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1. Preliminary Statistical Data

(1) The Number of Applications

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Year/Month	2015 8	9	10	11	12	2016 1	2015/1 - 12 Total of 2015	2015/4 - 2016/1 Cum Sum of FY2015	2014/1 - 12 Total of 2014	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014
Patents & Utility Models	23,759 (▲ 3.1)	32,161 (0.6)	25,092 (▲ 6.7)	24,010 (0.5)	29,103 (▲ 3.9)	21,738 (▲ 6.4)	325,581 (▲ 2.3)	256,638 (▲ 3.3)	333,084 (▲ 0.9)	332,967 (▲ 1.0)
Patents	23,234 (▲ 3.1)	31,568 (0.7)	24,501 (▲ 6.9)	23,487 (0.5)	28,534 (▲ 4.0)	21,267 (▲ 6.3)	318,721 (▲ 2.2)	251,000 (▲ 3.4)	325,989 (▲ 0.7)	325,979 (▲ 0.9)
Utility Models	525 (▲ 3.3)	593 (▲ 2.8)	591 (▲ 1.8)	523 (▲ 2.6)	569 (0.7)	471 (▲ 10.5)	6,860 (▲ 3.3)	5,638 (▲ 3.1)	7,095 (▲ 6.9)	6,988 (▲ 7.3)
Designs	2,125 (▲ 8.1)	2,426 (▲ 10.4)	2,870 (5.9)	2,451 (11.2)	2,671 (▲ 8.2)	2,198 (8.8)	29,903 (0.6)	24,703 (0.9)	29,738 (▲ 4.5)	29,868 (▲ 3.5)
National Applications	2,041 (▲ 11.8)	2,370 (▲ 12.4)	2,790 (2.9)	2,372 (7.6)	2,560 (▲ 12.0)	2,052 (1.6)	29,451 (▲ 1.0)	24,105 (▲ 1.6)	29,738 (▲ 4.5)	29,868 (▲ 3.5)
Trademarks	11,373 (21.7)	11,998 (17.3)	12,752 (14.7)	13,157 (36.1)	14,764 (31.2)	12,282 (12.7)	147,283 (18.4)	125,562 (17.8)	124,442 (5.8)	129,707 (9.4)
National Applications	10,167 (21.9)	10,855 (13.8)	11,134 (12.6)	11,769 (37.5)	12,709 (29.1)	11,313 (16.5)	131,299 (17.5)	111,948 (17.0)	111,770 (7.5)	116,614 (10.5)
Total Number	37,257 (3.0)	46,585 (3.8)	40,714 (▲ 0.1)	39,618 (10.8)	46,538 (4.7)	36,218 (0.2)	502,767 (3.2)	406,903 (2.6)	487,264 (0.5)	492,542 (1.4)
Trademarks Class Counts	24,235 (56.0)	24,518 (32.2)	26,347 (42.1)	24,098 (43.1)	33,224 (64.3)	25,607 (▲ 9.7)	313,333 (47.1)	263,677 (35.1)	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 8	9	10	11	12	2016 1	2015/1 - 12 Total of 2015	2015/4 - 2016/1 Cum Sum of FY2015	2014/1 - 12 Total of 2014	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014
Patents	RO	3,461 (15.8)	3,649 (▲ 6.9)	3,461 (0.8)	3,280 (10.4)	3,453 (▲ 4.6)	3,327 (2.8)	43,097 (4.4)	34,214 (3.7)	41,292 (▲ 4.1)	41,964 (▲ 1.4)
	DO	4,611 (2.1)	7,647 (43.4)	4,639 (▲ 9.8)	4,486 (0.6)	5,064 (▲ 3.0)	4,377 (▲ 3.4)	60,591 (3.6)	50,871 (3.4)	58,464 (7.8)	58,776 (6.2)
Designs	OO	3 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	3 (0.0)	4 (0.0)	7 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	21 (0.0)	23 (0.0)	- -	- -
	DO	84 (0.0)	56 (0.0)	80 (0.0)	79 (0.0)	111 (0.0)	146 (0.0)	452 (0.0)	598 (0.0)	- -	- -
Trademarks	OO	168 (5.7)	209 (16.8)	182 (▲ 2.2)	190 (3.8)	195 (5.4)	143 (5.1)	2,157 (7.9)	1,770 (4.3)	1,999 (6.3)	2,091 (12.1)
	DO	1,206 (20.0)	1,143 (65.7)	1,618 (31.5)	1,388 (25.5)	2,055 (46.0)	969 (▲ 18.6)	15,984 (26.1)	13,614 (24.4)	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.

