

Preliminary Statistical Data on Filing Applications and Requests

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1. Preliminary Statistical Data

(1) The Number of Applications

Year/Month	2015 7	8	9	10	11	12	2015 1 - 12	2015/4 - 12 Cum Sum of	2014 1 - 12	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014
Patents & Utility Models	25,988 (▲ 3.7)	23,760 (▲ 3.1)	32,162 (0.6)	25,093 (▲ 6.7)	24,008 (0.5)	28,973 (▲ 4.3)	325,454 (▲ 2.3)	234,767 (▲ 3.1)	333,084 (▲ 0.9)	332,973 (▲ 1.0)
Patents	25,396 (▲ 3.5)	23,235 (▲ 3.1)	31,569 (0.7)	24,502 (▲ 6.9)	23,485 (0.5)	28,437 (▲ 4.3)	318,627 (▲ 2.3)	229,633 (▲ 3.1)	325,989 (▲ 0.7)	325,985 (▲ 0.9)
Utility Models	592 (▲ 10.2)	525 (▲ 3.3)	593 (▲ 2.8)	591 (▲ 1.8)	523 (▲ 2.6)	536 (▲ 5.1)	6,827 (▲ 3.8)	5,134 (▲ 3.0)	7,095 (▲ 6.9)	6,988 (▲ 7.3)
Designs	2,692 (14.9)	2,125 (▲ 8.1)	2,426 (▲ 10.4)	2,870 (5.9)	2,451 (11.2)	2,629 (▲ 9.6)	29,861 (0.4)	22,463 (▲ 0.0)	29,738 (▲ 4.5)	29,868 (▲ 3.5)
National Applications	2,667 (13.8)	2,041 (▲ 11.8)	2,370 (▲ 12.4)	2,790 (2.9)	2,372 (7.6)	2,518 (▲ 13.4)	29,409 (▲ 1.1)	22,011 (▲ 2.0)	29,738 (▲ 4.5)	29,868 (▲ 3.5)
Trademarks	13,270 (17.0)	11,373 (21.7)	11,998 (17.3)	12,752 (14.7)	13,157 (36.1)	14,474 (28.6)	146,993 (18.1)	112,989 (18.1)	124,442 (5.8)	129,708 (9.4)
National Applications	11,622 (15.0)	10,167 (21.9)	10,855 (13.8)	11,134 (12.6)	11,769 (37.5)	12,419 (26.2)	131,009 (17.2)	100,344 (16.7)	111,770 (7.5)	116,615 (10.5)
Total Number	41,925 (3.1)	37,174 (2.7)	46,530 (3.6)	40,635 (▲ 0.3)	39,537 (10.5)	45,965 (3.4)	501,856 (3.0)	369,767 (2.6)	487,264 (0.5)	492,549 (1.4)
Trademarks Class Counts	32,725 (63.7)	24,235 (56.0)	24,518 (32.2)	26,347 (42.1)	24,091 (43.1)	22,675 (12.1)	302,777 (42.2)	227,514 (36.4)	212,978 (20.2)	242,052 (32.3)

• The total number represents the sum of the numbers of each type of applications, excluding the Trademark class

(2) The Number of International Applications

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

		2015 7	8	9	10	11	12	2015 1 - 12	2015/4 - 12 Cum Sum of	2014 1 - 12	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014
Patents	RO	3,552 (5.4)	3,461 (15.8)	3,649 (▲ 6.9)	3,461 (0.8)	3,280 (10.4)	3,453 (▲ 4.6)	43,097 (4.4)	30,887 (3.8)	41,292 (▲ 4.1)	41,964 (▲ 1.4)
	DO	4,645 (1.8)	4,612 (2.1)	7,648 (43.4)	4,640 (▲ 9.8)	4,486 (0.6)	5,063 (▲ 3.0)	60,603 (3.7)	46,497 (4.1)	58,464 (7.8)	58,785 (6.3)
Designs	OO	0 (0.0)	3 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	3 (0.0)	4 (0.0)	7 (0.0)	21 (0.0)	21 (0.0)	- -	- -
	DO	25 (0.0)	84 (0.0)	56 (0.0)	80 (0.0)	79 (0.0)	111 (0.0)	452 (0.0)	452 (0.0)	- -	- -
Trademarks	OO	216 (19.3)	168 (5.7)	209 (16.8)	182 (▲ 2.2)	190 (3.8)	195 (5.4)	2,157 (7.9)	1,627 (4.2)	1,999 (6.3)	2,091 (12.1)
	DO	1,648 (33.4)	1,206 (20.0)	1,143 (65.7)	1,618 (31.5)	1,388 (25.5)	2,055 (46.0)	15,984 (26.1)	12,645 (29.6)	12,672 (▲ 7.5)	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.
The number of international applications for design registration filed with the JPO as a designated office is also included in the number of application for designs.

