

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	2015 3	4	5	6	7	8	2015 1 - 8	2015/4 - 8 Cum Sum of	2014 1 - 8	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014
Patents & Utility Models	40,854 (0.3)	24,796 (0.0)	22,349 (▲ 9.8)	27,647 (▲ 1.8)	25,988 (▲ 3.7)	23,739 (▲ 3.2)	215,206 (▲ 2.2)	124,519 (▲ 3.6)	220,031 (▲ 0.7)	332,973 (▲ 1.0)
Patents	40,199 (0.3)	24,181 (▲ 0.2)	21,802 (▲ 9.8)	27,035 (▲ 1.9)	25,397 (▲ 3.5)	23,219 (▲ 3.2)	210,628 (▲ 2.1)	121,634 (▲ 3.7)	215,250 (▲ 0.5)	325,985 (▲ 0.9)
Utility Models	655 (▲ 0.6)	615 (9.4)	547 (▲ 12.3)	612 (3.2)	591 (▲ 10.3)	520 (▲ 4.2)	4,578 (▲ 4.2)	2,885 (▲ 3.2)	4,781 (▲ 7.8)	6,988 (▲ 7.3)
Designs	2,923 (5.2)	2,534 (7.7)	2,301 (▲ 0.9)	2,418 (▲ 7.2)	2,667 (13.8)	2,031 (▲ 12.2)	19,349 (0.7)	11,951 (0.1)	19,206 (▲ 5.2)	29,868 (▲ 3.5)
Trademarks	12,639 (19.6)	13,722 (28.4)	10,258 (▲ 5.5)	11,985 (6.9)	13,270 (17.0)	11,368 (21.6)	94,607 (15.1)	60,603 (13.4)	82,177 (5.2)	129,708 (9.4)
National Applications	11,630 (20.6)	12,458 (28.9)	9,101 (▲ 5.6)	10,819 (4.3)	11,622 (15.0)	10,162 (21.8)	84,827 (14.7)	54,162 (12.6)	73,939 (7.5)	116,615 (10.5)
Total Number	56,416 (4.3)	41,052 (8.5)	34,908 (▲ 8.1)	42,050 (0.2)	41,925 (3.1)	37,138 (2.6)	329,162 (2.4)	197,073 (1.3)	321,414 (0.4)	492,549 (1.4)
Trademarks Class Counts	25,444 (42.0)	29,492 (75.7)	20,673 (13.1)	22,758 (3.3)	32,718 (63.6)	19,644 (26.4)	200,548 (44.5)	125,285 (35.3)	138,819 (20.4)	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.

		2015 3	4	5	6	7	8	2015 1 - 8	2015/4 - 8 Cum Sum of	2014 1 - 8	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014
Patents	RO	5,084 (▲ 2.0)	3,155 (8.8)	3,100 (1.7)	3,776 (7.8)	3,552 (5.4)	3,461 (15.8)	29,254 (7.0)	17,044 (7.8)	27,347 (▲ 4.6)	41,964 (▲ 1.4)
	DO	5,176 (2.5)	5,107 (4.2)	4,557 (▲ 6.2)	5,744 (1.0)	4,647 (1.9)	4,614 (2.2)	38,781 (1.2)	24,669 (0.6)	38,306 (8.3)	58,791 (6.3)
Designs	OO	- -	- -	2 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	3 (0.0)	6 (0.0)	6 (0.0)	- -	- -
	DO	- -	- -	0 (0.0)	17 (0.0)	25 (0.0)	84 (0.0)	126 (0.0)	126 (0.0)	- -	- -
Trademarks	OO	235 (39.9)	170 (2.4)	140 (6.1)	157 (▲ 17.4)	216 (19.3)	168 (5.7)	1,381 (9.1)	851 (2.8)	1,266 (4.1)	2,091 (12.1)
	DO	1,009 (9.1)	1,264 (23.1)	1,157 (▲ 5.0)	1,166 (39.6)	1,648 (33.4)	1,206 (20.0)	9,780 (18.7)	6,441 (21.1)	8,238 (▲ 12.2)	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	2015 3	4	5	6	7	8	2015 1 - 8	2015/4 - 8 Cum Sum of FY2015	2014 1 - 8	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014
Request for Patent Examination	25,683 (9.2)	18,581 (4.0)	17,447 (▲ 3.8)	19,423 (▲ 3.1)	19,784 (1.5)	18,609 (▲ 8.6)	162,080 (▲ 0.8)	93,844 (▲ 2.2)	163,461 (2.0)	246,231 (1.0)
Year-on-Year	23,520 (▲ 0.4)	17,873 (▲ 4.9)	18,145 (▲ 2.3)	20,044 (2.7)	19,498 (0.9)	20,361 (▲ 0.2)	- -	- -	- -	- -
Report of Utility Model Technical	65 (132.1)	38 (31.0)	38 (2.7)	40 (11.1)	44 (2.3)	30 (3.4)	304 (14.7)	190 (9.2)	265 (▲ 14.0)	424 (2.4)

