to grant a patent or notification of reasons for refusal - which were sent to applicants.

2) ISR (International Search Report) and IPER (International Preliminary Examination Report)

	ISR	IPER
1994	2,143	585
1995	2,540	854
1996	3,344	1,274
1997	4,321	1,809
1998	5,448	2,354
1999	6,598	3,197
2000	8,468	4,162
2001	10,716	5,163
2002	12,303	6,631
2003	15,356	7,147

3) Utility models under New Law

	Applications	Requests for examination	Request for report of technical opinion on registrability of the Utility models
1994	16,620	8,785	1,456
1995	14,110	13,766	1,915
1996	13,454	12,981	2,403
1997	11,708	11,356	2,280
1998	10,643	10,406	1,992
1999	10,178	9,959	1,906
2000	9,550	9,038	1,797
2001	8,778	8,762	1,389
2002	8,587	7,651	1,553
2003	8,155	7,669	1,186

4) Utility models under Old Law

	Applications	Requests for examination	First actions	Decision of registration	Registrations
1994	911	44,611	☆	42,007	45,100
1995	776	43,848	☆	48,200	50,200
1996	628	33,409	☆	68,732	82,500
1997	340	18,394	47,534	30,774	38,752
1998	274	283	32,278	22,270	25,107
1999	105	108	8,679	9,775	12,027
2000	37	38	1,113	2,579	3,575
2001	28	27	128	350	679
2002	16	18	33	63	142
2003	14	15	14	9	25

☆: No data were collected.

(Note) The number of first actions indicates the number of first notices of examination results made by examiners - mainly a decision to grant a patent or notification of reasons for refusal - which were sent to applicants.

5) Designs

	Applications	First actions	Decisions of registration	Registrations
1994	40,534	☆	34,893	34,948
1995	40,067	☆	36,000	34,887
1996	40,192	☆	33,898	35,495
1997	39,865	43,788	32,966	37,418
1998	39,352	48,000	37,489	36,264
1999	37,368	52,191	41,160	41,355
2000	38,496	47,003	37,373	40,037
2001	39,423	40,062	31,678	32,934
2002	37,230	40,261	30,810	31,503
2003	39,267	38,149	31,202	31,342

☆: No data were collected.

(Note 1) Registrations include similar designs registered.

(Note 2) The number of first actions indicates the number of first notices of examination results made by examiners - mainly a decision of registration or notification of reasons for refusal - which were sent to applicants.

6) Trademarks

	Applications	First actions	Publication of examined trademarks	Decisions of registration	Registrations
1994	172,859	☆	104,000	126,733	147,191
1995	179,689	☆	138,000	179,811	144,911
1996	188,160	☆	150,000	169,530	178,251
1997	133,116	225,091	11,490*	193,357	253,272
1998	112,469	178,202	—	141,531	132,066
1999	121,861	168,767	—	128,984	123,656
2000	145,668	122,681	—	95,423	94,493
2001	123,754	142,380	—	104,269	93,548
2002	117,406	145,859	—	113,853	105,114
2003	123,325	138,717	—	112,366	108,568

☆: No data were collected.

* : The system of publication of examined applications was abolished following introduction of the post-grant opposition system in April 1997. Accordingly, these figures cover statistics for the January - March period.

(Note 1) The number of registrations include the number of renewal registrations and defensive mark registrations.

(Note 2) The number of first actions indicates the number of first notices of examination results made by examiners - mainly a decision to grant a patent or notification of reasons for refusal - which were sent to applicants.

(Note 3) In 1997, the number of first actions and other relevant numbers temporarily increased due to the abolishment of the system of publication of examined applications. In 1998, on the contrary, these numbers significantly decreased from the previous year because the multi-class application system was adopted this year and the JPO started examining/ registering trademark applications under the newly introduced system.

Period of Examination and Appeal/Trial Examination

1) Examination - first action period -

	2001	2002	2003
Patents and Utility models	22months	24months	25months
Designs	9months	8months	8months
Trademarks	11months	9months	7months

(Note) The period of first actions refers to the period from the date of application or request for examination to the date when the first notice of an examination result (mainly a decision to grant a patent, a decision of registration, or a notification of reasons for refusal) is sent by the examiner to the applicant.

2) Appeals and trials

Appeal before the grant of right (Appeal against examiner's decision of refusal) - first action period -

	2001	2002	2003
Patents and Utility models	18months	19months	19months
Designs	17months	15months	15months
Trademarks	20months	24months	24months

(Note) The period of first action refers to the period from the date of appeal to the date when the first notice of an appeal/trial examination result (mainly an appeal/trial decision or notice of rejection) is sent by the appeal examiner to the applicant.

Oppositions (Appeal/Trial Examination Period)

	2001	2002	2003
Patents and Utility models	12months	13months	13months
Trademarks	9months	11months	11months

Appeal After the Grant of Right (Trial for Invalidation / Correction / Cancellation)

	2001	2002	2003
Patents and Utility models	12months	10months	10months
Designs	11months	9months	8months
Trademarks	12months	11months	9months

Residents and Non-Residents

1) Patents

	Applications		Registrations	
	Residents	Non-Residents	Residents	Non-Residents
1994	319,938	33,363	72,757	9,643
1995	334,612	34,603	94,804	14,296
1996	340,101	36,514	187,681	27,419
1997	350,807	40,765	129,937	17,749
1998	359,381	42,551	125,704	15,744
1999	360,180	45,475	133,960	16,099
2000	387,364	49,501	112,269	13,611
2001	386,767	52,408	109,375	12,367
2002	369,458	51,586	108,515	11,503
2003	362,711	50,381	110,835	11,676

2) Utility models under New Law

	Applications		Registrations	
	Residents	Non-Residents	Residents	Non-Residents
1994	15,761	859	8,314	471
1995	13,065	1,045	12,744	1,022
1996	12,302	1,152	11,873	1,108
1997	10,428	1,280	10,106	1,250
1998	9,450	1,193	9,158	1,248
1999	8,877	1,301	8,702	1,257
2000	7,880	1,670	7,429	1,609
2001	6,979	1,799	6,883	1,879
2002	6,938	1,649	6,091	1,560
2003	6,380	1,775	5,914	1,755

(Note) "Utility Models under New Law" are the numbers of utility model

4) Designs

	Applications		Registrations	
	Residents	Non-Residents	Residents	Non-Residents
1994	38,719	1,815	33,599	1,349
1995	38,257	1,810	33,562	1,325
1996	38,456	1,736	34,001	1,494
1997	37,766	2,099	35,844	1,574
1998	37,340	2,012	34,882	1,382
1999	35,235	2,133	39,317	2,038
2000	36,070	2,426	37,939	2,098
2001	37,176	2,247	30,671	2,263
2002	34,881	2,349	29,550	1,953
2003	36,574	2,693	29,284	2,058

(Note) Registrations include the number of similar designs registered.

3) Utility models under Old Law

	Applications		Registrations	
	Residents	Non-Residents	Residents	Non-Residents
1994	738	173	44,772	328
1995	620	156	49,750	450
1996	526	102	81,536	964
1997	289	51	38,285	467
1998	219	55	24,845	262
1999	76	29	11,893	134
2000	17	20	3,453	122
2001	9	19	668	11
2002	4	12	125	17
2003	1	13	18	7

5) Trademarks

	Applications		Registrations	
	Residents	Non-Residents	Residents	Non-Residents
1994	152,708	20,151	135,902	11,289
1995	156,790	22,899	136,883	8,028
1996	163,518	24,642	165,544	12,707
1997	114,389	18,727	221,830	31,442
1998	96,845	15,624	114,895	17,171
1999	104,252	17,609	106,036	17,620
2000	124,361	21,307	79,462	14,907
2001	104,655	19,099	78,322	12,864
2002	100,645	16,761	89,024	11,894
2003	106,957	16,368	92,891	11,969

(Note) Registrations includes the numbers of registration renewals and defensive mark registrations.

