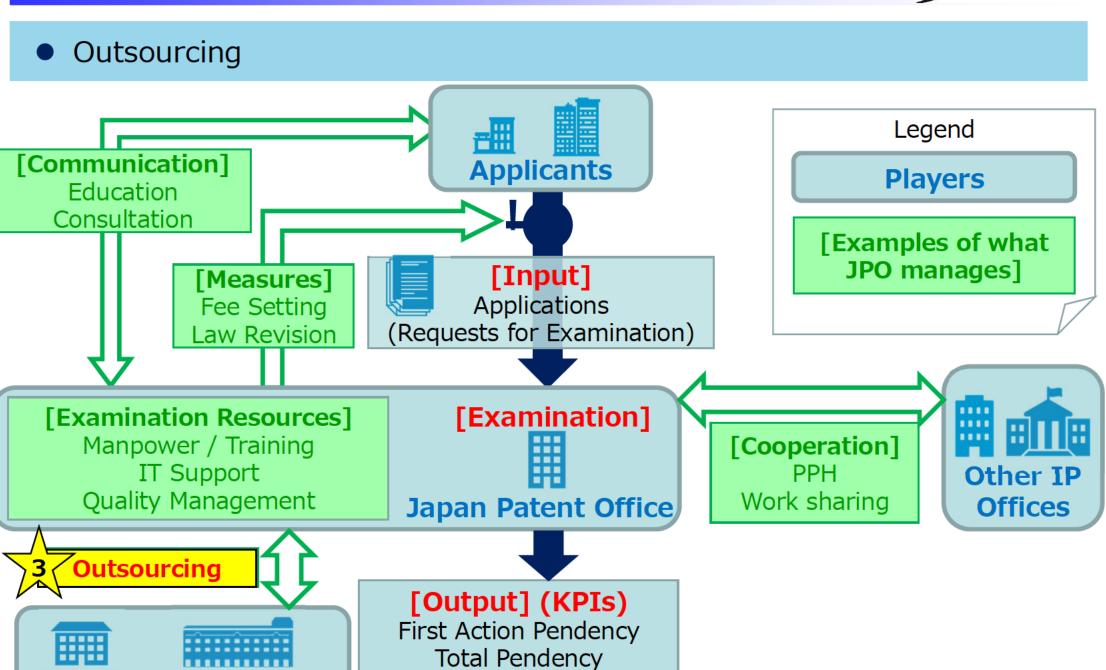
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An Example of Outsourcing (Prior Art Search in Patent Examination)

Examination without outsourcing

Find and Understand the claimed invention (40%)

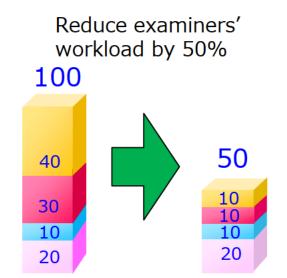
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In accordance with the law, search organizations must be registered and all searchers must be qualified,.

Examination with outsourcing

Find and Understand the claimed invention (10%)

Additional search (10%)

(50%)

Compare the claimed invention with the closest prior art (10%)

Determine of existence of "reasons for refusal"

Draft a notification or a decision (20%)

Searcher



Examiner

Report by dialogue

The searcher explains the claimed invention, specification, his/her search strategy, and found prior arts, etc. face-to-face with the examiner.