The number of international applications for trademark registration filed with the JPO as a designated offices is also included in the number of trademark applications.

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

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Year/Month		2015 8	9	10	11	12	2016 1	2015/1 - 12 Total of 2015	Cum Sum of FY2015	2014/1 - 12 Total of 2014	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014
Request for Patent Examination		18,633 (▲ 8.5)	21,074 (▲ 6.2)	18,867 (▲ 10.8)	18,858 (▲ 1.2)	20,325 (5.0)	18,700 (▲ 8.1)	241,412 (▲ 1.7)	191,815 (▲ 3.3)	245,535 (2.2)	246,292 (1.0)
	Year-on-Year	20,361 (▲ 0.2)	22,476 (6.3)	21,150 (5.9)	19,095 (▲ 2.4)	19,353 (5.2)	20,466 (5.5)	- -	- -	- -	- -
Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion		31 (6.9)	34 (30.8)	21 (▲ 61.8)	39 (62.5)	26 (▲ 16.1)	27 (80.0)	422 (5.2)	336 (3.4)	401 (▲ 8.2)	423 (2.2)

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

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Year/Month		2015 8	9	10	11	12	2016 1	2015/1 - 12 Total of 2015	Cum Sum of FY2015	2014/1 - 12 Total of 2014	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,465 (▲ 29.0)	1,634 (▲ 28.1)	1,736 (▲ 31.0)	1,504 (▲ 26.9)	1,698 (▲ 27.5)	1,369 (▲ 27.1)	21,858 (▲ 15.0)	17,551 (▲ 20.3)	25,710 (4.3)	25,825 (4.8)
	Trials for Invalidation	11 (▲ 21.4)	18 (▲ 14.3)	14 (27.3)	19 (▲ 17.4)	12 (▲ 36.8)	10 (▲ 37.5)	227 (5.6)	139 (▲ 23.2)	215 (▲ 13.0)	263 (7.8)
	Trials for Cancellation	8 (▲ 72.4)	15 (▲ 16.7)	7 (▲ 65.0)	13 (▲ 45.8)	20 (▲ 16.7)	14 (16.7)	150 (▲ 28.6)	136 (▲ 21.4)	210 (▲ 11.8)	189 (▲ 21.3)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (▲ 80.0)	5 (25.0)	2 (▲ 60.0)	2 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	2 (0.0)	28 (▲ 28.2)	23 (▲ 37.8)	39 (34.5)	42 (44.8)
	Oppositions	7 (0.0)	36 (0.0)	100 (0.0)	110 (0.0)	127 (0.0)	87 (0.0)	389 (0.0)	476 (0.0)	- -	- -
	Total	1,492 (▲ 29.3)	1,708 (▲ 26.2)	1,859 (▲ 27.1)	1,648 (▲ 21.7)	1,857 (▲ 22.4)	1,482 (▲ 22.3)	22,652 (▲ 13.5)	18,325 (▲ 18.3)	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	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (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)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)
	Total	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	9 (▲ 10.0)	9 (12.5)	10 (150.0)	8 (33.3)
Designs	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	45 (55.2)	41 (▲ 2.4)	27 (▲ 38.6)	52 (85.7)	26 (▲ 43.5)	29 (93.3)	391 (0.5)	336 (5.0)	389 (7.2)	389 (1.8)
	Trials for Invalidation	1 (0.0)	2 (100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	11 (▲ 42.1)	7 (▲ 56.3)	19 (▲ 5.0)	20 (53.8)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (▲ 50.0)	1 (▲ 50.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	6 (▲ 57.1)	5 (▲ 54.5)	14 (0.0)	12 (▲ 20.0)
	Total	47 (46.9)	44 (▲ 2.2)	27 (▲ 42.6)	53 (82.8)	27 (▲ 43.8)	29 (93.3)	408 (▲ 3.3)	348 (0.3)	422 (6.3)	421 (2.7)