Applications by Non-Residents in 2003

Country/Organization of Origin		Patents	Utility models	Designs	Trademarks	
A s i a	AE	United Arab Emirates	0	0	0	12
	BH	Bahrain	0	0	0	1
	CN	China	204	35	36	356
	HK	Hong Kong	60	18	46	147
	ID	Indonesia	0	0	1	21
	IL	Israel	311	1	37	55
	IN	India	76	0	5	35
	IR	Iran	0	0	0	1
	KR	Republic of Korea	4,403	72	184	501
	LK	Sri Lanka	0	1	0	5
	MO	Macao	3	0	0	4
	MY	Malaysia	13	0	1	24
	MN	Mongolia	0	0	0	4
	PH	The Philippines	4	0	1	4
	PK	Pakistan	0	0	0	1
	QA	Qatar	0	0	0	1
	SA	Saudi Arabia	10	0	0	2
	SG	Singapore	99	0	3	118
	SY	Syria	0	0	0	2
	TH	Thailand	9	1	18	76
	TR	Turkey	7	0	0	82
TW	Taiwan	1,573	1,568	234	477	
VN	Viet Nam	0	0	0	10	
	Total in Asia	6,772	1,696	566	1,939	
E u r o p e	AT	Austria	153	3	9	113
	BE	Belgium	177	0	27	107
	BG	Bulgaria	1	0	1	8
	BY	Belarus	0	0	0	1
	CH	Switzerland	726	3	204	1,057
	CY	Cyprus	3	0	1	2
	CZ	Czech Republic	8	0	0	13
	DE	Germany	4,047	8	263	1,869
	DK	Denmark	314	0	23	123
	EA	Eurasian Patent Organization	1	0	0	0
	EE	Estonia	1	0	0	2
	EP	European Patent Office	5,835	3	0	0
	ES	Spain	113	4	11	225
	FI	Finland	334	0	47	93
	FR	France	2,368	7	165	1,318
	GB	United Kingdom	2,084	5	132	825
	GE	Georgia	0	0	0	4
	GR	Greece	4	0	0	10
	HR	Croatia	3	0	0	0
	HU	Hungary	25	0	0	13
	IE	Ireland	30	0	3	50
	IS	Iceland	6	0	0	2
	IT	Italy	410	4	100	846
	LI	Liechtenstein	73	0	10	49
	LT	Lithuania	1	0	0	2
	LU	Luxembourg	14	0	1	46
LV	Latvia	2	0	0	1	
MC	Monaco	0	0	1	29	
MD	Moldova	0	0	0	3	

Country/Organization of Origin		Patents	Utility models	Designs	Trademarks	
Europe	MT	Malta	1	0	2	0
	NL	Netherlands	665	2	90	404
	NO	Norway	114	0	13	44
	PL	Poland	9	0	1	14
	PT	Portugal	2	0	0	22
	RO	Romania	0	0	0	3
	RU	Russia Federation	53	0	0	60
	SE	Sweden	1,006	2	47	261
	SI	Slovenia	2	0	0	5
	SK	Slovakia	1	0	0	3
	SM	San Marino	1	0	0	3
	UA	Ukraine	2	0	0	2
	YU	Serbia and Montenegro	0	0	0	1
		Total in Europe	18,589	41	1,151	7,633
Africa	KE	Kenya	0	0	0	2
	MA	Morocco	0	0	0	6
	MU	Mauritius	0	0	0	2
	NG	Nigeria	0	0	0	1
	SC	Seychelle	0	0	0	0
	TN	Tunisia	0	0	0	1
	UG	Uganda	1	0	0	0
	ZA	South Africa	12	0	0	25
	Total in Africa	13	0	0	37	
Americas	AN	Antilles	0	0	0	1
	AR	Argentina	4	0	0	8
	BB	Barbados	1	0	0	15
	BM	Bermuda	1	0	3	5
	BR	Brazil	49	0	9	33
	BS	Bahamas	1	0	2	12
	BZ	Belize	0	0	0	1
	CA	Canada	599	4	7	206
	CL	Chili	1	0	0	71
	CO	Colombia	1	0	0	5
	CR	Costa Rica	3	0	0	0
	CU	Cuba	12	0	0	7
	DM	Dominica	0	0	0	1
	HT	Haiti	0	0	0	1
	KN	Saint Christopher and Navis	0	0	0	2
	MX	Mexico	8	0	5	23
	PE	Peru	1	0	0	2
	TT	Trinidad and Tobago	1	0	0	0
	US	United States of America	21,682	38	888	5,874
	UY	Uruguay	2	0	0	2
VE	Venezuela	2	0	0	3	
	Total in the Americas	22,368	42	914	6,272	
Oceania	AU	Australia	548	1	40	247
	FJ	Fiji	0	0	0	4
	NZ	New Zealand	77	1	2	71
	VU	Vanuatu	0	0	0	1
	WS	Samoa	1	0	0	0
	Total in Oceania	626	2	42	323	
	Others	2,013	7	20	164	
Total		50,381	1,788	2,693	16,368	

Registrations Granted to Non-Residents in 2003

Country/Organization of Origin		Patents	Utility models		Designs	Trademarks	
A s i a	AE	United Arab Emirates	0	0	(0)	0	16
	CN	China	23	29	(29)	23	120
	HK	Hong Kong	3	14	(14)	34	142
	ID	Indonesia	1	0	(0)	1	11
	IL	Israel	33	0	(0)	11	55
	IN	India	8	0	(0)	0	19
	IR	Iran	0	0	(0)	0	2
	KR	Republic of Korea	897	76	(76)	121	511
	LB	Lebanon	0	0	(0)	0	1
	LK	Sri Lanka	0	2	(2)	0	5
	MO	Macao	0	0	(0)	0	2
	MY	Malaysia	2	0	(0)	0	20
	NP	Nepal	0	0	(0)	0	2
	PH	The Philippines	0	0	(0)	0	6
	PK	Pakistan	0	0	(0)	0	1
	SA	Saudi Arabia	0	0	(0)	3	1
	SG	Singapore	10	0	(0)	0	67
	SY	Syria	0	0	0	0	1
	TH	Thailand	0	2	(2)	4	51
	TR	Turkey	0	0	(0)	0	1
TW	Taiwan	168	1,564	(1,564)	247	446	
VN	Viet Nam	0	0	(0)	0	9	
	Total in Asia	1,145	1,687	1687	444	1,489	
E u r o p e	AT	Austria	37	4	(4)	10	31
	BE	Belgium	98	0	(0)	27	27
	BG	Bulgaria	0	0	(0)	2	0
	BY	Belarus	1	0	(0)	0	0
	CH	Switzerland	456	3	(3)	118	408
	CY	Cyprus	0	0	(0)	0	3
	CZ	Czech Republic	1	0	(0)	0	2
	CS	Czechoslovakia	1	0	(0)	0	0
	DE	Germany	1,968	8	(6)	202	707
	DK	Denmark	88	1	(1)	24	44
	EE	Estonia	0	0	0	0	1
	ES	Spain	20	4	(4)	11	68
	FI	Finland	139	0	(0)	50	54
	FR	France	694	4	(3)	88	486
	GB	United Kingdom	390	2	(2)	108	616
	GR	Greece	0	0	(0)	0	1
	HR	Croatia	2	0	(0)	0	0
	HU	Hungary	3	0	(0)	0	1
	IE	Ireland	10	0	(0)	3	41
	IT	Italy	155	6	(6)	65	213
	LI	Liechtenstein	35	0	(0)	19	9
	LU	Luxembourg	14	0	(0)	1	26
	MC	Monaco	2	0	(0)	0	8
	MT	Malta	0	0	(0)	0	1
	NL	Netherlands	397	0	(0)	68	128
NO	Norway	28	0	(0)	14	23	
PL	Poland	0	0	(0)	0	5	
PT	Portugal	4	0	(0)	0	14	
RO	Romania	1	0	(0)	0	1	
RU	Russia Federation	7	0	(0)	0	4	

