

# Statistical Report (Overview)

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### (1) The Number of Applications

Year/ Month	2015 11	12	2015/1 - 12 (Cum Sum of 2015)	2014/1 - 12 (Year-on-Year)	2015/4 - 12 (Cum Sum of FY2015)	2014/4 - 12 (Year-on-Year)	Q1 of FY2015	Q2 of FY2015	Q3 of FY2015
Patents & Utility Models	24,008 (0.5)	28,973 (▲4.3)	325,454 (▲2.3)	333,084 (▲0.9)	234,767 (▲3.1)	242,286 (▲1.4)	74,783 (▲3.8)	81,910 (▲1.9)	78,074 (▲3.7)
Patents	23,485 (0.5)	28,437 (▲4.3)	318,627 (▲2.3)	325,989 (▲0.7)	229,633 (▲3.1)	236,991 (▲1.2)	73,009 (▲3.9)	80,200 (▲1.8)	76,424 (▲3.7)
Utility Models	523 (▲2.6)	536 (▲5.1)	6,827 (▲3.8)	7,095 (▲6.9)	5,134 (▲3.0)	5,295 (▲7.8)	1,774 (▲0.3)	1,710 (▲5.6)	1,650 (▲3.2)
Designs	2,451 (11.2)	2,629 (▲9.6)	29,861 (0.4)	29,738 (▲4.5)	22,463 (▲0.0)	22,470 (▲5.1)	7,270 (▲0.2)	7,243 (▲1.6)	7,950 (1.6)
National Applications	2372 (7.6)	2518 (▲13.4)	29409 (▲1.1)	29738 (▲4.5)	22011 (▲2.0)	22470 (▲5.1)	7253 (▲0.4)	7078 (▲3.9)	7680 (▲1.9)
Trademarks	13,157 (36.1)	14,474 (28.6)	146,993 (18.1)	124,442 (5.8)	112,989 (18.1)	95,704 (6.5)	35,965 (9.8)	36,641 (18.5)	40,383 (26.0)
National Applications	11,769 (37.5)	12,419 (26.2)	131,009 (17.2)	111,770 (7.5)	100,344 (16.7)	85,950 (7.8)	32,378 (9.1)	32,644 (16.7)	35,322 (24.8)
Total Number	39,537 (10.5)	45,965 (3.4)	501,856 (3.0)	487,264 (0.5)	369,767 (2.6)	360,460 (0.4)	118,001 (0.2)	125,629 (3.2)	126,137 (4.3)
Trademark Class Counts	24,091 (43.1)	22,675 (12.1)	302,777 (42.2)	212,978 (20.2)	227,514 (36.4)	166,789 (22.0)	72,923 (27.7)	81,478 (50.6)	73,113 (31.5)

### (2) The Number of International Applications

Year/ Month	2015 11	12	2015/1 - 12 (Cum Sum of 2015)	2014/1 - 12 (Year-on-Year)	2015/4 - 12 (Cum Sum of FY2015)	2014/4 - 12 (Year-on-Year)	Q1 of FY2015	Q2 of FY2015	Q3 of FY2015	
Hague Agreement	RO	3,280 (10.4)	3,453 (▲4.6)	43,097 (4.4)	41,292 (▲4.1)	30,887 (3.8)	29,754 (▲4.1)	10,031 (6.1)	10,662 (3.7)	10,194 (1.7)
	DO	4,486 (0.6)	5,063 (▲3.0)	60,603 (3.7)	58,464 (7.8)	46,497 (4.1)	44,679 (7.6)	15,403 (▲0.3)	16,905 (17.3)	14,189 (▲4.3)
	OO	4 (0.0)	7 (0.0)	21 (0.0)	-	21 (0.0)	-	3 (0.0)	4 (0.0)	14 (0.0)
	DO	79 (0.0)	111 (0.0)	452 (0.0)	-	452 (0.0)	-	17 (0.0)	165 (0.0)	270 (0.0)
Madrid Protocol	OO	190 (3.8)	195 (5.4)	2,157 (7.9)	1,999 (6.3)	1,627 (4.2)	1,561 (9.3)	467 (▲4.3)	593 (14.3)	567 (2.3)
	DO	1,388 (25.5)	2,055 (46.0)	15,984 (26.1)	12,672 (▲7.5)	12,645 (29.6)	9,754 (▲3.4)	3,587 (16.5)	3,997 (36.4)	5,061 (35.2)

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

Year/ Month	2015 11	12	2015/1 - 12 (Cum Sum of 2015)	2014/1 - 12 (Year-on-Year)	2015/4 - 12 (Cum Sum of FY2015)	2014/4 - 12 (Year-on-Year)	Q1 of FY2015	Q2 of FY2015	Q3 of FY2015
Request for Patent Examination	19,285 (1.0)	21,016 (8.6)	242,272 (▲1.3)	245,535 (2.2)	174,036 (▲2.2)	177,995 (1.0)	55,445 (▲1.1)	59,406 (▲4.7)	59,185 (▲0.7)
Year-on-Year	19,095 (▲2.4)	19,353 (5.2)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion	39 (62.5)	21 (▲32.3)	420 (4.7)	401 (▲8.2)	306 (▲1.3)	310 (▲4.0)	116 (13.7)	109 (11.2)	81 (▲26.4)

