

Preliminary Statistical Data on Filing Applications and Requests

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1. Preliminary Statistical Data

(1) The Number of Applications

Year/Month	2015 11	12	2016 1	2	3	4	2016 1 - 4	2015/4 - 2016/3 Total of FY2015	2015 1 - 4	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014
Patents & Utility Models	24,010 (0.5)	29,103 (▲ 3.9)	21,815 (▲ 6.1)	26,784 (0.7)	40,926 (0.2)	24,111 (▲ 2.8)	113,636 (▲ 1.6)	324,425 (▲ 2.6)	115,477 (▲ 0.1)	332,967 (▲ 1.0)
Patents	23,487 (0.5)	28,534 (▲ 4.0)	21,320 (▲ 6.1)	26,277 (0.7)	40,323 (0.3)	23,643 (▲ 2.2)	111,563 (▲ 1.4)	317,653 (▲ 2.6)	113,169 (▲ 0.1)	325,979 (▲ 0.9)
Utility Models	523 (▲ 2.6)	569 (0.7)	495 (▲ 5.9)	507 (▲ 1.0)	603 (▲ 7.9)	468 (▲ 23.9)	2,073 (▲ 10.2)	6,772 (▲ 3.1)	2,308 (▲ 2.3)	6,988 (▲ 7.3)
Designs	2,451 (11.2)	2,671 (▲ 8.2)	2,223 (10.0)	2,691 (9.6)	3,000 (2.6)	2,410 (▲ 4.9)	10,324 (3.9)	30,419 (1.8)	9,932 (3.2)	29,868 (▲ 3.5)
National Applications	(2,372.0) (7.6)	(2,560.0) (▲ 12.0)	(2,077.0) (2.8)	(2,515.0) (2.4)	(2,808.0) (▲ 3.9)	(2,222.0) (▲ 12.3)	(9,622.0) (▲ 3.1)	(29,453.0) (▲ 1.4)	(9,932.0) (3.2)	(29,868.0) (▲ 3.5)
Trademarks	13,157 (36.1)	14,764 (31.2)	12,370 (13.5)	12,624 (20.7)	17,002 (34.5)	12,027 (▲ 12.4)	54,023 (13.2)	155,276 (19.7)	47,725 (21.0)	129,707 (9.4)
National Applications	11,769 (37.5)	12,709 (29.1)	11,401 (17.4)	11,249 (20.7)	15,427 (32.7)	11,466 (▲ 8.0)	49,543 (14.9)	138,712 (18.9)	43,122 (21.5)	116,614 (10.5)
Total Number	39,618 (10.8)	46,538 (4.7)	36,408 (0.7)	42,099 (6.5)	60,928 (8.0)	38,548 (▲ 6.1)	177,983 (2.8)	510,120 (3.6)	173,134 (5.2)	492,542 (1.4)
Trademarks Class Counts	24,098 (43.1)	33,228 (64.3)	35,588 (25.5)	27,668 (29.0)	47,240 (85.7)	25,806 (▲ 12.5)	136,302 (30.1)	348,575 (44.0)	104,759 (66.4)	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 11	12	2016 1	2	3	4	2016 1 - 4	2015/4 - 2016/3 Total of FY2015	2015 1 - 4	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014
Patents	RO	3,280 (10.4)	3,453 (▲ 4.6)	3,327 (2.8)	3,914 (0.6)	5,533 (8.8)	3,002 (▲ 4.8)	15,776 (2.7)	43,661 (4.0)	15,365 (6.4)	41,964 (▲ 1.4)
	DO	4,486 (0.6)	5,064 (▲ 3.0)	4,377 (▲ 3.4)	4,588 (4.4)	4,993 (▲ 3.5)	5,304 (3.9)	19,262 (0.3)	60,452 (2.9)	19,204 (2.8)	58,776 (6.2)
Designs	OO	4 (0.0)	7 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	3 (0.0)	3 (0.0)	7 (0.0)	15 (0.0)	29 (0.0)	- -	- -
	DO	79 (0.0)	111 (0.0)	146 (0.0)	176 (0.0)	192 (0.0)	188 (0.0)	702 (0.0)	966 (0.0)	- -	- -
Trademarks	OO	190 (3.8)	195 (5.4)	143 (5.1)	200 (25.8)	206 (▲ 12.3)	166 (▲ 2.4)	715 (2.1)	2,176 (4.1)	700 (15.9)	2,091 (12.1)
	DO	1,388 (25.5)	2,055 (46.0)	969 (▲ 18.6)	1,375 (20.6)	1,575 (56.1)	561 (▲ 55.6)	4,480 (▲ 2.7)	16,564 (26.5)	4,603 (16.7)	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