Country/Organization of Origin		Patents	Utility models		Designs	Trademarks	
E u r o p e	SE	Sweden	226	1	(1)	59	141
	SI	Slovenia	0	0	(0)	2	1
	SK	Slovakia	0	0	(0)	0	1
	UA	Ukraine	5	0	(0)	0	1
		Total in Europe	4,782	33	(30)	871	3,066
A f r i c a	CM	Cameroon	0	0	(0)	0	1
	KE	Kenia	0	0	(0)	0	2
	MA	Morocco	0	0	(0)	0	1
	SZ	Swaziland	0	0	(0)	0	1
	TN	Tunisia	0	0	(0)	0	1
	ZA	South Africa	9	0	(0)	1	35
	Total in Africa	9	0	0	1	41	
A m e r i c a s	AG	Antigua Barbuda	0	0	(0)	0	1
	AR	Argentina	0	1	(1)	0	21
	BB	Barbados	4	0	(0)	0	11
	BM	Bermuda	0	0	(0)	1	3
	BR	Brazil	7	0	(0)	14	54
	BS	Bahamas	0	0	(0)	4	22
	BZ	Belize	0	0	(0)	0	2
	CA	Canada	133	3	(3)	7	237
	CL	Chili	0	0	(0)	0	55
	CO	Colombia	2	0	(0)	0	0
	CU	Cuba	0	0	(0)	0	4
	DM	Dominica	0	0	(0)	0	1
	HT	Haiti	0	0	(0)	0	2
	JM	Jamaica	0	0	(0)	0	1
	MX	Mexico	1	0	(0)	0	18
	PA	Panama	7	0	(0)	0	3
	PY	Paraguay	1	0	(0)	0	0
	US	United States of America	5,476	30	(26)	664	6,559
	VE	Venezuela	3	0	(0)	0	0
	Total in the Americas	5,634	34	30	690	6,994	
O c e a n i a	AU	Australia	71	0	(0)	25	148
	FJ	Fiji	0	0	(0)	0	4
	NZ	New Zealand	6	0	(0)	2	47
		Total in Oceania	77	0	(0)	27	199
	Others	29	8	(8)	25	180	
Total		11,676	1,762	(1,755)	2,058	11,969	

(Note) Figures in the brackets indicate the number of utility model applications under new law (included in the total).

Priority Certificates Issued

1) Patents & Utility models

Country/Organization of Origin		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
A s i a	AE United Arab Emirates	5	2	9	0	5
	BD Bangladesh	17	0	20 (2)	17 (7)	6
	BH Bahrain	0	1	0	0	0
	BN Brunei	0	0	0	1	0
	CN China	6,970 * (16)	8,608 * (16)	11,264 * (26)	15,337 * (26)	19,404 * (33)
	GC Gulf Cooperation Council Patent Office	0	0	0	3	3
	HK Hong Kong	64 (1)	56 (1)	62 (1)	31 (1)	33 (2)
	ID Indonesia	497 (1)	577	694	461	254
	IL Israel	49	70	83	37	28
	IN India	522 (1)	282	713	441	450
	IQ Iraq	0	0	2	0	5
	IR Iran	8	332	30 (1)	25	16
	JO Jordan	0	1	13	0	7
	JP Japan	11	62	1	4	0
	KR Republic of Korea	10,072 * (20)	12,651 * (20)	8,769 * (17)	1,761 * (9)	1,516 * (11)
	KW Kuwait	3	6	8	4	2
	LB Lebanon	0	1	16	0	0
	LK Sri Lanka	1 (1)	2 (1)	1	1 (1)	0
	MM Myanmar	3	0	0	0	0
	MO Macau	0	0	2	0	16
	MY Malaysia	772	635	659	396 (1)	494
	NP Nepal	0	0	0	6	0
	OM Oman	2	2	0	0	0
	PH The Philippines	570 (5)	684 (5)	717 (3)	312	169
	PK Pakistan	40	23	47	47	87
	QA Qatar	0	1	0	2	1
	SA Saudi Arabia	17	20	47 (2)	24	27
	SG Singapore	1,145 * (4)	1,156 * (4)	1,483 * (2)	1,001 * (5)	673 * (2)
SY Syria	0	0	0	3	0	
TH Thailand	1,434 * (6)	1,779 * (6)	2,167 * (6)	2,115 * (3)	1,963 * (7)	
TR Turkey	44	26	10 (1)	8	1	
TW Taiwan	9,185 * (23)	12,799 * (23)	14,910 * (23)	13,862 * (14)	13,550 * (17)	
VN Viet Nam	147	182	232	143	132	
	Total in Asia	31,578 (78)	39,958 (76)	41,959 (84)	36,042 (67)	38,842 (72)
E u r o p e	AT Austria	9	10	14 (2)	8	3
	AZ Azerbaijan	1	0	0	0	0
	BE Belgium	51 (3)	24 (3)	53	35	26
	BG Bulgaria	9	0	0	2	1
	BY Belarus	3	0	0	0	0
	CH Switzerland	53	61	44	30	29
	CS Czechoslovakia	2	8	11	19	0
	CY Cyprus	0	0	2	0	0
	CZ Czech Republic	23	59	39 (1)	24	9
	DE Germany	2,480 * (5)	2,983 * (5)	2,496 * (18)	2,015 * (6)	1,831 * (6)
	DK Denmark	11	29	14 (1)	4	19
	EA Eurasian Patent Organization	0	0	1	1	0
	EE Estonia	0	0	0	0	1
	EP European Patent Office	3,008 * (3)	1,546 * (3)	1,281 * (2)	676 * (4)	610 * (3)
	ES Spain	113	102	143 (1)	73	70
	FI Finland	23 (1)	38 (1)	24	16	10
	FR France	925 (6)	1,046 (6)	941 (3)	763 *	784 * (3)
	GB United Kingdom	1,556 * (4)	1,820 * (4)	1,665 * (7)	1,306 *	1,154 * (3)
	GR Greece	7	8	9	2	4
	HR Croatia	6	1	0	0	1
HU Hungary	42	52	54 (1)	36	11	
IE Ireland	1	61	18	4	5	
IS Iceland	24	0	2	1	2	
IT Italy	250 (6)	254 (6)	371 (3)	198 (4)	199 (1)	
KZ Kazakhstan	0	0	2	0	0	

Country/Organization of Origin		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Europe	LI Liechtenstein	0	0	2	0	0
	LT Lithuania	2	0	0	0	0
	LU Luxembourg	3	6	8 (1)	1	0
	MC Monaco	0	0	2	0	0
	MT Malta	0	0	0	2	0
	NL Netherlands	107 (1)	92 (1)	54 (1)	46	39
	NO Norway	149	167	166 (1)	55	56
	PL Poland	43	33	52 (1)	53	18
	PT Portugal	3	1	4	2	2
	RO Romania	26	21	4	8	21
	RU Russia Federation	118	101	96	95	90
	SE Sweden	70 (1)	56 (1)	39 (1)	27	24
	SI Slovenia	3	1	0	0	0
	SK Slovakia	9	1	5	6	1
	UA Ukraine	14	2	1	7	1
	VA Vatican	1	1	0	0	0
	PCT	8,824 * (21)	10,845 * (21)	13,915 * (17)	16,044 * (19)	19,715 * (12)
	Total in Europe	17,969 (51)	19,429 (51)	21,532 (61)	21,559 (33)	24,736 (28)
Africa	CM Cameroon	0	1	0	0	0
	DZ Algeria	6	0	1	0	0
	EG Egypt	32	18	52	21	37
	GA Gabon	0	0	2	0	0
	LY Libya	0	0	1	0	0
	MA Morocco	2	0	0	0	0
	MU Mauritius	0	0	12	0	0
	NG Nigeria	30	1	5	6	5
	TZ Tanzania	0	0	1	1	0
	ZA South Africa	176	113	109	67	99
	Total in Africa	246 0	133 0	183 0	95 0	141 0
The Americas	AR Argentina	230	154	170 (2)	135	136
	BO Bolivia	3	6	5	6	6
	BR Brazil	574 (2)	513 (2)	597 (1)	383	307
	BS Bahamas	1	0	0	0	0
	CA Canada	906 (1)	749 (1)	727 (4)	499	406
	CL Chile	30 (1)	52 (1)	51	54	53
	CO Colombia	42	47	27	17	8
	CR Costa Rica	1	2	1	1	4
	CU Cuba	2	0	0	0	0
	DM Dominica	1	0	0	0	5
	DO Dominican Republic	0	0	0	0	4
	EC Ecuador	4	8	1	3	1
	GT Guatemala	0	2	3	5	7
	GY Guyana	1	0	0	2	1
	HN Honduras	1	1	0	5	2
	JM Jamaica	0	0	12	0	0
	MX Mexico	276	275	238	156	157
	NI Nicaragua	1	2	0	0	0
	PA Panama	1	0	0	9	3
	PE Peru	44	39	50	49	43
PY Paraguay	1	0	0	1	1	
SR Suriname	1	0	0	1	0	
SV El Salvador	1	0	0	0	2	
US United States of America	40,614 * (72)	48,261 * (72)	50,557 * (75)	46,305 * (50)	45,919 * (72)	
UY Uruguay	4	4	0	2	3	
VE Venezuela	17	40	47	55	41	
	Total in the Americas	42,756 (76)	50,155 (76)	52,486 (82)	47,688 (50)	47,109 (72)
Oceania	AU Australia	1,069 (4)	1,081 (4)	1,074 (3)	644 (5)	589
	NZ New Zealand	99	74	51	57	45
		Total in Oceania	1,168 (4)	1,155 (4)	1,125 (3)	701 (5)
	Others	0	3	0	0	1
	Total	93,717 (209)	110,833 (207)	117,285 (230)	106,085 (155)	111,463 (172)

(Note) Figures in the brackets indicate the number of utility models (included in the total).

