

# Preliminary Statistical Data on Filing Applications and Requests

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# 1. Preliminary Statistical Data

## (1) The Number of Applications

Year/Month	2015 5	6	7	8	9	10	2015 1 - 10	2015/4 - 10 Cum Sum of	2014 1 - 10	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014
Patents & Utility Models	22,349 (▲ 9.8)	27,638 (▲ 1.8)	25,988 (▲ 3.7)	23,762 (▲ 3.1)	32,164 (0.6)	25,011 (▲ 7.0)	272,395 (▲ 2.3)	181,708 (▲ 3.4)	278,905 (▲ 0.1)	332,973 (▲ 1.0)
Patents	21,802 (▲ 9.8)	27,026 (▲ 1.9)	25,396 (▲ 3.5)	23,237 (▲ 3.1)	31,571 (0.7)	24,439 (▲ 7.1)	266,646 (▲ 2.3)	177,652 (▲ 3.4)	272,912 (0.0)	325,985 (▲ 0.9)
Utility Models	547 (▲ 12.3)	612 (3.2)	592 (▲ 10.2)	525 (▲ 3.3)	593 (▲ 2.8)	572 (▲ 5.0)	5,749 (▲ 4.1)	4,056 (▲ 3.3)	5,993 (▲ 7.0)	6,988 (▲ 7.3)
Designs	2,301 (▲ 0.9)	2,418 (▲ 7.2)	2,667 (13.8)	2,041 (▲ 11.8)	2,370 (▲ 12.4)	2,755 (1.6)	24,484 (▲ 0.6)	17,086 (▲ 1.6)	24,624 (▲ 4.3)	29,868 (▲ 3.5)
Trademarks	10,258 (▲ 5.5)	11,985 (6.9)	13,270 (17.0)	11,373 (21.7)	11,998 (17.3)	12,656 (13.8)	119,266 (15.2)	85,262 (14.0)	103,523 (5.2)	129,708 (9.4)
National Applications	9,101 (▲ 5.6)	10,819 (4.3)	11,622 (15.0)	10,167 (21.9)	10,855 (13.8)	11,038 (11.6)	106,725 (14.3)	76,060 (12.6)	93,365 (7.6)	116,615 (10.5)
Total Number	34,908 (▲ 8.1)	42,041 (0.2)	41,925 (3.1)	37,176 (2.7)	46,532 (3.6)	40,422 (▲ 0.8)	416,145 (2.2)	284,056 (1.4)	407,052 (0.9)	492,549 (1.4)
Trademarks Class Counts	20,673 (13.1)	22,758 (3.3)	32,725 (63.7)	24,235 (56.0)	24,516 (32.1)	19,093 (3.0)	248,755 (41.4)	173,492 (33.7)	175,914 (20.0)	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 5	6	7	8	9	10	2015 1 - 10	2015/4 - 10 Cum Sum of	2014 1 - 10	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014	
Patents	RO	3,100 (1.7)	3,776 (7.8)	3,552 (5.4)	3,461 (15.8)	3,649 (▲ 6.9)	3,461 (0.8)	36,364 (4.8)	24,154 (4.3)	34,703 (▲ 4.0)	41,964 (▲ 1.4)
	DO	4,557 (▲ 6.2)	5,740 (1.0)	4,645 (1.8)	4,614 (2.2)	7,650 (43.4)	4,640 (▲ 9.8)	51,065 (4.7)	36,953 (5.6)	48,785 (9.0)	58,791 (6.3)
Designs	OO	2 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	3 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	3 (0.0)	10 (0.0)	10 (0.0)	-	-
	DO	0 (0.0)	17 (0.0)	25 (0.0)	84 (0.0)	56 (0.0)	80 (0.0)	262 (0.0)	262 (0.0)	-	-
Trademarks	OO	140 (6.1)	157 (▲ 17.4)	216 (19.3)	168 (5.7)	209 (16.8)	182 (▲ 2.2)	1,772 (8.6)	1,242 (4.1)	1,631 (5.1)	2,091 (12.1)
	DO	1,157 (▲ 5.0)	1,166 (39.6)	1,648 (33.4)	1,206 (20.0)	1,143 (65.7)	1,618 (31.5)	12,541 (23.5)	9,202 (27.1)	10,158 (▲ 12.9)	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 5	6	7	8	9	10	2015 1 - 10	2015/4 - 10 Cum Sum of FY2015	2014 1 - 10	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014
Request for Patent Examination	17,447 (▲ 3.8)	19,417 (▲ 3.1)	19,789 (1.5)	18,606 (▲ 8.6)	21,025 (▲ 6.5)	18,859 (▲ 10.8)	201,960 (▲ 2.5)	133,724 (▲ 4.2)	207,087 (2.8)	246,231 (1.0)
Year-on-Year	18,145 (▲ 2.3)	20,044 (2.7)	19,498 (0.9)	20,361 (▲ 0.2)	22,476 (6.3)	21,150 (5.9)	- -	- -	- -	- -
Report of Utility Model Technical	38 (2.7)	40 (11.1)	44 (2.3)	31 (6.9)	34 (30.8)	21 (▲ 61.8)	360 (4.0)	246 (▲ 3.5)	346 (▲ 6.2)	424 (2.4)