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

Year/Month		2015 11	12	2016 1	2	3	4	2016 1 - 4	2015/4 - 2016/3 Total of FY2015	2015 1 - 4	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014
Request for Patent Examination		18,858 (▲ 1.2)	20,325 (5.0)	18,714 (▲ 8.1)	23,734 (6.8)	25,453 (▲ 1.1)	17,742 (▲ 4.7)	85,643 (▲ 1.5)	241,016 (▲ 2.1)	86,914 (1.8)	246,292 (1.0)
	Year-on-Year	19,095 (▲ 2.4)	19,353 (5.2)	20,466 (5.5)	23,554 (11.5)	23,520 (▲ 0.4)	17,873 (▲ 4.9)	- -	- -	- -	- -
Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion		39 (62.5)	26 (▲ 16.1)	27 (80.0)	35 (6.1)	34 (▲ 47.7)	25 (▲ 34.2)	121 (▲ 19.9)	405 (▲ 4.3)	151 (25.8)	423 (2.2)

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

Year/Month		2015 11	12	2016 1	2	3	4	2016 1 - 4	2015/4 - 2016/3 Total of FY2015	2015 1 - 4	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,504 (▲ 26.9)	1,698 (▲ 27.5)	1,369 (▲ 27.1)	1,571 (▲ 16.5)	1,575 (▲ 17.8)	1,658 (▲ 21.0)	6,173 (▲ 20.6)	20,697 (▲ 19.9)	7,775 (1.6)	25,825 (4.8)
	Trials for Invalidation	19 (▲ 17.4)	12 (▲ 36.8)	10 (▲ 37.5)	17 (▲ 37.0)	10 (▲ 81.8)	11 (▲ 42.1)	48 (▲ 59.0)	166 (▲ 36.9)	117 (74.6)	263 (7.8)
	Trials for Cancellation	13 (▲ 45.8)	20 (▲ 16.7)	14 (16.7)	15 (114.3)	18 (100.0)	14 (7.7)	61 (48.8)	169 (▲ 10.6)	41 (▲ 30.5)	189 (▲ 21.3)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	2 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	2 (0.0)	3 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	3 (0.0)	10 (0.0)	28 (▲ 33.3)	10 (42.9)	42 (44.8)
	Oppositions	110 (0.0)	127 (0.0)	87 (0.0)	111 (0.0)	97 (0.0)	118 (11700.0)	413 (41200.0)	684 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	- -
	Total	1,648 (▲ 21.7)	1,857 (▲ 22.4)	1,482 (▲ 22.3)	1,717 (▲ 10.5)	1,702 (▲ 14.2)	1,804 (▲ 15.5)	6,705 (▲ 15.6)	21,744 (▲ 17.4)	7,944 (2.0)	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	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	9 (28.6)	0 (▲ 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)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)
	Total	2 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	10 (25.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	8 (33.3)
Designs	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	52 (85.7)	26 (▲ 43.5)	29 (93.3)	42 (10.5)	25 (▲ 19.4)	43 (13.2)	139 (13.9)	403 (3.6)	122 (17.3)	389 (1.8)
	Trials for Invalidation	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	6 (500.0)	1 (0.0)	7 (75.0)	13 (▲ 35.0)	4 (0.0)	20 (53.8)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	6 (▲ 50.0)	1 (▲ 80.0)	12 (▲ 20.0)
	Total	53 (82.8)	27 (▲ 43.8)	29 (93.3)	43 (2.4)	31 (▲ 3.1)	44 (15.8)	147 (15.7)	422 (0.2)	127 (12.4)	421 (2.7)

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

Year/Month		2015 11	12	2016 1	2	3	4	2016 1 - 4	2015/4 - 2016/3 Total of FY2015	2015 1 - 4	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014
Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	52 (10.6)	50 (▲ 37.5)	40 (▲ 35.5)	67 (▲ 9.5)	46 (▲ 4.2)	48 (▲ 28.4)	201 (▲ 19.9)	822 (4.6)	251 (▲ 20.1)	786 (▲ 27.1)
	Trials for Invalidation	9 (▲ 25.0)	3 (▲ 84.2)	5 (▲ 50.0)	11 (120.0)	12 (50.0)	3 (▲ 76.9)	31 (▲ 13.9)	105 (▲ 7.9)	36 (20.0)	114 (22.6)
	Trials for Cancellation	80 (▲ 9.1)	76 (▲ 15.6)	55 (▲ 3.5)	91 (13.8)	81 (▲ 13.8)	76 (▲ 15.6)	303 (▲ 5.6)	960 (▲ 11.1)	321 (▲ 2.4)	1,080 (▲ 8.2)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (▲ 50.0)	2 (▲ 71.4)	2 (▲ 66.7)	7 (▲ 36.4)
	Oppositions	18 (▲ 30.8)	52 (40.5)	26 (▲ 44.7)	33 (▲ 8.3)	31 (▲ 20.5)	29 (▲ 12.1)	119 (▲ 23.2)	429 (3.4)	155 (18.3)	415 (▲ 13.7)
	Total	159 (▲ 8.1)	181 (▲ 19.9)	126 (▲ 28.4)	202 (3.6)	171 (▲ 10.0)	156 (▲ 23.5)	655 (▲ 14.4)	2,318 (▲ 3.5)	765 (▲ 5.6)	2,402 (▲ 15.4)
Total	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,608 (▲ 24.6)	1,774 (▲ 28.1)	1,438 (▲ 26.4)	1,680 (▲ 15.7)	1,646 (▲ 17.5)	1,749 (▲ 20.6)	6,513 (▲ 20.1)	21,922 (▲ 18.8)	8,148 (1.0)	27,000 (3.5)
	Trials for Invalidation	29 (▲ 19.4)	16 (▲ 60.0)	15 (▲ 42.3)	29 (▲ 17.1)	28 (▲ 56.3)	15 (▲ 53.1)	87 (▲ 44.6)	293 (▲ 27.5)	157 (48.1)	404 (13.5)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	4 (0.0)	1 (▲ 85.7)	2 (0.0)	4 (0.0)	3 (0.0)	3 (▲ 25.0)	12 (▲ 7.7)	37 (▲ 40.3)	13 (▲ 27.8)	62 (12.7)
	Trials for Correction (Patents & Utility Models)	13 (▲ 45.8)	20 (▲ 16.7)	14 (16.7)	15 (114.3)	18 (100.0)	14 (7.7)	61 (48.8)	169 (▲ 10.6)	41 (▲ 30.5)	189 (▲ 21.3)
	Trials for Cancellation (Trademarks)	80 (▲ 9.1)	76 (▲ 15.6)	55 (▲ 3.5)	91 (13.8)	81 (▲ 13.8)	76 (▲ 15.6)	303 (▲ 5.6)	960 (▲ 11.1)	321 (▲ 2.4)	1,080 (▲ 8.2)
	Oppositions (Trademarks)	128 (392.3)	179 (383.8)	113 (140.4)	144 (300.0)	128 (228.2)	147 (332.4)	532 (241.0)	1,113 (168.2)	156 (19.1)	415 (▲ 13.7)
	Total	1,862 (▲ 19.4)	2,066 (▲ 22.5)	1,637 (▲ 22.0)	1,963 (▲ 8.9)	1,904 (▲ 13.7)	2,004 (▲ 15.7)	7,508 (▲ 15.0)	24,494 (▲ 16.0)	8,836 (1.4)	29,150 (2.6)