2) Designs

Country/Organization of Origin		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
A s i a	AE United Arab Emirates	5	2	14	5	8
	BD Bangladesh	3	0	0	1	0
	BH Bahrain	1	1	0	0	1
	CN China	758	1,063	1,404	1,905	2,510
	HK Hong Kong	302	254	409	358	364
	ID Indonesia	0	24	71	105	92
	IL Israel	10	2	2	5	9
	IN India	12	29	51	66	92
	IR Iran	0	1	0	0	0
	JO Jordan	0	1	0	0	1
	KR Republic of Korea	513	679	822	898	1,171
	KW Kuwait	5	0	7	0	1
	LB Lebanon	3	0	0	1	0
	LK Sri Lanka	0	2	0	2	0
	MM Myanmar	0	0	0	0	3
	MM Mongolia	0	0	0	0	2
	MO Macau	0	3	43	0	20
	MY Malaysia	47	122	174	163	141
	PH The Philippines	29	63	122	69	73
	PK Pakistan	1	1	2	7	1
	SA Saudi Arabia	0	1	0	6	0
	SG Singapore	48	37	185	200	189
	TH Thailand	104	135	202	252	183
	TR Turkey	7	8	14	11	17
TW Taiwan	571	761	903	1,089	1,035	
VN Viet Nam	40	33	75	64	80	
	Total in Asia	2,459	3,222	4,500	5,207	5,993
E u r o p e	AM Armenia	7	0	0	0	3
	AT Austria	8	22	34	12	8
	BA Bosnia and Herzegovina	7	0	0	0	4
	BE Belgium	13	26	22	18	1
	BG Bulgaria	6	1	0	0	4
	BX Bureau Benelux des dessins ou model(BBDM)	0	55	108	41	25
	BY Belarus	7	0	0	0	3
	CH Switzerland	19	36	41	11	28
	CZ Czech Republic	7	0	5	2	14
	DE Germany	286	456	532	470	235
	DK Denmark	8	8	4	12	5
	EE Estonia	7	0	0	0	4
	EM OHIM	0	9	9	6	621
	EP European Patent Office	1	0	1	15	0
	ES Spain	112	136	196	174	36
	FI Finland	9	24	35	23	0
	FR France	358	428	486	455	240
	GB United Kingdom	555	540	657	543	318
	GR Greece	10	11	15	22	2
	HR Croatia	7	0	0	0	0
HU Hungary	8	0	0	0	9	
IE Ireland	9	9	5	4	5	
IS Iceland	0	0	0	0	4	
IT Italy	198	277	356	282	111	
LI Liechtenstein	7	0	0	0	4	

Country/Organization of Origin		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	
Europe	LT	Lithuania	0	0	0	0	4
	LU	Luxembourg	0	0	3	0	0
	LV	Latvia	0	0	0	0	4
	MC	Monaco	7	0	0	0	4
	MD	Moldova	7	0	0	0	0
	NL	Netherlands	4	35	36	14	30
	NO	Norway	9	4	26	17	16
	PL	Poland	12	0	7	14	14
	PT	Portugal	15	25	45	18	9
	RO	Romania	7	0	0	0	4
	RU	Russia Federation	14	5	17	9	43
	SE	Sweden	28	34	78	29	11
	SI	Slovenia	7	0	0	0	4
	SK	Slovakia	7	0	1	0	4
	TM	Turkmenistan	0	0	0	0	4
	UA	Ukraine	0	0	1	0	3
	YU	Serbia and Montenegro	7	0	0	0	4
		PCT	0	10	0	0	0
		Total in Europe	1,773	2,151	2,720	2,191	1,842
Africa	AP	ARIPO	0	0	0	0	4
	EG	Egypt	9	1	4	2	14
	MA	Morocco	7	0	0	0	6
	NG	Nigeria	0	0	0	1	5
	OA	OAPI	0	0	0	0	4
	SN	Senegal	7	0	0	0	0
	TN	Tunisia	7	0	0	0	0
	ZA	South Africa	18	9	10	22	22
	Total in Africa	48	10	14	25	55	
Americas	AR	Argentina	13	46	78	19	34
	BO	Bolivia	0	0	0	6	4
	BR	Brazil	38	66	106	110	95
	CA	Canada	81	107	118	115	124
	CL	Chili	8	32	39	8	18
	CO	Colombia	8	13	20	18	23
	CR	Costa Rica	0	0	0	1	3
	CU	Cuba	0	0	0	0	4
	EC	Ecuador	0	0	0	1	4
	GT	Guatemala	0	0	0	4	1
	MX	Mexico	73	66	84	47	73
	PA	Panama	0	0	0	0	8
	PE	Peru	7	12	19	15	15
	PY	Paraguay	7	43	39	11	12
	US	United States of America	1,110	1,218	1,378	1,607	1,787
UY	Uruguay	10	2	0	12	12	
VE	Venezuela	7	4	0	7	6	
	Total in the Americas	1,362	1,609	1,881	1,981	2,223	
Oceania	AU	Australia	131	130	168	129	181
	NZ	New Zealand	45	41	53	9	61
		Total in Oceania	176	171	221	138	242
	Others	75	3	15	0	0	
Total		5,893	7,166	9,351	9,542	10,355	

3) Trademarks

Country/Organization of Origin		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
A s i a	AE United Arab Emirates	5	16	11	26	22
	AF Afghanistan	0	0	0	1	1
	BD Bangladesh	4	8	4	6	7
	BH Bahrain	3	6	13	8	13
	BN Brunei	0	1	15	5	3
	BT Bhutan	0	0	0	1	0
	CN China	88	146	179	306	295
	HK Hong Kong	36	122	138	89	111
	ID Indonesia	29	54	66	53	45
	IL Israel	0	15	41	14	15
	IN India	14	31	37	22	28
	IQ Iraq	2	0	2	2	1
	IR Iran	33	103	22	39	43
	JO Jordan	2	7	14	14	4
	KH Cambodia	0	7	4	2	5
	KR Republic of Korea	81	193	191	144	185
	KW Kuwait	87	106	49	68	99
	LA Lao People's Democratic	5	0	3	3	3
	LB Lebanon	0	7	5	10	5
	LK Sri Lanka	0	3	2	6	6
	MM Myanmar	0	2	2	2	4
	MN Mongolia	5	5	5	3	0
	MO Macau	0	2	3	6	1
	MY Malaysia	38	67	92	61	54
	NP Nepal	26	36	11	12	24
	OM Oman	2	4	3	13	8
	PH The Philippines	153	246	124	204	121
	PK Pakistan	0	4	8	4	9
	QA Qatar	3	1	2	9	3
	SA Saudi Arabia	9	16	12	32	37
SG Singapore	55	89	100	67	47	
SY Syria	24	25	17	10	28	
TH Thailand	50	70	85	89	83	
TR Turkey	57	43	34	29	28	
TW Taiwan	42	27	58	135	211	
VN Viet Nam	11	34	49	36	19	
YE Yemen	1	1	0	0	1	
	Others	7	7	0	0	0
	Total in Asia	872	1,504	1,401	1,531	1,569
E u r o p e	AD Andorra	0	0	1	0	1
	AL Albania	2	7	4	1	0
	AM Armenia	0	0	0	1	0
	AT Austria	0	3	1	6	8
	AZ Azerbaijan	0	0	0	1	2
	BA Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	1	0	1	1
	BE Belgium	0	0	0	2	2
	BG Bulgaria	0	7	3	1	0
	BX Bureau Benelux des marques (BBM)	0	13	3	4	2
	BY Belarus	0	1	0	1	0
	CH Switzerland	18	63	67	36	31
	CS Czechoslovakia	0	1	0	0	0
	CY Cyprus	2	6	2	4	1
	CZ Czech Republic	3	6	8	10	0
	DE Germany	26	71	57	40	36
	DK Denmark	2	4	4	3	4
	EE Estonia	0	0	0	1	0
	EM Office fir Harminuzation in the Internal Market (OHIM)	0	102	114	108	132
	EP European Patent Office	7	2	7	1	0
	ES Spain	7	26	7	13	10
	FI Finland	3	4	1	7	2
	FR France	30	45	54	40	20
	GB United Kingdom	117	111	70	199	55
	GE Georgia	0	0	0	1	0
	GR Greece	1	3	4	3	3
	HR Croatia	0	1	1	10	1
	HU Hungary	0	5	5	13	2
	IE Ireland	6	11	11	5	5
	IS Iceland	0	2	5	2	1
	IT Italy	24	33	25	15	19
KG Kyrgyz	0	0	0	1	0	
KZ Kazakhstan	0	0	1	2	1	
LI Liechtenstein	10	2	2	1	0	
LT Lithuania	0	0	0	1	0	
LU Luxembourg	0	0	0	1	0	
MK Macedonia	0	1	0	1	0	
MT Malta	0	5	1	3	1	
NL Netherlands	0	16	1	4	1	
NO Norway	5	15	9	9	8	
PL Poland	0	10	9	14	2	
PT Portugal	2	4	0	4	1	
RO Romania	2	2	6	8	0	
RU Russia Federation	2	10	14	19	8	

