



Supporting Global Business with Reliable Intellectual Property

The year 1883, in the midst of the dramatic changes accompanying the Meiji Restoration, is said to have been a turning point for the intellectual property system in Japan. For the economic development of Japan, it was essential not only to introduce the latest technologies from overseas but also for Japan to grow its own indigenous industries. In the meantime, there was a pressing need to prevent counterfeit products which impair this growth.

Our predecessors discussed and came up with the concept of “an intellectual property system to support business” that became the foundation for the principles of the Japan Patent Office. These principles remain unchanged even in the era of AI and IoT, however, the services which we provide are changing flexibly to meet the needs of the times. Not only we grant reliable rights, but also we look into the future and support your business through intellectual property.

Speedy & High-Quality Examinations

Based on the concept of “world-leading examinations”,
we aim to achieve the world’s fastest and utmost quality examinations.

3 Strengths of the Japan Patent Office (JPO)

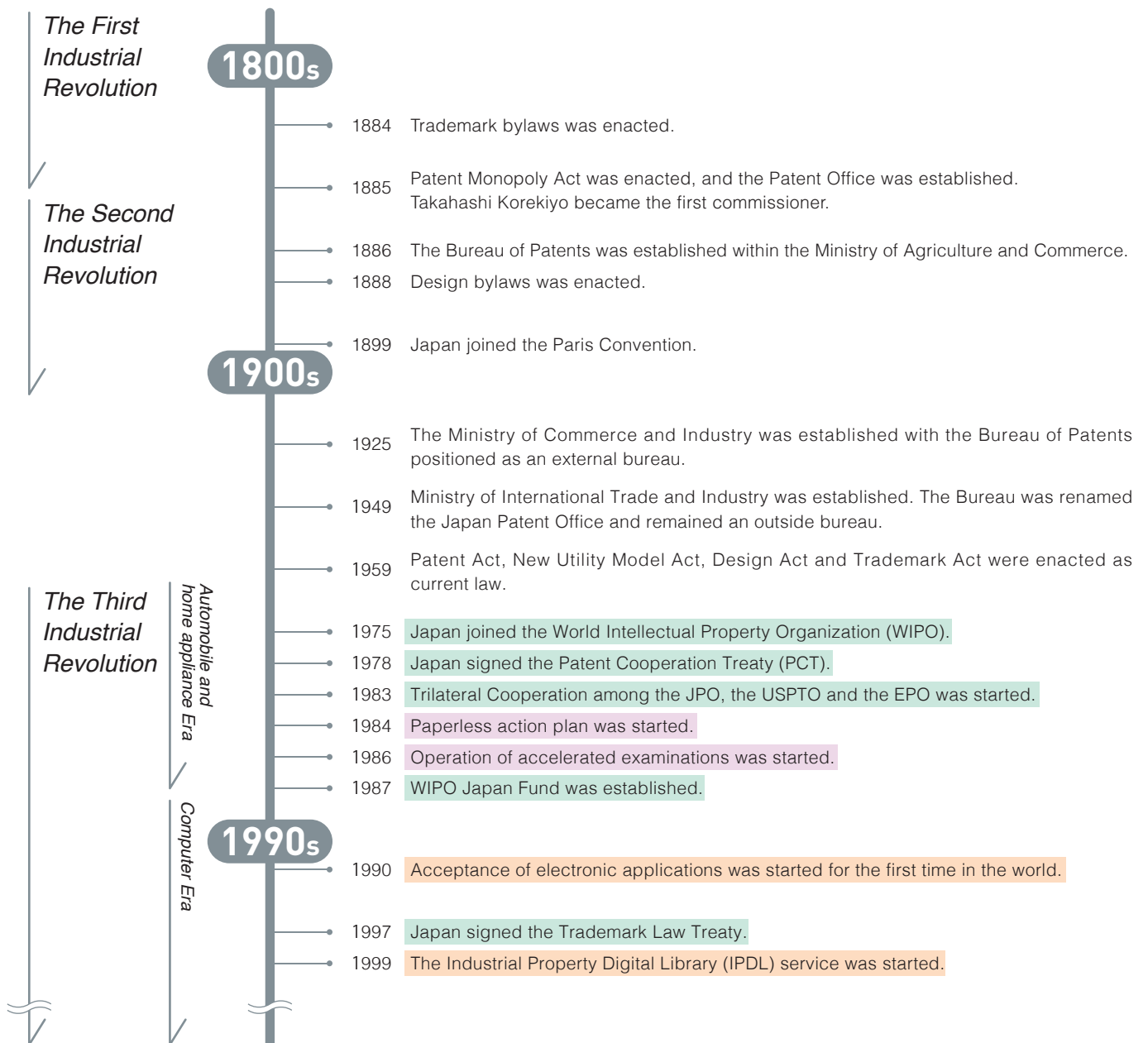
User- Friendliness

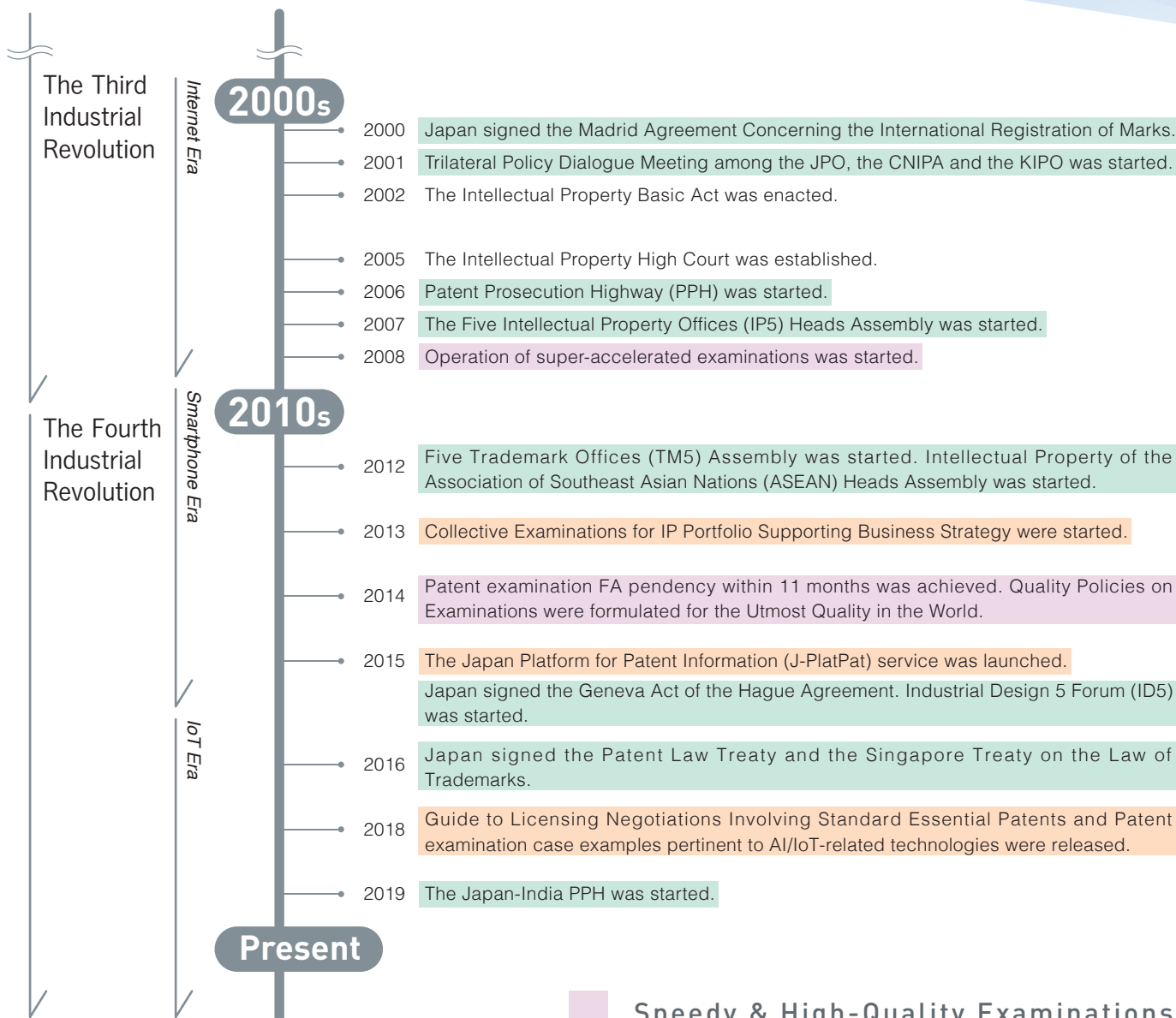
We stay close to you so that we can respond flexibly to your changing needs.

