

Preliminary Statistical Data on Filing Applications and Requests

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*The preliminary data are tentatively compiled figures based on the JPO Statistical Database.
Please be noted that the data may be subject to change through continual data collection and processing.

1. Preliminary Statistical Data

(1) The Number of Applications

Year/Month	2014 12	2015 1	2	3	4	5	2015 1 - 5	Cum Sum of FY2015	2014 1 - 5	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014
Patents & Utility Models	30,282 (▲ 1.3)	23,239 (0.3)	26,594 (▲ 1.0)	40,848 (0.2)	24,792 (0.0)	22,287 (▲ 10.1)	137,760 (▲ 1.9)	47,079 (▲ 5.0)	140,376 (▲ 1.1)	332,967 (▲ 1.0)
Patents	29,717 (▲ 1.1)	22,713 (0.5)	26,082 (▲ 0.9)	40,193 (0.2)	24,177 (▲ 0.2)	21,755 (▲ 10.0)	134,920 (▲ 1.8)	45,932 (▲ 5.1)	137,390 (▲ 1.0)	325,979 (▲ 0.9)
Utility Models	565 (▲ 12.3)	526 (▲ 9.3)	512 (▲ 8.7)	655 (▲ 0.6)	615 (9.4)	532 (▲ 14.7)	2,840 (▲ 4.9)	1,147 (▲ 3.3)	2,986 (▲ 7.0)	6,988 (▲ 7.3)
Designs	2,909 (3.1)	2,020 (▲ 6.5)	2,455 (5.4)	2,923 (5.2)	2,534 (7.7)	2,291 (▲ 1.4)	12,223 (2.3)	4,825 (3.2)	11,944 (▲ 3.7)	29,868 (▲ 3.5)
Trademarks	11,251 (13.1)	10,902 (22.0)	10,463 (13.3)	12,639 (19.6)	13,725 (28.4)	10,253 (▲ 5.6)	57,982 (15.3)	23,978 (11.3)	50,283 (4.0)	129,708 (9.4)
National Applications	9,843 (11.3)	9,712 (22.5)	9,323 (13.0)	11,630 (20.6)	12,461 (29.0)	9,096 (▲ 5.6)	52,222 (15.7)	21,557 (11.7)	45,120 (6.1)	116,615 (10.5)
Total Number	44,442 (2.3)	36,161 (5.5)	39,512 (2.8)	56,410 (4.3)	41,051 (8.5)	34,831 (▲ 8.3)	207,965 (2.6)	75,882 (0.1)	202,603 (▲ 0.1)	492,543 (1.4)
Trademarks Class Counts	20,226 (30.3)	28,364 (106.7)	21,455 (47.5)	25,444 (42.0)	29,492 (75.7)	19,048 (4.2)	123,803 (52.4)	48,540 (38.5)	81,246 (14.9)	242,052 (32.3)

* The total number represents the sum of the numbers of each type of applications, excluding the Trademark class counts.

(2) The Number of International Applications

The figures in the brackets indicate the increase/decrease from the previous year.

		2014 12	2015 1	2	3	4	5	2015 1 - 5	Cum Sum of FY2015	2014 1 - 5	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014
Patents	RO	3,618 (▲ 2.3)	3,237 (10.3)	3,889 (13.8)	5,084 (▲ 2.0)	3,155 (8.8)	3,100 (1.7)	18,465 (5.6)	6,255 (5.2)	17,485 (▲ 7.0)	41,964 (▲ 1.4)
	DO	5,220 (5.2)	4,533 (4.4)	4,403 (0.2)	5,176 (2.5)	5,107 (4.2)	4,556 (▲ 6.2)	23,775 (1.0)	9,663 (▲ 1.0)	23,545 (7.1)	58,791 (6.3)
Designs	OO	-	-	-	-	-	2 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	-	-
	DO	-	-	-	-	-	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	-	-
Trademarks	OO	185 (▲ 3.6)	136 (20.4)	159 (1.3)	235 (39.9)	170 (2.4)	140 (6.1)	840 (14.1)	310 (4.0)	736 (▲ 3.2)	2,091 (12.1)
	DO	1,408 (27.8)	1,190 (18.1)	1,140 (15.7)	1,009 (9.1)	1,264 (23.1)	1,157 (▲ 5.0)	5,760 (11.6)	2,421 (7.8)	5,163 (▲ 11.3)	13,093 (0.6)

The number of PCT international applications filed with the JPO as a designated office is also included in the number of applications for patents and utility models.

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(3) The Number of Requests for Patent Examination and Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion

The percentages in the brackets () indicate the increase/decrease from the previous year.