Country/Organization of Origin		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Europe	SE Sweden	2	5	9	8	1
	SI Slovenia	0	1	1	0	0
	SK Slovakia	0	0	2	6	0
	TJ Tajikistan	0	0	0	1	0
	TM Turkmenistan	0	0	2	1	0
	UA Ukraine	0	4	2	4	1
	UZ Uzbekistan	0	4	1	1	1
	YU Serbia and Montenegro	0	0	0	1	0
	Others	68	68	3	0	0
	Total in Europe	339	675	517	619	363
Africa	AO Angola	0	0	0	0	6
	AP ARIPO	0	0	0	1	0
	BW Botswana	0	0	1	1	1
	CI Cote d'Ivoire	0	1	0	0	0
	DZ Algeria	0	0	0	1	0
	EG Egypt	3	17	10	19	10
	ET Ethiopia	14	19	14	5	20
	GM Gambia	0	1	0	0	0
	GY Ghana	0	0	1	0	0
	KE Kenya	0	0	2	3	0
	LY Libya	0	0	1	1	3
	MA Morocco	0	4	4	5	0
	MG Madagascar	0	0	1	1	1
	MU Mauritius	3	4	0	0	1
	MW Malawi	0	1	1	1	0
	MZ Mozambique	0	3	0	0	0
	NA Namibia	0	0	0	0	1
	NG Nigeria	0	7	2	3	7
	OA OAPI	0	1	1	6	0
	SD Sudan	1	1	0	1	0
	TN Tunisia	0	0	3	3	3
	TZ Tanzania	0	0	1	1	1
	UG Uganda	0	4	0	0	0
	ZA South Africa	0	22	17	27	17
	ZM Zambia	0	1	0	0	0
	ZW Zimbabwe	0	3	1	1	1
Total in Africa	21	89	60	80	72	
The Americas	AG Antigua Barbuda	0	1	0	0	0
	AR Argentina	3	29	24	18	22
	BB Barbados	0	2	11	3	2
	BM Bermuda	0	2	0	1	0
	BO Bolivia	0	11	6	9	1
	BR Brazil	17	39	46	36	41
	BS Bahamas	0	9	5	5	0
	CA Canada	161	255	245	231	264
	CL Chile	4	15	21	10	18
	CO Colombia	0	19	8	31	14
	CR Costa Rica	3	20	16	7	3
	CU Cuba	0	0	0	1	1
	DM Dominica	1	4	5	2	0
	DO Dominican Republic	0	0	0	0	1
	EC Ecuador	0	16	8	9	4
	GD Grenada	0	0	1	0	0
	GT Guatemala	3	7	13	3	2
	GY Guyana	0	0	5	0	0
	HN Honduras	1	2	10	3	1
	HT Haiti	0	0	0	1	0
	JM Jamaica	0	2	3	2	1
	LC Saint Lucia	0	0	4	0	0
	MX Mexico	35	41	55	80	54
	NI Nicaragua	4	6	8	8	1
	PA Panama	5	26	32	13	17
	PE Peru	5	25	31	8	12
PY Paraguay	4	15	8	11	2	
SR Suriname	0	0	1	2	1	
SV El Salvador	1	5	7	3	7	
TT Trinidad and Tobago	0	2	7	3	1	
US United States of America	673	809	1,004	1,062	847	
UY Uruguay	13	15	18	8	13	
VC Saint Vincent	0	0	1	0	0	
VE Venezuela	11	19	15	12	13	
Total in the Americas	944	1,396	1,618	1,582	1,343	
Oceania	AU Australia	28	68	50	45	39
	FJ Fiji	0	0	0	1	1
	NZ New Zealand	12	33	30	24	25
	PG Papua New Guinea	0	1	0	0	2
	TO Tonga	0	0	0	1	0
	WS Samoa	0	0	1	0	1
	Others	2	0	0	0	0
Total in Oceania	42	102	81	71	68	
Others	40	12	7	5	0	
Total		2,258	3,778	3,684	3,888	3,415

International Applications

1) PCT(the Ptent Cooperation Treaty) and Demand for International Preliminary Examination (Receiving Office)

	a) PCT applications	b) Number of designated state	b) / a)	Demand for International Preliminary Examination
1999	7,429	265,337	35.7	3,541
2000	9,447	453,878	48.0	4,597
2001	11,688	712,824	61.0	6,143
2002	13,879	1,060,859	76.4	7,038
2003	17,097	1,615,793	94.5	6,785

2) PCT Applications that entered the National Phase of Japan (Designated office)

Country Code	Receiving Office	Year				
		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
AT	Austria	97	73	81	108	74
AU	Australia	292	354	477	506	500
BE	Belgium	58	47	46	58	61
BG	Bulgaria	8	3	2	0	0
BR	Brazil	26	16	22	34	41
BY	Belarus	1	0	1	0	0
CA	Canada	385	409	469	512	518
CH	Switzerland	226	217	257	273	237
CN	China	25	45	63	79	95
CR	Costa Rica	0	0	0	0	3
CU	Cuba	3	3	4	4	12
CY	Cyprus	0	0	0	0	1
CZ	Czech Republic	5	11	6	6	7
DE	Germany	1,655	1,786	2,005	1,964	1,627
DK	Denmark	256	236	294	269	258
EE	Estonia	0	1	0	0	1
ES	Spain	42	58	66	88	87
FI	Finland	407	405	370	325	288
FR	France	1,247	1,286	1,442	1,485	1,436
GB	United Kingdom	1,556	1,718	1,926	1,814	1,848
GE	Georgia	0	0	1	0	0
GR	Greece	6	6	11	11	3
HR	Croatia	0	3	9	3	3
HU	Hungary	30	22	25	32	21
IE	Ireland	30	37	41	43	23
IL	Israel	205	259	237	264	278
IN	India	0	5	10	39	68
IS	Iceland	0	2	1	7	5
IT	Italy	76	100	98	109	148
JP	Japan	2,649	3,163	3,952	4,311	4,527
KE	Kenia	0	0	0	0	0
KG	Kyrgyz	1	0	0	0	0
KR	Republic of Korea	198	368	504	684	658
KZ	Kazakhstan	1	0	0	0	0
LT	Lithuania	1	0	0	0	1
LU	Luxembourg	0	0	0	0	0
LV	Latvia	0	1	0	0	2
MC	Monaco	0	0	0	0	0
MD	Moldova	0	0	0	0	0
MX	Mexico	6	6	2	4	6
NL	Netherlands	254	284	303	326	241
NO	Norway	99	89	96	116	103
NZ	New Zealand	50	53	58	55	65
PH	The Philippines	0	0	0	0	3
PL	Poland	7	1	3	3	8
PT	Portugal	2	1	4	2	1
RO	Romania	2	0	1	0	0
RU	Russia Federation	35	66	66	48	51
SE	Sweden	1,129	1,029	1,158	919	865
SG	Singapore	10	21	33	34	46
SI	Slovenia	2	3	2	2	2
SK	Slovakia	1	1	2	4	1
TR	Turkey	3	4	3	5	6
TT	Trinidad and Tobago	0	0	0	0	1
UA	Ukraine	1	2	1	1	2
US	United States of America	11,819	13,203	14,261	14,785	14,069
UZ	Uzbekistan	0	0	2	0	0
VN	Viet Nam	0	0	1	0	0
YU	Serbia and Montenegro	0	0	1	1	0
ZA	South Africa	0	7	15	16	10
AP	ARIPO	0	2	0	0	0
EA	Eurasian Patent Organization	0	1	1	0	1
EP	European Patent Office	4,080	5,299	6,654	6,620	5,838
IB	The International Bureau of WIPO	1,059	897	663	1,073	1,974
	Total	28,045	31,603	35,750	37,042	36,124

(Note) Among the contracting party of the PCT, the receiving office of the signatory countries of OAPI and Barbados, Sri Lanka is WIPO, Liechtenstein is Switzerland.

