

## **Main Points of Revisions in Quality Management Manual for Design Examination**

The following items are the revisions made to Quality Management Manual for Design Examination (hereinafter, “Quality Manual”) dated on the first of July, 2022. These revisions mainly aim to align the Quality Manual with changes in the quality management system made after the previous revisions dated on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July, 2016.

- II. 1. (1) (ii) Interview examinations (p.24)
  - ✓ A revision associated with an update of the Interview Guidelines
- II. 2. (1) (iii) Understanding the current status of discrepancies in examination results between the JPO and foreign patent offices (p. 34)
  - ✓ An addition associated with a new measure
- II. 2. (3) Subcommittee on Examination Quality Management (p. 36)
  - ✓ An addition associated with the change of organizations in charge
- III. 1. Exchanging opinions with users (p. 42)
  - ✓ An addition associated with the added point of view in opinion exchanges with users
- III. 2. Improving the Quality of Applications and Drawings, etc. and Enhancing Prior Design Searches conducted by Applicants and Attorneys (p. 43)
  - ✓ A revision associated with the change of the e-learning service
- Minor revisions of words, including uniform spellings