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

Year/Month		2015 5	6	7	8	9	10	2015 1 - 10	2015/4 - 10 Cum Sum of FY2015	2014 1 - 10	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,880 (▲ 9.0)	2,181 (▲ 4.6)	1,985 (▲ 19.2)	1,465 (▲ 29.0)	1,634 (▲ 28.1)	1,736 (▲ 31.0)	18,656 (▲ 12.5)	12,980 (▲ 17.6)	21,310 (5.4)	25,825 (4.8)
	Trials for Invalidation	9 (▲ 57.1)	13 (▲ 35.0)	14 (▲ 26.3)	11 (▲ 21.4)	18 (▲ 14.3)	14 (27.3)	196 (13.3)	98 (▲ 20.3)	173 (▲ 16.0)	263 (7.8)
	Trials for Cancellation	9 (▲ 30.8)	20 (17.6)	17 (183.3)	8 (▲ 72.4)	15 (▲ 16.7)	7 (▲ 65.0)	117 (▲ 27.8)	89 (▲ 21.2)	162 (▲ 12.9)	189 (▲ 21.3)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	3 (▲ 25.0)	1 (▲ 50.0)	4 (33.3)	1 (▲ 80.0)	5 (25.0)	2 (▲ 60.0)	26 (▲ 13.3)	19 (▲ 26.9)	30 (87.5)	42 (44.8)
	Oppositions	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	7 (0.0)	7 (0.0)	36 (0.0)	100 (0.0)	152 (0.0)	152 (0.0)	- -	- -
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,901 (▲ 9.6)</b>	<b>2,216 (▲ 4.6)</b>	<b>2,027 (▲ 18.4)</b>	<b>1,492 (▲ 29.3)</b>	<b>1,708 (▲ 26.2)</b>	<b>1,859 (▲ 27.1)</b>	<b>19,147 (▲ 11.7)</b>	<b>13,338 (▲ 16.7)</b>	<b>21,675 (5.1)</b>	<b>26,319 (4.6)</b>
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 (▲ 100.0)	2 (100.0)	2 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	6 (▲ 25.0)	6 (0.0)	8 (100.0)	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)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0 (▲ 100.0)</b>	<b>2 (100.0)</b>	<b>2 (0.0)</b>	<b>0 (0.0)</b>	<b>1 (0.0)</b>	<b>1 (0.0)</b>	<b>6 (▲ 25.0)</b>	<b>6 (0.0)</b>	<b>8 (100.0)</b>	<b>8 (33.3)</b>
Designs	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	24 (▲ 4.0)	24 (▲ 48.9)	30 (25.0)	45 (55.2)	41 (▲ 2.4)	27 (▲ 38.6)	313 (▲ 0.6)	229 (▲ 0.9)	315 (10.1)	389 (1.8)
	Trials for Invalidation	2 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	2 (▲ 50.0)	1 (0.0)	2 (100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	11 (▲ 35.3)	7 (▲ 50.0)	17 (▲ 5.6)	20 (53.8)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (▲ 50.0)	1 (▲ 50.0)	0 (0.0)	4 (▲ 69.2)	3 (▲ 70.0)	13 (18.2)	12 (▲ 20.0)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>27 (▲ 3.6)</b>	<b>24 (▲ 52.0)</b>	<b>32 (6.7)</b>	<b>47 (46.9)</b>	<b>44 (▲ 2.2)</b>	<b>27 (▲ 42.6)</b>	<b>328 (▲ 4.9)</b>	<b>239 (▲ 6.3)</b>	<b>345 (9.5)</b>	<b>421 (2.7)</b>