3) International Trademark Application : Under Madrid Protocol (Designated Office)

	Applications	First actions	Decisions of registration	Registrations
2000	2,575	290	126	124
2001	5,708	4,283	2,420	2,362
2002	5,269	6,226	4,194	4,196
2003	5,334	5,933	4,335	3,708

(Note) The number of first actions indicates the number of first notices of examination results made by examiners - mainly a decision to grant a patent or notification of reasons for refusal - which were sent to International Bureau.

4) International Trademark Application Designating Japan Arranged by Office of Origin (Designated Office : Notification of Extension)

Country Code	Receiving Office	Year			
		2000	2001	2002	2003
AG	Antigua Barbuda	0	0	0	0
AM	Armenia	0	0	0	0
AN	Netherlands Antilles	—	—	—	1
AT	Austria	52	102	109	83
AU	Australia	—	9	95	99
BE	Belgium	64	139	143	93
BG	Bulgaria	—	0	2	7
BY	Belarus	—	—	0	1
CH	Switzerland	353	899	798	714
CN	China	55	149	78	162
CU	Cuba	0	1	2	3
CY	Cyprus	—	—	—	0
CZ	Czech Republic	4	4	16	6
DE	Germany	763	1,509	1,333	1317
DK	Denmark	50	129	86	88
EE	Estonia	1	1	0	1
ES	Spain	47	144	126	145
FI	Finland	46	78	82	65
FR	France	491	933	869	846
GB	United Kingdom	114	289	266	250
GE	Georgia	0	1	0	1
GR	Greece	0	3	1	5
HR	Croatia	—	—	—	0
HU	Hungary	1	4	3	12
IE	Ireland	—	2	13	13
IR	Iran	—	—	—	0
IS	Iceland	1	7	0	1
IT	Italy	166	645	623	685
KR	Republic of Korea	—	—	—	16
LI	Liechtenstein	14	29	31	44
LS	Lesotho	0	0	0	0
LT	Lithuania	1	2	0	2
LU	Luxembourg	7	21	31	28
LV	Latvia	0	4	2	1
MA	Morocco	0	2	2	5
MC	Monaco	3	15	14	15
MD	Moldova	0	0	2	3
NL	Netherlands	206	286	277	268
NO	Norway	22	43	33	35
PL	Poland	2	7	3	11
PT	Portugal	6	16	25	11
RO	Romania	0	3	11	1
RU	Russia Federation	2	19	31	59
SE	Sweden	86	146	106	113
SG	Singapore	0	29	17	22
SI	Slovenia	2	4	3	5
SK	Slovakia	0	0	1	3
SL	Sierra Leone	0	0	0	0
SZ	Swaziland	0	0	0	0
TM	Turkmenistan	0	0	0	0
TR	Turkey	16	34	34	80
UA	Ukraine	0	0	1	2
US	United States of America	—	—	—	11
YU	Serbia and Montenegro	0	0	0	1
Total		2,575	5,708	5,269	5,333

(Note 1) The JPO started receiving the International Trademark Applications under Madrid Protocol from March 14, 2000.

(Note 2) The number of International Trademark Applications (notification of extension from the International Bureau) receiving by the JPO.

(Note 3) Hyphen indicates un-joining to Madrid Protocol.

Appeals, Trials and Oppositions

1) Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal

	Patents		Utility models		Total of First actions of Patents and Utility models under old law	Designs			Trademarks		
	Appeals	Appeals accepted	Appeals	Appeals accepted		Appeals	First actions	Appeals accepted	Appeals	First actions	Appeals accepted
1994	12,802	7,905	3,981	3,083	☆	1,319	☆	863	2,492	☆	2,884
1995	18,819	9,534	4,425	3,647	☆	1,447	☆	1,035	2,624	☆	3,450
1996	13,337	16,305	2,809	6,191	☆	1,422	☆	959	2,481	☆	4,314
1997	13,324	9,175	1,828	2,106	12,135	1,393	2,261	1,397	2,763	5,495	6,937
1998	13,675	7,253	1,404	1,181	10,567	1,370	2,435	1,447	3,968	3,753	3,076
1999	14,086	7,276	864	751	10,848	1,306	2,275	1,435	3,643	4,920	3,217
2000	16,324	5,439	312	399	10,009	1,209	2,361	1,524	3,277	3,330	2,091
2001	19,270	4,612	69	181	7,880	1,283	1,404	938	3,093	2,666	1,803
2002	21,193	4,207	13	40	7,837	1,204	1,175	724	2,850	2,480	1,728
2003	21,607	4,656	4	11	9,085	1,094	1,304	807	2,576	2,765	1,936

No data were collected.

(Note) The number of first actions indicates the number of appeals/ trial examination results made by appeal examiners

2) Appeals against Examiner's Decision to Decline Amendment

	Patents		Utility models		Designs		Trademarks	
	Appeals	Appeals accepted	Appeals	Appeals accepted	Appeals	Appeals accepted	Appeals	Appeals accepted
1994	140	108	31	25	0	5	1	1
1995	199	106	36	17	5	0	9	0
1996	154	92	29	16	5	2	4	1
1997	161	125	23	15	2	2	4	3
1998	138	102	19	15	2	0	2	0
1999	119	82	1	9	6	1	17	0
2000	99	53	2	1	26	2	11	2
2001	114	58	0	1	10	11	8	3
2002	85	49	0	0	11	8	5	1
2003	43	31	0	0	9	3	4	3

3) Trials for Correction

	Patents		Utility models	
	Appeals	Appeals accepted	Appeals	Appeals accepted
1994	47	29	12	10
1995	27	52	15	19
1996	32	15	8	7
1997	65	30	11	3
1998	69	56	23	11
1999	96	53	13	11
2000	151	68	13	10
2001	220	85	16	5
2002	261	107	13	7
2003	266	109	17	10

4) Trials for Invalidation

	Patents		Utility models		Designs		Trademarks	
	Appeals	Appeals accepted	Appeals	Appeals accepted	Appeals	Appeals accepted	Appeals	Appeals accepted
1994	113	41	62	12	54	18	185	64
1995	159	45	92	21	38	39	161	70
1996	125	39	108	31	45	39	181	77
1997	184	22	105	29	39	31	210	185
1998	252	46	130	52	30	25	317	136
1999	293	27	109	22	30	19	388	94
2000	296	77	95	34	53	17	307	100
2001	283	138	60	51	45	27	205	175
2002	260	156	42	32	43	26	214	175
2003	254	128	35	23	48	25	215	114

5) Trials for Cancellation

	Trademarks	
	Appeals	Appeals accepted
1994	803	660
1995	882	937
1996	1,109	591
1997	1,339	772
1998	1,454	1,079
1999	1,761	1,163
2000	1,576	1,072
2001	1,475	1,539
2002	1,500	1,227
2003	1,745	1,244

6) Hantei (Advisory Opinion)