Year/Month	2014 12	2015 1	2	3	4	5	2015 1 - 5	2014/4 - 5 Cum Sum of FY2015	2014 1 - 5	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014
Request for Patent Examination	19,353 (2.3)	20,378 (▲ 0.4)	22,175 (▲ 5.9)	25,686 (9.2)	18,584 (4.0)	17,443 (▲ 3.9)	104,266 (0.7)	36,027 (0.0)	103,558 (2.3)	246,234 (1.0)
Year-on-Year	18,919 (▲ 1.0)	20,466 (5.5)	23,554 (11.5)	23,520 (▲ 0.4)	17,873 (▲ 4.9)	18,145 (▲ 2.3)	- -	- -	- -	- -
Report of Utility Model Technical	31 (▲ 18.4)	15 (▲ 51.6)	34 (6.3)	65 (132.1)	38 (31.0)	36 (▲ 2.7)	188 (19.7)	74 (12.1)	157 (▲ 21.5)	424 (2.4)

(4) The Number of Requests for Trials and Appeals (Patents, Utility Models and Designs)

Year/Month		2014 12	2015 1	2	3	4	5	2015 1 - 5	Cum Sum of FY2015	2014 1 - 5	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014	
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	2,343 (0.6)	1,878 (6.3)	1,881 (▲ 7.3)	1,917 (8.6)	2,099 (0.3)	1,880 (▲ 9.0)	9,655 (▲ 0.7)	3,979 (▲ 4.3)	9,719 (0.5)	25,825 (4.8)	
	Trials for Invalidation	19 (▲ 38.7)	16 (0.0)	27 (107.7)	55 (161.9)	19 (11.8)	9 (▲ 57.1)	126 (43.2)	28 (▲ 26.3)	88 (▲ 12.0)	263 (7.8)	
	Trials for Cancellation	24 (▲ 22.6)	12 (▲ 52.0)	7 (▲ 56.3)	9 (12.5)	13 (30.0)	9 (▲ 30.8)	50 (▲ 30.6)	22 (▲ 4.3)	72 (▲ 14.3)	189 (▲ 21.3)	
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	7 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	3 (0.0)	2 (▲ 50.0)	3 (0.0)	3 (▲ 25.0)	13 (18.2)	6 (▲ 14.3)	11 (57.1)	42 (44.8)	
	Oppositions	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	- -	- -	- -
	Total	2,393 (0.0)	1,908 (5.5)	1,918 (▲ 6.8)	1,983 (10.3)	2,135 (0.6)	1,901 (▲ 9.6)	9,845 (▲ 0.5)	4,036 (▲ 80.3)	9,890 (0.3)	26,319 (4.6)	
Utility Models	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	
	Trials for Invalidation	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	6 (500.0)	7 (16.7)	
	Trials for Correction	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	
	Total	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	6 (500.0)	8 (33.3)	
Designs	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	46 (▲ 8.0)	15 (▲ 54.5)	38 (123.5)	31 (▲ 8.8)	38 (90.0)	24 (▲ 4.0)	146 (13.2)	62 (37.8)	129 (▲ 2.3)	389 (1.8)	
	Trials for Invalidation	2 (100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	3 (200.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	2 (0.0)	6 (0.0)	2 (▲ 33.3)	6 (▲ 50.0)	20 (53.8)	
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (▲ 66.7)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (0.0)	2 (▲ 66.7)	1 (▲ 66.7)	6 (▲ 25.0)	12 (▲ 20.0)	
	Total	48 (▲ 9.4)	15 (▲ 57.1)	42 (100.0)	32 (▲ 5.9)	38 (65.2)	27 (▲ 3.6)	154 (9.2)	65 (27.5)	141 (▲ 7.2)	421 (2.7)	

(5) The Number of Requests for Trials and Appeals (Trademarks, Total)