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

Year/Month		2015 5	6	7	8	9	10	2015 1 - 10	2015/4 - 10 Cum Sum of FY2015	2014 1 - 10
Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	75 (50.0)	120 (76.5)	90 (36.4)	84 (21.7)	74 (8.8)	57 (▲ 31.3)	751 (4.6)	567 (19.4)	718 (▲ 16.0)
	Trials for Invalidation	14 (▲ 6.7)	7 (▲ 36.4)	7 (75.0)	6 (100.0)	8 (14.3)	10 (▲ 28.6)	88 (4.8)	65 (8.3)	84 (7.7)
	Trials for Cancellation	87 (▲ 5.4)	88 (8.6)	97 (▲ 4.9)	68 (▲ 17.1)	56 (▲ 57.3)	91 (▲ 12.5)	808 (▲ 12.3)	577 (▲ 14.0)	921 (▲ 4.0)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (▲ 75.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	3 (▲ 72.7)	2 (▲ 66.7)	11 (83.3)
	Oppositions	41 (0.0)	55 (89.7)	43 (65.4)	24 (▲ 27.3)	32 (▲ 22.0)	41 (41.4)	391 (18.5)	269 (17.0)	330 (▲ 19.3)
	Total	218 (7.9)	270 (42.1)	237 (19.7)	182 (▲ 2.7)	170 (▲ 31.2)	199 (▲ 13.5)	2,041 (▲ 1.1)	1,480 (2.6)	2,064 (▲ 10.5)
Total	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,979 (▲ 7.6)	2,325 (▲ 3.1)	2,105 (▲ 17.4)	1,594 (▲ 26.2)	1,749 (▲ 26.6)	1,820 (▲ 31.1)	19,720 (▲ 11.7)	13,776 (▲ 16.3)	22,343 (4.6)
	Trials for Invalidation	25 (▲ 35.9)	22 (▲ 35.3)	25 (▲ 7.4)	18 (0.0)	29 (▲ 3.3)	25 (▲ 10.7)	301 (6.7)	176 (▲ 13.3)	282 (▲ 7.8)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	5 (▲ 44.4)	1 (▲ 75.0)	4 (▲ 20.0)	2 (▲ 71.4)	6 (0.0)	2 (▲ 60.0)	33 (▲ 38.9)	24 (▲ 42.9)	54 (63.6)
	Trials for Correction (Patents & Utility Models)	9 (▲ 30.8)	20 (17.6)	17 (183.3)	8 (▲ 72.4)	15 (▲ 16.7)	7 (▲ 65.0)	117 (▲ 27.8)	89 (▲ 21.2)	162 (▲ 12.9)
	Trials for Cancellation (Trademarks)	87 (▲ 5.4)	88 (8.6)	97 (▲ 4.9)	68 (▲ 17.1)	56 (▲ 57.3)	91 (▲ 12.5)	808 (▲ 12.3)	577 (▲ 14.0)	921 (▲ 4.0)
	Oppositions (Trademarks)	41 (0.0)	56 (93.1)	50 (92.3)	31 (▲ 6.1)	68 (65.9)	141 (386.2)	543 (64.5)	421 (83.0)	330 (▲ 19.3)
	Total	2,146 (▲ 8.1)	2,512 (▲ 2.1)	2,298 (▲ 15.3)	1,721 (▲ 26.1)	1,923 (▲ 26.3)	2,086 (▲ 26.2)	21,522 (▲ 10.7)	15,063 (▲ 15.0)	24,092 (3.6)