(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 7	8	9	10	11	12	2015 1 - 12	Cum Sum of FY2015	2014 1 - 12	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014
Request for Patent Examination		19,789 (1.5)	18,597 (▲ 8.7)	21,020 (▲ 6.5)	18,884 (▲ 10.7)	19,285 (1.0)	21,016 (8.6)	242,272 (▲ 1.3)	174,036 (▲ 2.2)	245,535 (2.2)	246,231 (1.0)
	Year-on-Year	19,498 (0.9)	20,361 (▲ 0.2)	22,476 (6.3)	21,150 (5.9)	19,095 (▲ 2.4)	19,353 (5.2)	- -	- -	- -	- -
Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion		44 (2.3)	31 (6.9)	34 (30.8)	21 (▲ 61.8)	39 (62.5)	21 (▲ 32.3)	420 (4.7)	306 (▲ 1.3)	401 (▲ 8.2)	424 (2.4)

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

Year/Month		2015 7	8	9	10	11	12	2015 1 - 12	Cum Sum of FY2015	2014 1 - 12	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,985 (▲ 19.2)	1,465 (▲ 29.0)	1,634 (▲ 28.1)	1,736 (▲ 31.0)	1,504 (▲ 26.9)	1,701 (▲ 27.4)	21,861 (▲ 15.0)	16,185 (▲ 19.7)	25,710 (4.3)	25,825 (4.8)
	Trials for Invalidation	14 (▲ 26.3)	11 (▲ 21.4)	18 (▲ 14.3)	14 (27.3)	19 (▲ 17.4)	16 (▲ 15.8)	231 (7.4)	133 (▲ 19.4)	215 (▲ 13.0)	263 (7.8)
	Trials for Cancellation	17 (183.3)	8 (▲ 72.4)	15 (▲ 16.7)	7 (▲ 65.0)	13 (▲ 45.8)	21 (▲ 12.5)	151 (▲ 28.1)	123 (▲ 23.6)	210 (▲ 11.8)	189 (▲ 21.3)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	4 (33.3)	1 (▲ 80.0)	5 (25.0)	2 (▲ 60.0)	2 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	28 (▲ 28.2)	21 (▲ 40.0)	39 (34.5)	42 (44.8)
	Oppositions	7 (0.0)	7 (0.0)	36 (0.0)	100 (0.0)	110 (0.0)	127 (0.0)	389 (0.0)	389 (0.0)	- -	- -
	Total	2,027 (▲ 18.4)	1,492 (▲ 29.3)	1,708 (▲ 26.2)	1,859 (▲ 27.1)	1,648 (▲ 21.7)	1,865 (▲ 22.1)	22,660 (▲ 13.4)	16,851 (▲ 17.8)	26,174 (4.0)	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	2 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	8 (▲ 11.1)	8 (14.3)	9 (125.0)	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)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)
	Total	2 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	9 (▲ 10.0)	9 (12.5)	10 (150.0)	8 (33.3)
Designs	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	30 (25.0)	45 (55.2)	41 (▲ 2.4)	27 (▲ 38.6)	52 (85.7)	26 (▲ 43.5)	391 (0.5)	307 (0.7)	389 (7.2)	389 (1.8)
	Trials for Invalidation	2 (▲ 50.0)	1 (0.0)	2 (100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	11 (▲ 42.1)	7 (▲ 56.3)	19 (▲ 5.0)	20 (53.8)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (▲ 50.0)	1 (▲ 50.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	6 (▲ 57.1)	5 (▲ 54.5)	14 (0.0)	12 (▲ 20.0)
	Total	32 (6.7)	47 (46.9)	44 (▲ 2.2)	27 (▲ 42.6)	53 (82.8)	27 (▲ 43.8)	408 (▲ 3.3)	319 (▲ 3.9)	422 (6.3)	421 (2.7)