Year/Month		2014 12	2015 1	2	3	4	5	2015 1 - 5	2015/4 - 5 Cum Sum of FY2015	2014 1 - 5
Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	80 (19.4)	62 (▲ 16.2)	74 (▲ 1.3)	48 (▲ 48.9)	67 (▲ 5.6)	75 (50.0)	326 (▲ 10.4)	142 (17.4)	364 (6.1)
	Trials for Invalidation	19 (216.7)	10 (100.0)	5 (▲ 28.6)	8 (▲ 33.3)	13 (116.7)	12 (▲ 20.0)	48 (6.7)	25 (19.0)	45 (12.5)
	Trials for Cancellation	90 (3.4)	57 (▲ 17.4)	80 (▲ 10.1)	94 (2.2)	90 (13.9)	74 (▲ 19.6)	395 (▲ 6.2)	164 (▲ 4.1)	421 (▲ 8.3)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (▲ 66.7)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	2 (▲ 80.0)	1 (▲ 80.0)	10 (233.3)
	Oppositions	37 (0.0)	47 (42.4)	36 (2.9)	39 (21.9)	33 (6.5)	41 (0.0)	196 (14.0)	74 (2.8)	172 (▲ 5.5)
	Total	226 (14.1)	176 (▲ 3.8)	195 (▲ 5.3)	190 (▲ 18.5)	204 (8.5)	202 (0.0)	967 (▲ 4.4)	406 (4.1)	1,012 (▲ 1.5)
Total	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	2,469 (0.9)	1,955 (4.3)	1,993 (▲ 6.0)	1,996 (5.4)	2,204 (1.0)	1,979 (▲ 7.6)	10,127 (▲ 0.8)	4,183 (▲ 3.3)	10,212 (0.7)
	Trials for Invalidation	40 (5.3)	26 (4.0)	35 (66.7)	64 (93.9)	32 (18.5)	23 (▲ 41.0)	180 (24.1)	55 (▲ 16.7)	145 (▲ 5.2)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	7 (133.3)	2 (0.0)	4 (33.3)	3 (▲ 57.1)	4 (▲ 33.3)	4 (▲ 55.6)	17 (▲ 37.0)	8 (▲ 46.7)	27 (50.0)
	Trials for Correction (Patents & Utility Models)	24 (▲ 22.6)	12 (▲ 52.0)	7 (▲ 56.3)	9 (12.5)	13 (30.0)	9 (▲ 30.8)	50 (▲ 30.6)	22 (▲ 4.3)	72 (▲ 14.3)
	Trials for Cancellation (Trademarks)	90 (3.4)	57 (▲ 17.4)	80 (▲ 10.1)	94 (2.2)	90 (13.9)	74 (▲ 19.6)	395 (▲ 6.2)	164 (▲ 4.1)	421 (▲ 8.3)
	Oppositions (Trademarks)	37 (0.0)	47 (42.4)	36 (2.9)	39 (21.9)	34 (9.7)	41 (0.0)	197 (14.5)	75 (4.2)	172 (▲ 5.5)
	Total	2,667 (0.9)	2,099 (3.5)	2,155 (▲ 5.7)	2,205 (6.8)	2,377 (1.8)	2,130 (▲ 8.8)	10,966 (▲ 0.8)	4,507 (▲ 3.5)	11,049 (0.1)

(6) The Number of Registrations

The percentages in the brackets () indicate the increase/decrease from the previous year.

Year/Month		2014 12	2015 1	2	3	4	5	2015 1 - 5	2015/4 - 5 Cum Sum of FY2015	2014 1 - 5	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014
The Number of Registrations	Patents	16,487 (▲ 24.2)	16,825 (▲ 25.8)	14,941 (▲ 26.0)	16,550 (▲ 24.9)	16,550 (▲ 24.0)	17,433 (▲ 18.6)	82,299 (▲ 23.8)	33,983 (▲ 21.3)	108,059 (▲ 5.8)	210,579 (▲ 23.8)
	Utility Models	527 (▲ 9.8)	633 (2.3)	441 (▲ 14.5)	518 (▲ 4.8)	587 (▲ 12.0)	534 (▲ 12.3)	2,713 (▲ 8.2)	1,121 (▲ 12.1)	2,955 (▲ 8.4)	6,930 (▲ 2.9)
	Designs	1,970 (10.8)	1,865 (▲ 15.9)	2,027 (▲ 12.4)	2,212 (▲ 2.8)	2,434 (▲ 13.1)	2,578 (▲ 4.3)	11,116 (▲ 9.6)	5,012 (▲ 8.8)	12,301 (▲ 3.7)	26,603 (▲ 4.4)
	Trademarks	8,752 (23.7)	8,687 (25.4)	8,944 (23.1)	9,823 (24.9)	7,564 (6.4)	8,261 (▲ 0.1)	43,279 (15.6)	15,825 (2.9)	37,433 (▲ 15.0)	105,291 (5.6)
	National Applications	7,725 (20.7)	7,622 (21.4)	7,858 (19.1)	8,771 (23.5)	6,690 (3.8)	7,116 (▲ 5.2)	38,057 (12.2)	13,806 (▲ 1.0)	33,924 (▲ 15.4)	94,321 (4.7)
	International Applications	1,027 (52.6)	1,065 (63.1)	1,086 (62.6)	1,052 (38.2)	874 (31.2)	1,145 (50.5)	5,222 (48.8)	2,019 (41.5)	3,509 (▲ 10.8)	10,970 (13.2)
	Total	27,736 (▲ 11.0)	28,010 (▲ 13.6)	26,353 (▲ 13.0)	29,103 (▲ 11.1)	27,135 (▲ 16.1)	28,806 (▲ 12.7)	139,407 (▲ 13.3)	55,941 (▲ 14.4)	160,748 (▲ 8.0)	349,403 (▲ 15.0)
Class Counts of Trademark Registration	14,049 (26.3)	13,253 (19.8)	13,880 (22.6)	15,035 (21.0)	12,815 (13.0)	12,887 (▲ 6.9)	67,870 (13.1)	25,702 (2.1)	59,990 (▲ 12.8)	166,891 (6.2)	
Trademark Application for Renewal	6,346 (▲ 1.5)	6,884 (▲ 2.8)	6,879 (▲ 0.7)	9,415 (15.1)	7,618 (▲ 22.1)	6,265 (4.8)	37,061 (▲ 2.3)	13,883 (▲ 11.9)	37,944 (0.5)	85,930 (▲ 2.6)	