## (6) The Number of Registrations

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

Year/Month		2015 5	6	7	8	9	10	2015 1 - 10	2015/4 - 10 Cum Sum of FY2015	2014 1 - 10	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014
The Number of Registrations	Patents	17,433 (▲ 18.6)	14,241 (▲ 11.7)	17,903 (10.9)	13,086 (▲ 33.8)	11,059 (▲ 32.8)	20,385 (6.7)	158,973 (▲ 18.7)	110,657 (▲ 15.4)	195,657 (▲ 14.6)	210,579 (▲ 23.8)
	Utility Models	534 (▲ 12.3)	504 (4.3)	727 (3.7)	516 (▲ 8.0)	646 (19.2)	548 (▲ 26.2)	5,654 (▲ 5.5)	4,062 (▲ 5.7)	5,985 (▲ 4.6)	6,930 (▲ 2.9)
	Designs	2,578 (▲ 4.3)	2,110 (6.2)	2,612 (16.9)	2,096 (▲ 7.4)	1,675 (▲ 15.7)	2,936 (2.3)	22,545 (▲ 4.6)	16,441 (▲ 2.3)	23,643 (▲ 1.5)	26,603 (▲ 4.4)
	Trademarks	8,261 (▲ 0.1)	7,509 (▲ 8.8)	9,487 (13.6)	7,051 (▲ 32.4)	5,760 (▲ 27.3)	10,416 (▲ 2.7)	83,502 (0.5)	56,048 (▲ 8.1)	83,079 (▲ 4.5)	105,291 (5.6)
	National Applications	7,116 (▲ 5.2)	6,771 (▲ 10.5)	8,326 (11.7)	6,265 (▲ 33.7)	5,120 (▲ 28.5)	9,120 (▲ 4.6)	73,659 (▲ 2.0)	49,408 (▲ 10.4)	75,125 (▲ 4.8)	94,321 (4.7)
	International Applications	1,145 (50.5)	738 (11.5)	1,161 (29.3)	786 (▲ 19.9)	640 (▲ 16.1)	1,296 (13.6)	9,843 (23.7)	6,640 (13.1)	7,954 (▲ 1.5)	10,970 (13.2)
	Total	28,806 (▲ 12.7)	24,364 (▲ 9.2)	30,729 (12.0)	22,749 (▲ 31.1)	19,140 (▲ 28.9)	34,285 (2.6)	270,674 (▲ 12.2)	187,208 (▲ 12.1)	308,364 (▲ 11.0)	349,403 (▲ 15.0)
Class Counts of Trademark Registration	12,887 (▲ 6.9)	12,039 (▲ 7.0)	15,136 (15.1)	11,442 (▲ 31.4)	9,286 (▲ 28.5)	16,203 (▲ 2.4)	131,976 (▲ 0.3)	89,808 (▲ 7.9)	132,344 (▲ 3.1)	166,891 (6.2)	
Trademark Application for Renewal	6,265 (4.8)	9,167 (32.0)	7,239 (▲ 14.5)	6,747 (19.7)	7,473 (9.5)	8,437 (24.7)	76,124 (4.9)	52,946 (5.0)	72,590 (▲ 2.5)	85,930 (▲ 2.6)	