(6) The Number of Registrations

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

Year/Month		2015 11	12	2016 1	2	3	4	2016 1 - 4	2015/4 - 2016/3 Total of FY2015	2015 1 - 4	2014/4 - 2015/3 Total of FY2014
The Number of Registrations	Patents	14,745 (▲ 1.7)	15,640 (▲ 5.1)	16,268 (▲ 3.3)	14,050 (▲ 6.0)	15,024 (▲ 9.2)	21,007 (26.9)	66,349 (2.3)	186,384 (▲ 11.5)	64,866 (▲ 25.1)	210,579 (▲ 23.8)
	Utility Models	478 (▲ 5.3)	563 (6.8)	577 (▲ 8.8)	472 (7.0)	666 (28.6)	417 (▲ 29.0)	2,132 (▲ 2.2)	6,818 (▲ 1.6)	2,179 (▲ 7.1)	6,930 (▲ 2.9)
	Designs	1,784 (5.4)	1,968 (▲ 0.1)	1,830 (▲ 1.9)	2,041 (0.7)	1,646 (▲ 25.6)	2,646 (8.7)	8,163 (▲ 4.4)	25,710 (▲ 3.4)	8,538 (▲ 11.1)	26,603 (▲ 4.4)
	Trademarks	6,862 (▲ 14.9)	7,721 (▲ 11.8)	7,669 (▲ 11.7)	8,130 (▲ 9.1)	6,774 (▲ 31.0)	11,622 (53.6)	34,195 (▲ 2.4)	93,204 (▲ 11.5)	35,018 (20.1)	105,291 (5.6)
	National Applications	6,150 (▲ 14.5)	6,787 (▲ 12.1)	6,753 (▲ 11.4)	7,231 (▲ 8.0)	5,827 (▲ 33.6)	11,100 (65.9)	30,911 (▲ 0.1)	82,156 (▲ 12.9)	30,941 (17.1)	94,321 (4.7)
	International Applications	712 (▲ 18.0)	934 (▲ 9.1)	916 (▲ 14.0)	899 (▲ 17.2)	947 (▲ 10.0)	522 (▲ 40.3)	3,284 (▲ 19.5)	11,048 (0.7)	4,077 (48.4)	10,970 (13.2)
	Total	23,869 (▲ 5.5)	25,892 (▲ 6.6)	26,344 (▲ 5.9)	24,693 (▲ 6.3)	24,110 (▲ 17.2)	35,692 (31.5)	110,839 (0.2)	312,116 (▲ 10.7)	110,601 (▲ 13.4)	349,403 (▲ 15.0)
Class Counts of Trademark Registration	11,060 (▲ 15.9)	11,883 (▲ 15.4)	11,756 (▲ 11.3)	12,265 (▲ 11.6)	9,309 (▲ 38.1)	19,278 (50.4)	52,608 (▲ 4.3)	146,081 (▲ 12.5)	54,983 (19.1)	166,891 (6.2)	
Trademark Application for Renewal	6,756 (12.6)	7,106 (12.0)	7,138 (3.7)	5,850 (▲ 15.0)	5,422 (▲ 42.4)	13,576 (78.2)	31,986 (3.9)	85,218 (▲ 0.8)	30,796 (▲ 3.7)	85,930 (▲ 2.6)	