Global Network

We support global business of intellectual property right holders with Japan by promoting international cooperation.

History of the Japan Patent Office (JPO)





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Speedy & High-Quality Examinations

Working to create the world's fastest and utmost quality examinations.

Based on the vision of “world-leading examinations”, we have been aiming to achieve the world's fastest and utmost quality examinations so that once applicants obtain patents in Japan, the associated examination results will be upheld overseas to facilitate the smooth acquisition of rights with other IP offices abroad.

For this purpose, we have formulated a Quality Policies and established committees that utilize expert opinions. We are aiming for further improvements.

Speedy

0.6 months*¹

Patent examinations (fastest)

Speedy

1.7 months*¹

Trademark examinations (fastest)

Speedy

1.7 months*¹

Design examinations (fastest)



High-Quality
97.3 %^{*2}
Patent examinations (user satisfaction)

High-Quality
91.3 %^{*2}
Trademark examinations (user satisfaction)

High-Quality
96.5 %^{*2}
Design examinations (user satisfaction)

*1: Average time from the request for accelerated examination (or super-accelerated examination) until the first notification of examination result sent to the applicant (2019 examination results)

*2: Results of user survey conducted by the Japan Patent Office (FY 2020 survey)

Adapting flexibly to diverse needs.

We are adapting flexibly to constantly changing user needs.

The globalization of business, development of IT and advances in AI/IoT technologies have produced a diverse range of needs related to intellectual property systems. To respond to those needs, we are providing a wide variety of measures.

We continue to support your business in the time of transformation.

Collective Examinations for IP Portfolio Supporting Business Strategy

39 requests

We started the Collective Examinations for IP Portfolio Supporting Business Strategy in 2013 corresponding to the user demands for collective protection of product-related intellectual property before a new product is marketed. This system enables collective examinations on all applications for the patents, trademarks, and designs that are necessary for business and ensures timely acquisition of rights. In 2019, there were 39 such requests. Interview examinations are also conducted, which ensure smooth communication between the applicant and examiner. Interview examinations are available at no charge and were conducted 3,748 times in 2019.

More than

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patent examination case examples pertinent to AI/IoT-related technologies issued for the first time in the world

We had received numerous requests for information about key points for patenting inventions that utilize AI/IoT. Responding to the user needs, we released the world's first examples of case studies explaining the key points for acquiring rights to inventions utilizing these advanced technologies. More than 30 such case studies have been provided to the world.



The world's first SEP manual that analyzes more than

30

judicial precedents

We released “Guide to Licensing Negotiation Involving Standard Essential Patents (SEP)”. The Guide aims to enhance transparency and predictability, facilitate negotiations between rights holders and implements (patent users), and help prevent or quickly resolve disputes concerning the SEPs. It is the first guide of its kind in the world that analyzes more than 30 cases of judicial precedents. We also offer the “Advisory Opinion (Hantei) System for Essentiality Check”, which is a service to provide a fair and neutral opinion about the standard essentiality of a patent involved in license negotiations. We provide support for preventing and quickly resolving troubles related to intellectual property.

Protecting more than

600

regional brands as regional collective trademarks

We are supporting regional revitalization by protecting regional brands which combine region names and product names (or service names).

Global Network

Supporting the cutting edge of the times on a global scale.

We provide powerful support for your global business.

We take every opportunity to request and provide cooperation with entities around the world so that our users are able to build a global intellectual property portfolio with us.

Leading the world as one of five major patent offices that account for approximately

85%

of global patent applications

Approximately 85% of global patent applications are filed with five major patent offices, including the Japan Patent Office (JPO), the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), the European Patent Office (EPO), China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), and Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO). As one of the five major patent offices, we are leading the world's intellectual property initiatives in order to address global business activities and new technologies.

More than

6,700

intellectual property personnel trained

Technical cooperation with more than

80

countries and regions

We are also supporting the development of intellectual property environments in emerging and developing countries and regions. Our Cooperation in Human Resources Development is based on a wide range of intellectual property training, and it has fostered more than 6,700 intellectual property personnel.