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

Year/ Month		2015 11	12	2015/1 - 12 (Cum Sum of 2015)	2014/1 - 12 (Year-on-Year)	2015/4 - 12 (Cum Sum of FY2015)	2014/4 - 12 (Year-on-Year)	Q1 of FY2015	Q2 of FY2015	Q3 of FY2015
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,504 (▲26.9)	1,701 (▲27.4)	21,861 (▲15.0)	25,710 (4.3)	16,185 (▲19.7)	20,149 (5.6)	6,160 (▲4.4)	5,084 (▲25.1)	4,941 (▲28.5)
	Trials for Invalidation	19 (▲17.4)	16 (▲15.8)	231 (7.4)	215 (▲13.0)	133 (▲19.4)	165 (▲14.9)	41 (▲29.3)	43 (▲20.4)	49 (▲7.5)
	Trials for Correction	13 (▲45.8)	21 (▲12.5)	151 (▲28.1)	210 (▲11.8)	123 (▲23.6)	161 (▲15.7)	42 (5.0)	40 (▲24.5)	41 (▲39.7)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	2 (0.0)	0 (▲100.0)	28 (▲28.2)	39 (34.5)	21 (▲40.0)	35 (40.0)	7 (▲22.2)	10 (▲16.7)	4 (▲71.4)
	oppositions	110 (0.0)	127 (0.0)	389 (0.0)	-	389 (0.0)	-	2 (0.0)	50 (0.0)	337 (0.0)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,648 (▲21.7)</b>	<b>1,865 (▲22.1)</b>	<b>22,660 (▲13.4)</b>	<b>26,174 (4.0)</b>	<b>16,851 (▲17.8)</b>	<b>20,510 (5.2)</b>	<b>6,252 (▲4.5)</b>	<b>5,227 (▲24.4)</b>	<b>5,372 (▲23.8)</b>

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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)
	Trials for Invalidation	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	8 (▲11.1)	9 (125.0)	8 (14.3)	7 (75.0)	2 (▲60.0)	3 (200.0)	3 (200.0)
	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)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2 (0.0)</b>	<b>1 (0.0)</b>	<b>9 (▲10.0)</b>	<b>10 (150.0)</b>	<b>9 (12.5)</b>	<b>8 (100.0)</b>	<b>2 (▲60.0)</b>	<b>3 (200.0)</b>	<b>4 (100.0)</b>

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Designs	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	52 (85.7)	26 (▲43.5)	391 (0.5)	389 (7.2)	307 (0.7)	305 (2.3)	86 (▲6.5)	116 (22.1)	105 (▲11.0)
	Trials for Invalidation	0 (0.0)	0 (▲100.0)	11 (▲42.1)	19 (▲5.0)	7 (▲56.3)	16 (60.0)	2 (▲60.0)	5 (▲16.7)	0 (▲100.0)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	6 (▲57.1)	14 (0.0)	5 (▲54.5)	11 (▲8.3)	1 (▲75.0)	2 (▲66.7)	2 (100.0)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>53 (82.8)</b>	<b>27 (▲43.8)</b>	<b>408 (▲3.3)</b>	<b>422 (6.3)</b>	<b>319 (▲3.9)</b>	<b>332 (3.8)</b>	<b>89 (▲11.9)</b>	<b>123 (15.0)</b>	<b>107 (▲13.7)</b>

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Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	52 (10.6)	51 (▲36.3)	854 (1.1)	845 (▲16.5)	670 (11.3)	602 (▲27.9)	262 (38.6)	248 (22.2)	160 (▲23.8)
	Trials for Invalidation	9 (▲25.0)	7 (▲63.2)	104 (▲9.6)	115 (19.8)	81 (▲11.0)	91 (31.9)	34 (6.3)	21 (50.0)	26 (▲42.2)
	Trials for Cancellation	80 (▲9.1)	98 (8.9)	986 (▲10.3)	1,099 (▲7.6)	755 (▲11.1)	849 (▲8.4)	265 (5.2)	221 (▲29.8)	269 (▲4.6)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	3 (▲72.7)	11 (57.1)	2 (▲66.7)	6 (0.0)	2 (▲66.7)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
	Oppositions	18 (▲30.8)	57 (54.1)	466 (18.6)	393 (▲17.8)	344 (17.4)	293 (▲23.1)	129 (27.7)	99 (▲1.0)	116 (26.1)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>159 (▲8.1)</b>	<b>213 (▲5.8)</b>	<b>2,413 (▲2.0)</b>	<b>2,463 (▲11.5)</b>	<b>1,852 (0.6)</b>	<b>1,841 (▲17.0)</b>	<b>692 (19.3)</b>	<b>589 (▲6.8)</b>	<b>571 (▲9.2)</b>