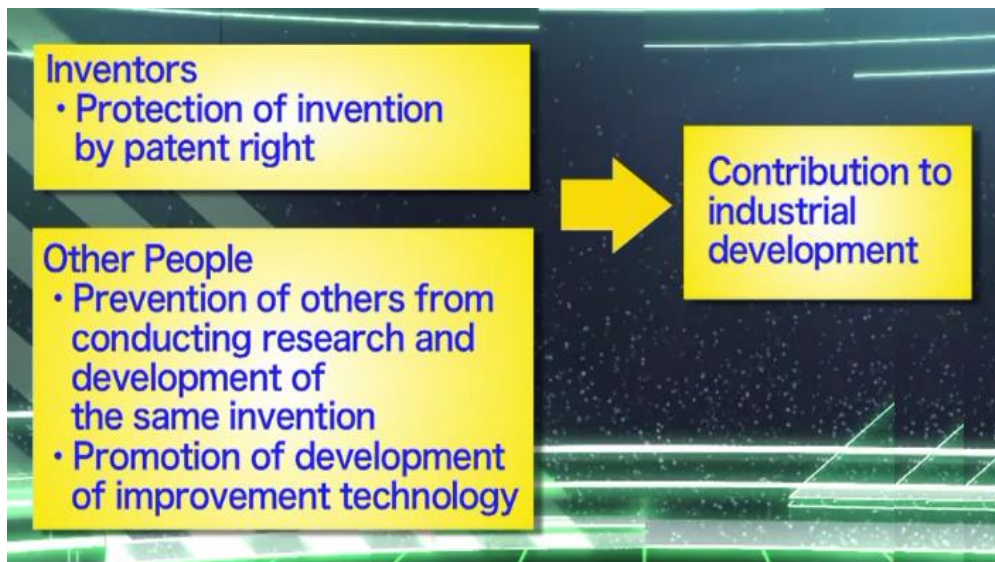


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Patent System

Patent Law, Article 1

The purpose of this Law is,
through promoting the protection
and the utilization of inventions,
to encourage inventions,
and thereby to contribute to
the development of industry.





- Already publicly known technology

- Invention which is not useful for industrial development

- Similar invention