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

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Year/Month		2015 8	9	10	11	12	2016 1	2015/1 - 12 Total of 2015	2015/4 - 2016/1 Cum Sum of FY2015	2014/1 - 12 Total of 2014	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014
Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	84 (21.7)	74 (8.8)	57 (▲ 31.3)	52 (10.6)	50 (▲ 37.5)	40 (▲ 35.5)	853 (0.9)	709 (6.8)	845 (▲ 16.5)	786 (▲ 27.1)
	Trials for Invalidation	6 (100.0)	8 (14.3)	10 (▲ 28.6)	9 (▲ 25.0)	3 (▲ 84.2)	5 (▲ 50.0)	100 (▲ 13.0)	82 (▲ 18.8)	115 (19.8)	114 (22.6)
	Trials for Cancellation	68 (▲ 17.1)	56 (▲ 57.3)	91 (▲ 12.5)	80 (▲ 9.1)	76 (▲ 15.6)	55 (▲ 3.5)	964 (▲ 12.3)	788 (▲ 13.0)	1,099 (▲ 7.6)	1,080 (▲ 8.2)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (▲ 81.8)	1 (▲ 83.3)	11 (57.1)	7 (▲ 36.4)
	Oppositions	24 (▲ 27.3)	32 (▲ 22.0)	41 (41.4)	18 (▲ 30.8)	52 (40.5)	26 (▲ 44.7)	461 (17.3)	365 (7.4)	393 (▲ 17.8)	415 (▲ 13.7)
	Total	182 (▲ 2.7)	170 (▲ 31.2)	199 (▲ 13.5)	159 (▲ 8.1)	181 (▲ 19.9)	126 (▲ 28.4)	2,380 (▲ 3.4)	1,945 (▲ 3.6)	2,463 (▲ 11.5)	2,402 (▲ 15.4)
Total	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,594 (▲ 26.2)	1,749 (▲ 26.6)	1,820 (▲ 31.1)	1,608 (▲ 24.6)	1,774 (▲ 28.1)	1,438 (▲ 26.4)	23,102 (▲ 14.3)	18,596 (▲ 19.2)	26,944 (3.6)	27,000 (3.5)
	Trials for Invalidation	18 (0.0)	29 (▲ 3.3)	25 (▲ 10.7)	29 (▲ 19.4)	16 (▲ 60.0)	15 (▲ 42.3)	346 (▲ 3.4)	236 (▲ 22.6)	358 (▲ 2.5)	404 (13.5)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	2 (▲ 71.4)	6 (0.0)	2 (▲ 60.0)	4 (0.0)	1 (▲ 85.7)	2 (0.0)	37 (▲ 43.1)	30 (▲ 45.5)	65 (30.0)	62 (12.7)
	Trials for Correction (Patents & Utility Models)	8 (▲ 72.4)	15 (▲ 16.7)	7 (▲ 65.0)	13 (▲ 45.8)	20 (▲ 16.7)	14 (16.7)	150 (▲ 28.6)	136 (▲ 21.4)	210 (▲ 11.8)	189 (▲ 21.3)
	Trials for Cancellation (Trademarks)	68 (▲ 17.1)	56 (▲ 57.3)	91 (▲ 12.5)	80 (▲ 9.1)	76 (▲ 15.6)	55 (▲ 3.5)	964 (▲ 12.3)	788 (▲ 13.0)	1,099 (▲ 7.6)	1,080 (▲ 8.2)
	Oppositions (Trademarks)	31 (▲ 6.1)	68 (65.9)	141 (386.2)	128 (392.3)	179 (383.8)	113 (140.4)	850 (116.3)	841 (147.4)	393 (▲ 17.8)	415 (▲ 13.7)
	Total	1,721 (▲ 26.1)	1,923 (▲ 26.3)	2,086 (▲ 26.2)	1,862 (▲ 19.4)	2,066 (▲ 22.5)	1,637 (▲ 22.0)	25,449 (▲ 12.5)	20,627 (▲ 16.8)	29,069 (2.6)	29,150 (2.6)

