

“The Industrial Property Rights System in Japan”
Chapter 2. The Patent System and Utility Model System

Novelty

The following invention lacks novelty.

- Publicly known in Japan or a foreign country prior to the filing of the patent application
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