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

Year/Month		2015 7	8	9	10	11	12	2015 1 - 12	2015/4 - 12 Cum Sum of FY2015	2014 1 - 12
Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	90 (36.4)	84 (21.7)	74 (8.8)	57 (▲ 31.3)	52 (10.6)	51 (▲ 36.3)	854 (1.1)	670 (11.3)	845 (▲ 16.5)
	Trials for Invalidation	7 (75.0)	6 (100.0)	8 (14.3)	10 (▲ 28.6)	9 (▲ 25.0)	7 (▲ 63.2)	104 (▲ 9.6)	81 (▲ 11.0)	115 (19.8)
	Trials for Cancellation	97 (▲ 4.9)	68 (▲ 17.1)	56 (▲ 57.3)	91 (▲ 12.5)	80 (▲ 9.1)	98 (8.9)	986 (▲ 10.3)	755 (▲ 11.1)	1,099 (▲ 7.6)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	3 (▲ 72.7)	2 (▲ 66.7)	11 (57.1)
	Oppositions	43 (65.4)	24 (▲ 27.3)	32 (▲ 22.0)	41 (41.4)	18 (▲ 30.8)	57 (54.1)	466 (18.6)	344 (17.4)	393 (▲ 17.8)
	Total	237 (19.7)	182 (▲ 2.7)	170 (▲ 31.2)	199 (▲ 13.5)	159 (▲ 8.1)	213 (▲ 5.8)	2,413 (▲ 2.0)	1,852 (0.6)	2,463 (▲ 11.5)
Total	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	2,105 (▲ 17.4)	1,594 (▲ 26.2)	1,749 (▲ 26.6)	1,820 (▲ 31.1)	1,608 (▲ 24.6)	1,778 (▲ 28.0)	23,106 (▲ 14.2)	17,162 (▲ 18.5)	26,944 (3.6)
	Trials for Invalidation	25 (▲ 7.4)	18 (0.0)	29 (▲ 3.3)	25 (▲ 10.7)	29 (▲ 19.4)	24 (▲ 40.0)	354 (▲ 1.1)	229 (▲ 17.9)	358 (▲ 2.5)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	4 (▲ 20.0)	2 (▲ 71.4)	6 (0.0)	2 (▲ 60.0)	4 (0.0)	1 (▲ 85.7)	38 (▲ 41.5)	29 (▲ 45.3)	65 (30.0)
	Trials for Correction (Patents & Utility Models)	17 (183.3)	8 (▲ 72.4)	15 (▲ 16.7)	7 (▲ 65.0)	13 (▲ 45.8)	21 (▲ 12.5)	151 (▲ 28.1)	123 (▲ 23.6)	210 (▲ 11.8)
	Trials for Cancellation (Trademarks)	97 (▲ 4.9)	68 (▲ 17.1)	56 (▲ 57.3)	91 (▲ 12.5)	80 (▲ 9.1)	98 (8.9)	986 (▲ 10.3)	755 (▲ 11.1)	1,099 (▲ 7.6)
	Oppositions (Trademarks)	50 (92.3)	31 (▲ 6.1)	68 (65.9)	141 (386.2)	128 (392.3)	184 (397.3)	855 (117.6)	733 (150.2)	393 (▲ 17.8)
	Total	2,298 (▲ 15.3)	1,721 (▲ 26.1)	1,923 (▲ 26.3)	2,086 (▲ 26.2)	1,862 (▲ 19.4)	2,106 (▲ 21.0)	25,490 (▲ 12.3)	19,031 (▲ 16.1)	29,069 (2.6)

(6) The Number of Registrations

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

Year/Month		2015 7	8	9	10	11	12	2015 1 - 12	2015/4 - 12 Cum Sum of FY2015	2014 1 - 12	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014
The Number of Registrations	Patents	17,903 (10.9)	13,086 (▲ 33.8)	11,059 (▲ 32.8)	20,385 (6.7)	14,745 (▲ 1.7)	15,640 (▲ 5.1)	189,358 (▲ 16.6)	141,042 (▲ 13.1)	227,142 (▲ 18.0)	210,579 (▲ 23.8)
	Utility Models	727 (3.7)	516 (▲ 8.0)	646 (19.2)	548 (▲ 26.2)	478 (▲ 5.3)	563 (6.8)	6,695 (▲ 4.6)	5,103 (▲ 4.4)	7,017 (▲ 4.7)	6,930 (▲ 2.9)
	Designs	2,612 (16.9)	2,096 (▲ 7.4)	1,675 (▲ 15.7)	2,936 (2.3)	1,784 (5.4)	1,968 (▲ 0.1)	26,297 (▲ 3.7)	20,193 (▲ 1.5)	27,306 (▲ 3.5)	26,603 (▲ 4.4)
	Trademarks	9,487 (13.6)	7,051 (▲ 32.4)	5,760 (▲ 27.3)	10,416 (▲ 2.7)	6,862 (▲ 14.9)	7,721 (▲ 11.8)	98,085 (▲ 1.8)	70,631 (▲ 9.3)	99,896 (▲ 3.4)	105,291 (5.6)
	National Applications	8,326 (11.7)	6,265 (▲ 33.7)	5,120 (▲ 28.5)	9,120 (▲ 4.6)	6,150 (▲ 14.5)	6,787 (▲ 12.1)	86,596 (▲ 3.8)	62,345 (▲ 11.0)	90,047 (▲ 3.9)	94,321 (4.7)
	International Applications	1,161 (29.3)	786 (▲ 19.9)	640 (▲ 16.1)	1,296 (13.6)	712 (▲ 18.0)	934 (▲ 9.1)	11,489 (16.7)	8,286 (6.7)	9,849 (1.1)	10,970 (13.2)
	Total	30,729 (12.0)	22,749 (▲ 31.1)	19,140 (▲ 28.9)	34,285 (2.6)	23,869 (▲ 5.5)	25,892 (▲ 6.6)	320,435 (▲ 11.3)	236,969 (▲ 10.9)	361,361 (▲ 13.2)	349,403 (▲ 15.0)
Class Counts of Trademark Registration	15,136 (15.1)	11,442 (▲ 31.4)	9,286 (▲ 28.5)	16,203 (▲ 2.4)	11,060 (▲ 15.9)	11,883 (▲ 15.4)	154,919 (▲ 2.9)	112,751 (▲ 9.6)	159,537 (▲ 1.7)	166,891 (6.2)	
Trademark Application for Renewal	7,239 (▲ 14.5)	6,747 (19.7)	7,473 (9.5)	8,437 (24.7)	6,756 (12.6)	7,106 (12.0)	89,986 (5.9)	66,808 (6.5)	84,936 (▲ 2.5)	85,930 (▲ 2.6)	