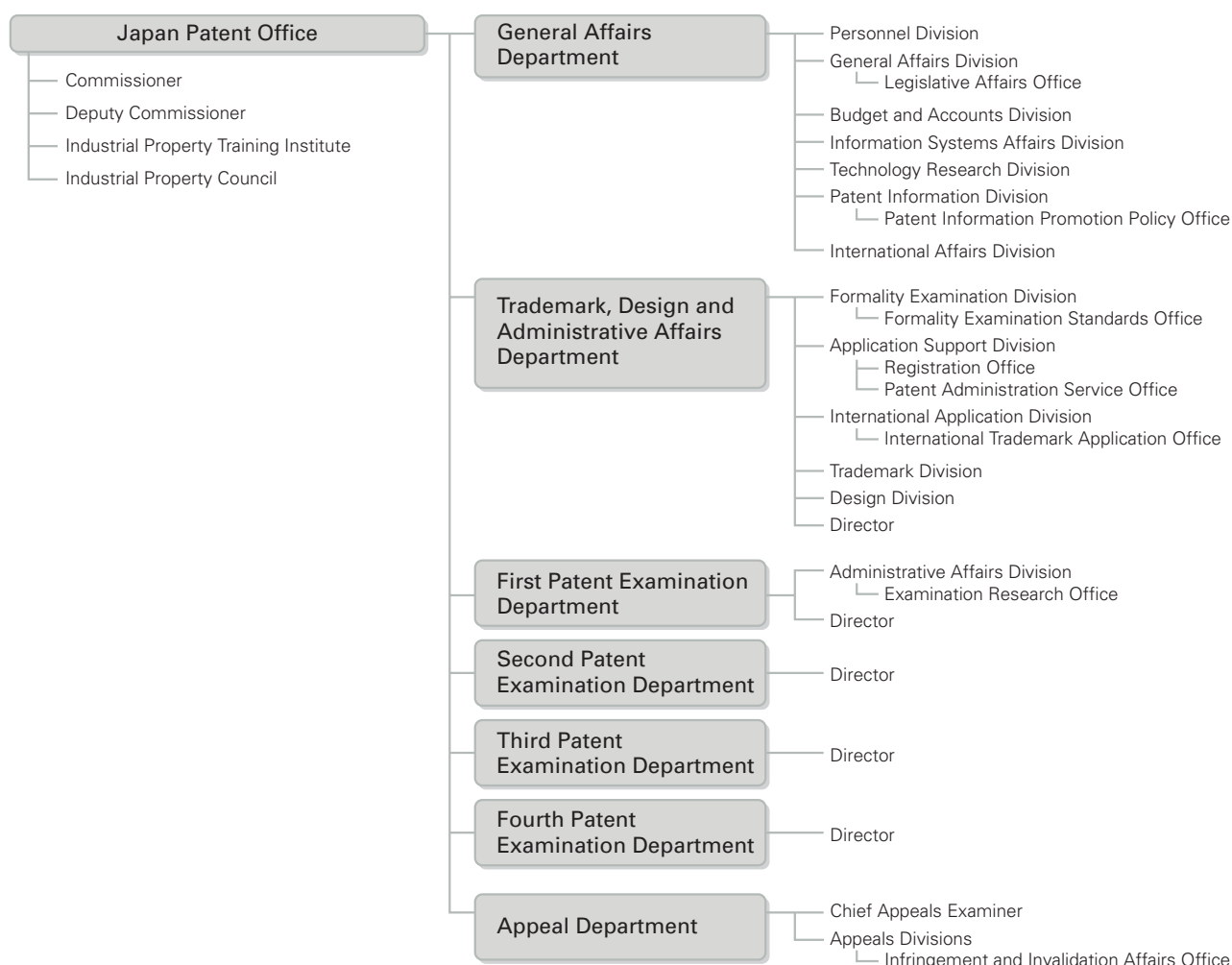
	Patents		Utility models		Designs		Trademarks	
	Requests	Requests regarded as justifiable	Requests	Requests regarded as justifiable	Requests	Requests regarded as justifiable	Requests	Requests regarded as justifiable
1994	23	3	9	15	11	1	3	5
1995	18	11	8	5	12	2	2	4
1996	9	8	10	2	8	9	1	1
1997	8	4	12	4	10	7	5	1
1998	20	9	17	8	22	9	16	4
1999	56	17	17	2	26	14	4	15
2000	78	33	43	14	38	10	16	2
2001	75	32	23	15	36	13	13	6
2002	48	33	20	11	39	16	8	8
2003	47	26	7	7	31	15	14	2

7) Oppositions

	Patents		Utility models		Trademarks	
	Oppositions	Oppositions accepted	Oppositions	Oppositions accepted	Oppositions	Oppositions accepted
1996	801 (1,009)	0	117 (140)	0	/	/
1997	5,322 (7,120)	427	877 (1,070)	70	719 (764)	0
1998	6,130 (7,986)	1,237	696 (824)	279	2,499 (2,621)	110
1999	4,566 (5,680)	1,501	325 (375)	185	1,722 (1,786)	314
2000	4,558 (5,700)	1,285	122 (146)	121	1,350 (1,396)	255
2001	3,536 (4,306)	1,281	35 (45)	69	994 (1,037)	167
2002	3,150 (3,850)		11 (12)	17	921 (967)	97
2003	3,896 (4,765)	837	4 (5)	3	860 (897)	95

(Note) The figures indicate the number of rights. Figures in brackets indicate the total number of oppositions filed. The post-grant opposition system was introduced for patents and utility models in January 1996, and for trademarks in April 1997. Due to the periods required for publication of gazettes and filing of oppositions, it was not until the end of the year of introduction that oppositions were filed on a full scale, and it was not until the following year trial examinations on oppositions actually started.

Organization of the JPO (as of April, 2004)



Regular Staffs

	FY2000	FY2001	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004
Total number of staffs	2,524	2,469	2,470	2,479	2,555
Examiners and Appeal examiners	1,672	1,686	1,699	1,721	1,834
Examiners	1,281	1,293	1,304	1,325	1,442
Patent/Utility model examiners	1,088	1,096	1,105	1,126	1,243
Design examiners	51	51	51	51	51
Trademark examiners	142	146	148	148	148
Appeal examiners	391	393	395	396	392
Clerical staff	852	783	771	758	721