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

Year/Month		2015 3	4	5	6	7	8	2015 1 - 8	2015/4 - 8 Cum Sum of FY2015	2014 1 - 8	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,917 (8.6)	2,099 (0.3)	1,880 (▲ 9.0)	2,181 (▲ 4.6)	1,985 (▲ 19.2)	1,465 (▲ 29.0)	15,286 (▲ 7.5)	9,610 (▲ 12.3)	16,523 (3.5)	25,825 (4.8)
	Trials for Invalidation	55 (161.9)	19 (11.8)	9 (▲ 57.1)	13 (▲ 35.0)	14 (▲ 26.3)	11 (▲ 21.4)	164 (16.3)	66 (▲ 27.5)	141 (▲ 11.9)	263 (7.8)
	Trials for Cancellation	9 (12.5)	13 (30.0)	9 (▲ 30.8)	20 (17.6)	17 (183.3)	8 (▲ 72.4)	95 (▲ 23.4)	67 (▲ 10.7)	124 (▲ 3.1)	189 (▲ 21.3)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	2 (▲ 50.0)	3 (0.0)	3 (▲ 25.0)	1 (▲ 50.0)	4 (33.3)	1 (▲ 80.0)	19 (▲ 9.5)	12 (▲ 29.4)	21 (50.0)	42 (44.8)
	Oppositions	- -	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	7 (0.0)	7 (0.0)	16 (0.0)	16 (0.0)	- -	- -
	Total	1,983 (10.3)	2,135 (0.6)	1,901 (▲ 9.6)	2,216 (▲ 4.6)	2,027 (▲ 18.4)	1,492 (▲ 29.3)	15,580 (▲ 7.3)	9,771 (▲ 12.3)	16,809 (3.3)	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 (▲ 100.0)	2 (100.0)	2 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	4 (▲ 42.9)	4 (▲ 20.0)	7 (75.0)	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 (▲ 100.0)	2 (100.0)	2 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	4 (▲ 42.9)	4 (▲ 20.0)	7 (75.0)	8 (33.3)
Designs	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	31 (▲ 8.8)	38 (90.0)	24 (▲ 4.0)	24 (▲ 48.9)	30 (25.0)	45 (55.2)	245 (7.0)	161 (11.0)	229 (▲ 0.4)	389 (1.8)
	Trials for Invalidation	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	2 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	2 (▲ 50.0)	1 (0.0)	9 (▲ 30.8)	5 (▲ 50.0)	13 (▲ 18.8)	20 (53.8)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (▲ 50.0)	3 (▲ 72.7)	2 (▲ 75.0)	11 (22.2)	12 (▲ 20.0)
	Total	32 (▲ 5.9)	38 (65.2)	27 (▲ 3.6)	24 (▲ 52.0)	32 (6.7)	47 (46.9)	257 (1.6)	168 (3.1)	253 (▲ 0.8)	421 (2.7)

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

Year/Month		2015 3	4	5	6	7	8	2015 1 - 8	2015/4 - 8 Cum Sum of FY2015	2014 1 - 8
Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	48 (▲ 48.9)	67 (▲ 5.6)	75 (50.0)	120 (76.5)	90 (36.4)	84 (21.7)	620 (9.3)	436 (34.6)	567 (▲ 15.1)
	Trials for Invalidation	8 (▲ 33.3)	13 (116.7)	14 (▲ 6.7)	7 (▲ 36.4)	7 (75.0)	6 (100.0)	70 (11.1)	47 (20.5)	63 (0.0)
	Trials for Cancellation	94 (2.2)	90 (13.9)	87 (▲ 5.4)	88 (8.6)	97 (▲ 4.9)	68 (▲ 17.1)	661 (▲ 3.6)	430 (▲ 1.4)	686 (▲ 10.1)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (▲ 66.7)	1 (0.0)	1 (▲ 75.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 #DIV/0!	0 #DIV/0!	3 (▲ 72.7)	2 (▲ 66.7)	11 (120.0)
	Oppositions	39 (21.9)	33 (6.5)	41 (0.0)	55 (89.7)	43 (65.4)	25 (▲ 24.2)	319 (22.7)	197 (23.1)	260 (▲ 18.8)
	Total	190 (▲ 18.5)	204 (8.5)	218 (7.9)	270 (42.1)	237 (19.7)	183 (▲ 2.1)	1,673 (5.4)	1,112 (15.2)	1,587 (▲ 12.8)
Total	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,996 (5.4)	2,204 (1.0)	1,979 (▲ 7.6)	2,325 (▲ 3.1)	2,105 (▲ 17.4)	1,594 (▲ 26.2)	16,151 (▲ 6.7)	10,207 (▲ 10.7)	17,319 (2.7)
	Trials for Invalidation	64 (93.9)	32 (18.5)	25 (▲ 35.9)	22 (▲ 35.3)	25 (▲ 7.4)	18 (0.0)	247 (10.3)	122 (▲ 15.9)	224 (▲ 7.8)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	3 (▲ 57.1)	4 (▲ 33.3)	5 (▲ 44.4)	1 (▲ 75.0)	4 (▲ 20.0)	2 (▲ 71.4)	25 (▲ 41.9)	16 (▲ 48.4)	43 (53.6)
	Trials for Correction (Patents & Utility Models)	9 (12.5)	13 (30.0)	9 (▲ 30.8)	20 (17.6)	17 (183.3)	8 (▲ 72.4)	95 (▲ 23.4)	67 (▲ 10.7)	124 (▲ 3.1)
	Trials for Cancellation (Trademarks)	94 (2.2)	90 (13.9)	87 (▲ 5.4)	88 (8.6)	97 (▲ 4.9)	68 (▲ 17.1)	661 (▲ 3.6)	430 (▲ 1.4)	686 (▲ 10.1)
	Oppositions (Trademarks)	39 (21.9)	34 (9.7)	41 (0.0)	56 (93.1)	50 (92.3)	32 (▲ 3.0)	335 (28.8)	213 (33.1)	260 (▲ 18.8)
	Total	2,205 (6.8)	2,377 (1.8)	2,146 (▲ 8.1)	2,512 (▲ 2.1)	2,298 (▲ 15.3)	1,722 (▲ 26.1)	17,514 (▲ 6.1)	11,055 (▲ 10.0)	18,656 (1.7)