(6) The Number of Registrations

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Year/Month		2015 8	9	10	11	12	2016 1	2015/1 - 12 Total of 2015	2015/4 - 2016/1 Cum Sum of FY2015	2014/1 - 12 Total of 2014	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014
The Number of Registrations	Patents	13,086 (▲ 33.8)	11,059 (▲ 32.8)	20,385 (6.7)	14,745 (▲ 1.7)	15,640 (▲ 5.1)	16,268 (▲ 3.3)	189,358 (▲ 16.6)	157,310 (▲ 12.2)	227,142 (▲ 18.0)	210,579 (▲ 23.8)
	Utility Models	516 (▲ 8.0)	646 (19.2)	548 (▲ 26.2)	478 (▲ 5.3)	563 (6.8)	577 (▲ 8.8)	6,695 (▲ 4.6)	5,680 (▲ 4.9)	7,017 (▲ 4.7)	6,930 (▲ 2.9)
	Designs	2,096 (▲ 7.4)	1,675 (▲ 15.7)	2,936 (2.3)	1,784 (5.4)	1,968 (▲ 0.1)	1,830 (▲ 1.9)	26,297 (▲ 3.7)	22,023 (▲ 1.5)	27,306 (▲ 3.5)	26,603 (▲ 4.4)
	Trademarks	7,051 (▲ 32.4)	5,760 (▲ 27.3)	10,416 (▲ 2.7)	6,862 (▲ 14.9)	7,721 (▲ 11.8)	7,669 (▲ 11.7)	98,085 (▲ 1.8)	78,300 (▲ 9.5)	99,896 (▲ 3.4)	105,291 (5.6)
	National Applications	6,265 (▲ 33.7)	5,120 (▲ 28.5)	9,120 (▲ 4.6)	6,150 (▲ 14.5)	6,787 (▲ 12.1)	6,753 (▲ 11.4)	86,596 (▲ 3.8)	69,098 (▲ 11.1)	90,047 (▲ 3.9)	94,321 (4.7)
	International Applications	786 (▲ 19.9)	640 (▲ 16.1)	1,296 (13.6)	712 (▲ 18.0)	934 (▲ 9.1)	916 (▲ 14.0)	11,489 (16.7)	9,202 (4.2)	9,849 (1.1)	10,970 (13.2)
	Total	22,749 (▲ 31.1)	19,140 (▲ 28.9)	34,285 (2.6)	23,869 (▲ 5.5)	25,892 (▲ 6.6)	26,344 (▲ 5.9)	320,435 (▲ 11.3)	263,313 (▲ 10.4)	361,361 (▲ 13.2)	349,403 (▲ 15.0)
Class Counts of Trademark Registration	11,442 (▲ 31.4)	9,286 (▲ 28.5)	16,203 (▲ 2.4)	11,060 (▲ 15.9)	11,883 (▲ 15.4)	11,756 (▲ 11.3)	154,919 (▲ 2.9)	124,507 (▲ 9.8)	159,537 (▲ 1.7)	166,891 (6.2)	
Trademark Application for Renewal	6,747 (19.7)	7,473 (9.5)	8,437 (24.7)	6,756 (12.6)	7,106 (12.0)	7,138 (3.7)	89,986 (5.9)	73,946 (6.2)	84,936 (▲ 2.5)	85,930 (▲ 2.6)	