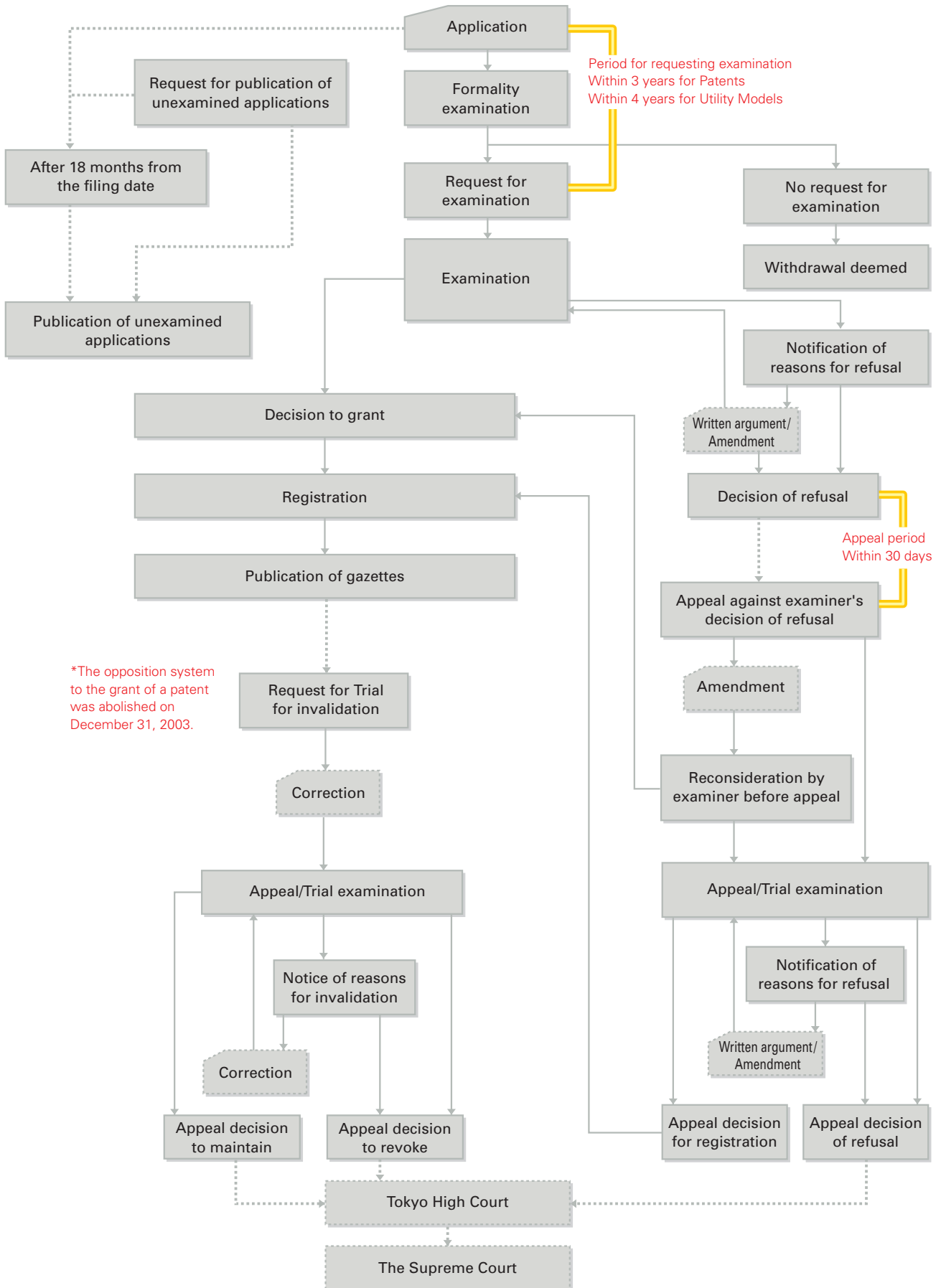
Budgets

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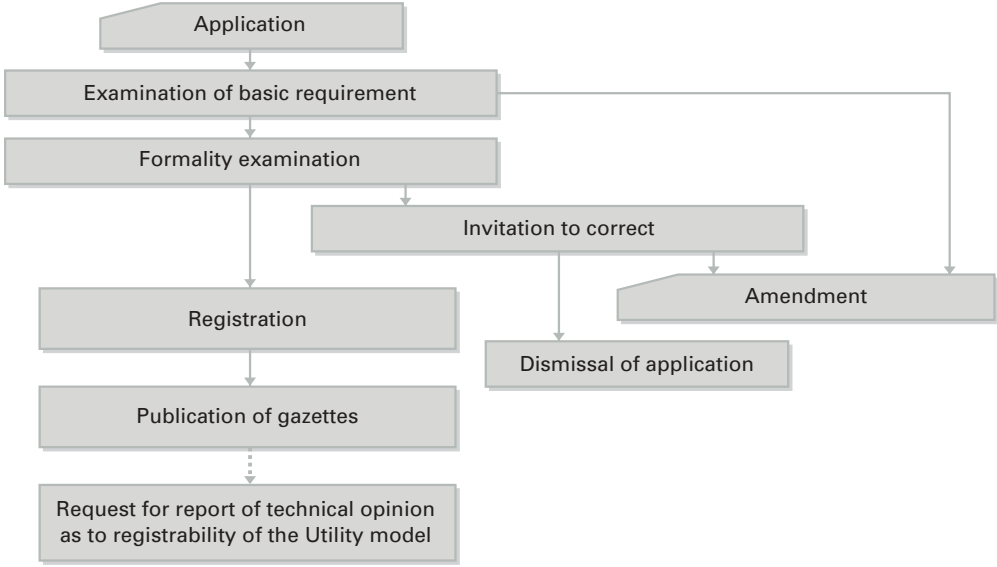
Item	FY2002	FY2003
Expenses for Administrative Process		130,600,205
General Administrative Expenses	108,433,717	77,667,049
Clerical Expenses (Ordinary)	37,603,742	38,171,588
Clerical Expenses on Examination and Appeal/ Trial Examination	23,348,713	23,148,137
Expenses for Reference Data Maintenance	13,357,967	11,807,134
Expenses for Patent Gazette Publication	5,885,201	4,321,592
Expenses for Patent Process Computerization	27,996,275	0
Expenses for Industrial Property Training Institute	241,819	218,598
Necessary Expenses for Patent Process Computerization	-	52,933,156
Transfer to Special Account for national Debt Liquidation Fund	26,301	28,153
Expenses for Facility Improvement	1,051,217	1,008,078
Operating Expenses for the National Center for Industrial Property Information	5,507,839	9,605,024
Reserves	600,000	400,000
Total Expenditure	115,619,074	141,641,460

Examination and Appeal/Trial Examination Flowchart

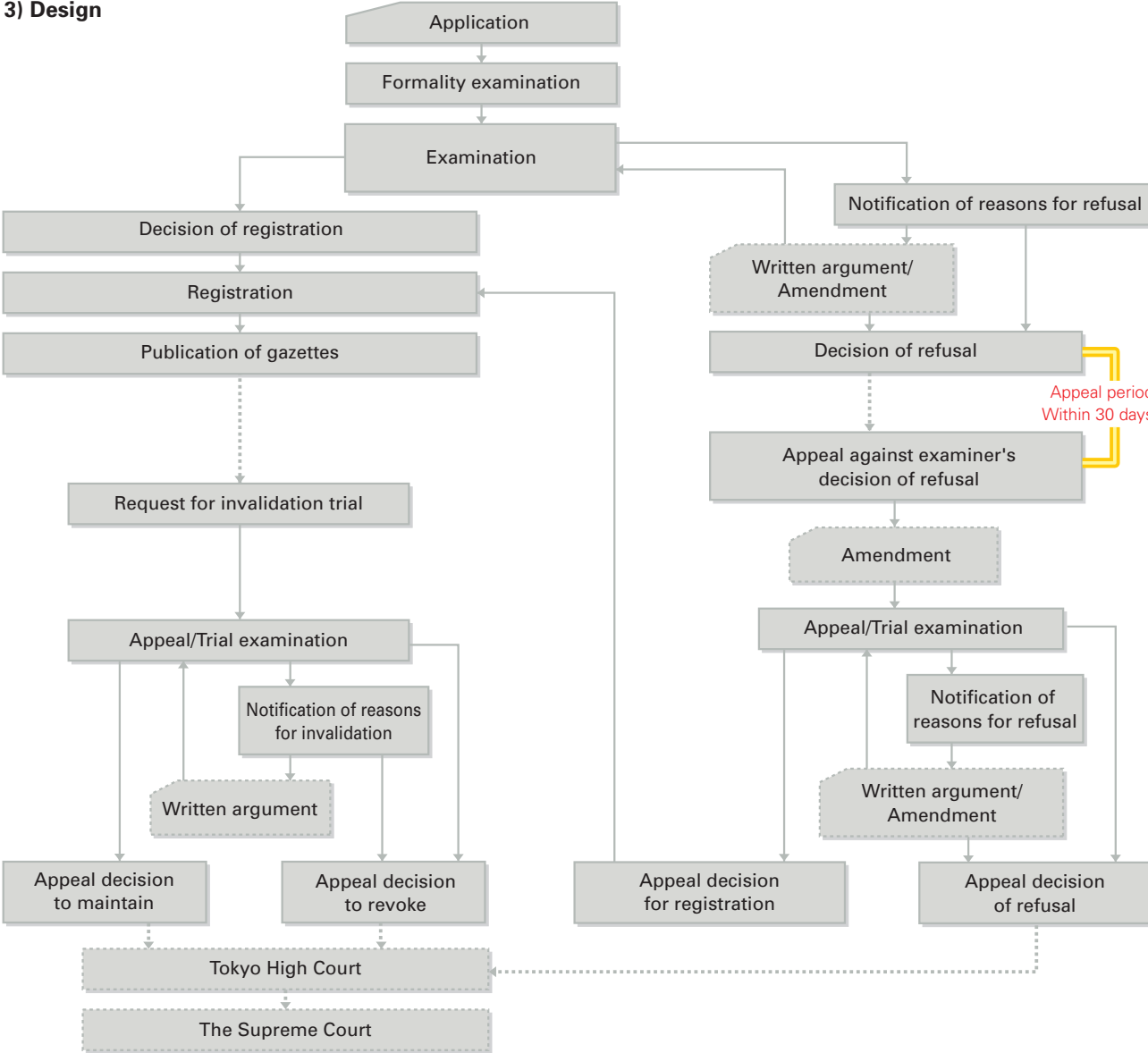
1) Patent and Utility model (under Old Law)



2) Utility model (under New Law)



3) Design



4) Trademark