(6) The Number of Registrations

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Year/Month		2015 3	4	5	6	7	8	2015 1 - 8	2015/4 - 8 Cum Sum of FY2015	2014 1 - 8	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014
The Number of Registrations	Patents	16,550 (▲ 24.9)	16,550 (▲ 24.0)	17,433 (▲ 18.6)	14,241 (▲ 11.7)	17,903 (10.9)	13,086 (▲ 33.8)	127,529 (▲ 20.3)	79,213 (▲ 16.8)	160,090 (▲ 13.6)	210,579 (▲ 23.8)
	Utility Models	518 (▲ 4.8)	587 (▲ 12.0)	534 (▲ 12.3)	504 (4.3)	727 (3.7)	516 (▲ 8.0)	4,460 (▲ 5.1)	2,868 (▲ 5.1)	4,700 (▲ 7.3)	6,930 (▲ 2.9)
	Designs	2,212 (▲ 2.8)	2,434 (▲ 13.1)	2,578 (▲ 4.3)	2,110 (6.2)	2,612 (16.9)	2,096 (▲ 7.4)	17,934 (▲ 4.5)	11,830 (▲ 1.2)	18,785 (▲ 4.4)	26,603 (▲ 4.4)
	Trademarks	9,823 (24.9)	7,564 (6.4)	8,261 (▲ 0.1)	7,509 (▲ 8.8)	9,487 (13.6)	7,051 (▲ 32.4)	67,326 (4.5)	39,872 (▲ 6.0)	64,454 (▲ 9.7)	105,291 (5.6)
	National Applications	8,771 (23.5)	6,690 (3.8)	7,116 (▲ 5.2)	6,771 (▲ 10.5)	8,326 (11.7)	6,265 (▲ 33.7)	59,419 (1.7)	35,168 (▲ 8.5)	58,404 (▲ 10.1)	94,321 (4.7)
	International Applications	1,052 (38.2)	874 (31.2)	1,145 (50.5)	738 (11.5)	1,161 (29.3)	786 (▲ 19.9)	7,907 (30.7)	4,704 (18.5)	6,050 (▲ 5.7)	10,970 (13.2)
	Total	29,103 (▲ 11.1)	27,135 (▲ 16.1)	28,806 (▲ 12.7)	24,364 (▲ 9.2)	30,729 (12.0)	22,749 (▲ 31.1)	217,249 (▲ 12.4)	133,783 (▲ 12.3)	248,029 (▲ 11.9)	349,403 (▲ 15.0)
Class Counts of Trademark Registration	15,035 (21.0)	12,815 (13.0)	12,887 (▲ 6.9)	12,039 (▲ 7.0)	15,136 (15.1)	11,442 (▲ 31.4)	106,487 (3.6)	64,319 (▲ 5.3)	102,758 (▲ 8.2)	166,891 (6.2)	
Trademark Application for Renewal	9,415 (15.1)	7,618 (▲ 22.1)	6,265 (4.8)	9,167 (32.0)	7,239 (▲ 14.5)	6,747 (19.7)	60,214 (2.1)	37,036 (0.6)	58,998 (▲ 0.4)	85,930 (▲ 2.6)	