

# Table of Contents

## Preface

<b>Part 1</b>	<b>Trends of Industrial Property Rights</b>	<b>5</b>
Chapter 1	<b>Trends of Industrial Property Applications and Examination in Japan</b> 1. Patent 2. Utility Model 3. Design 4. Trademark	
Chapter 2	<b>Trends of Appeals and Trials at the JPO</b> 1. Status of Appeals and Trials 2. Status of Actions against the JPO Appeals Department's Decisions	
<b>Part 2</b>	<b>Government Efforts in Intellectual Property Activities</b>	<b>25</b>
Chapter 1	<b>Government-Wide Efforts</b> 1. Developments in Intellectual Property Strategies 2. Intellectual Property Strategic Program 2006 3. Economic Growth Policy Outline	
Chapter 2	<b>Efforts Related to Patents</b> 1. Action Plan for Expedient and Efficient Patent Examinations 2. Concrete Efforts in Patent Examination 3. Efforts of Companies and the JPO through Opinion Exchanges	
Chapter 3	<b>Efforts Related to Designs</b> 1. Clarification of the Details of the Determination in Design Examinations 2. Concrete Efforts Related to Designs	
Chapter 4	<b>Efforts Related to Trademarks</b> 1. Implementation of Accelerated Examination Based on Applicant Needs 2. Efforts Related to Regional Collective Trademarks	
Chapter 5	<b>Efforts Related to Appeals and Trials</b> 1. Concrete Efforts by the Appeals Department Column: Intellectual Property High Court	
Chapter 6	<b>Legal Amendment in 2006</b> 1. Amendment of the Design Act, etc.	
<b>Part 3</b>	<b>Government Support for Intellectual Property Activities</b>	<b>59</b>
Chapter 1	<b>Support for SMEs</b> 1. Comprehensive Support Measures for SMEs 2. Regional Support Frameworks	
Chapter 2	<b>Support for Universities</b> 1. Necessity of Intellectual Property Activities for Universities 2. Efforts to Support the Intellectual Property Activities at Universities, etc.	
Chapter 3	<b>Support for Activities through Information Technology</b> 1. Further Promotion of the Use of Information Technology 2. Promotion of Provision of Industrial Property Information 3. Information Provided on the JPO Website 4. Plan for Optimization of JPO Operations and Systems	
Chapter 4	<b>Raising Public Awareness of Intellectual Property and Development of Experts</b> 1. Raising Public Awareness 2. Development of Intellectual Property Experts Column: The National Center for Industrial Property Information and Training (NCIPI)	
<b>Part 4</b>	<b>International Trends and Efforts</b>	<b>89</b>
Chapter 1	<b>International Trends and Efforts Relating to Patents</b> 1. International Trends of Patent Applications 2. Cooperation among the Trilateral Offices	
Chapter 2	<b>International Trends and Efforts Relating to Designs</b> 1. International Trends of Design Applications 2. Examiners' Meeting in Cooperation with Foreign Intellectual Property Offices	
Chapter 3	<b>International Trends and Efforts Relating to Trademarks</b> 1. International Trends of Trademark Applications 2. Trilateral Cooperation in the Trademark Field	
Chapter 4	<b>International Efforts to Protect Intellectual Property</b> 1. Cooperation with Asian Countries 2. Cooperation in Developing Countries 3. Measures against Counterfeiting	
<b>Part 5</b>	<b>Statistical Data</b>	<b>111</b>