Since 1987, we have also provided a variety of technical cooperation to more than 80 countries and regions through the contribution to the WIPO Funds-in-Trust Japan Industrial Property Global. We support the development of environments that provide suitable protection for the intellectual property, which is the engine of sustainable economic growth, and that contribute to your business.



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PPH partners

– the largest network in the world

We provide support for efficient acquisition of stable patent rights on a global scale. One of our support systems is the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH). The PPH allows you to quickly acquire rights from other intellectual property offices. With our largest PPH network in the world, we can help you develop your global intellectual property portfolio.

**Contributions to the WIPO for
more than**

45

years

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) is a special agency of the United Nations that administers an international intellectual property system. Since joining the WIPO in 1975, we have been contributing actively to WIPO activities. For example, as one of the largest users of the international applications for patents and international registrations for designs and trademarks administered by the WIPO, Japan makes numerous statements and proposals for improvements from a user perspective.

Organizational Chart



Policies, statistics, pamphlets, and other materials



JPO website



The JPO Quick Reads



JPO Status Report



List of JPO pamphlets

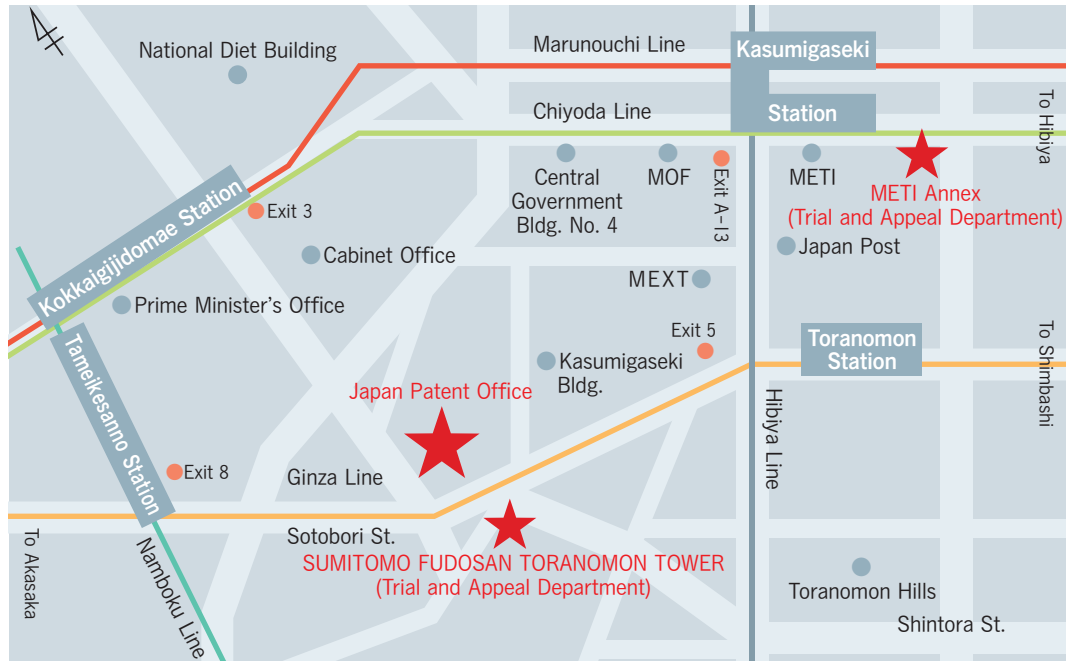
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Access

● Main Office



- 7 minutes on foot from Exit A13 of Kasumigaseki Station on the Marunouchi, Hibiya, and Chiyoda Lines
- 5 minutes on foot from Exit 3 of Kokkaigijidomae Station on the Marunouchi and Chiyoda Lines
- 4 minutes on foot from Exit 5 of Toranomon Station on the Ginza Line
- 5 minutes on foot from Exit 8 of Tameikesanno Station on the Namboku and Ginza Lines

● Temporary Roppongi Office



- Connected directly to Roppongi-itchome Station.
- 5 minutes on foot from Exit 5 of Roppongi Station on the Hibiya and Oedo Lines
- 8 minutes on foot from Exit 13 of Tameikesanno Station (Kokkaigijidomae Station) on the Ginza, Namboku, Marunouchi, and Chiyoda Lines
- 10 minutes on foot from Exit 2 of Kamiyacho Station on the Hibiya Line

