

Preliminary Statistical Data on Filing Applications and Requests

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1. Preliminary Statistical Data

(1) The Number of Applications

Year/Month	2016 7	8	9	10	11	12	2016 1 - 12	2016/4 -12 Cum Sum of FY2016	2015 1 - 12	2015/4 - 2016/3 Total of FY2015
Patents & Utility Models	24,587 (▲ 5.4)	24,844 (4.6)	31,305 (▲ 2.7)	23,812 (▲ 5.1)	25,372 (5.7)	30,287 (4.1)	324,748 (▲ 0.3)	235,223 (0.1)	325,581 (▲ 2.3)	324,425 (▲ 2.6)
Patents	24,024 (▲ 5.4)	24,274 (4.5)	30,760 (▲ 2.6)	23,318 (▲ 4.8)	24,908 (6.1)	29,756 (4.3)	318,306 (▲ 0.1)	230,386 (0.3)	318,721 (▲ 2.2)	317,653 (▲ 2.6)
Utility Models	563 (▲ 4.9)	570 (8.6)	545 (▲ 8.1)	494 (▲ 16.4)	464 (▲ 11.3)	531 (▲ 6.7)	6,442 (▲ 6.1)	4,837 (▲ 6.4)	6,860 (▲ 3.3)	6,772 (▲ 3.1)
Designs	2,531 (▲ 6.0)	2,533 (19.2)	2,893 (19.2)	2,550 (▲ 11.1)	2,418 (▲ 1.3)	2,771 (3.7)	30,822 (3.1)	22,908 (1.8)	29,903 (0.6)	30,419 (1.8)
National Applications	2,351 (▲ 11.8)	2,369 (16.1)	2,643 (11.5)	2,384 (▲ 14.6)	2,274 (▲ 4.1)	2,577 (0.7)	28,739 (▲ 2.4)	21,339 (▲ 3.2)	29,451 (▲ 1.0)	29,453 (▲ 1.4)
Trademarks	11,566 (▲ 12.8)	14,772 (29.9)	12,507 (4.2)	16,193 (27.0)	15,636 (18.8)	12,833 (▲ 13.1)	161,599 (9.7)	119,607 (5.6)	147,283 (18.4)	155,272 (19.7)
National Applications	10,650 (▲ 8.4)	13,779 (35.5)	11,000 (1.3)	14,740 (32.4)	14,290 (21.4)	11,109 (▲ 12.6)	147,763 (12.5)	109,687 (9.0)	131,299 (17.5)	138,711 (18.9)
Total Number	38,684 (▲ 7.8)	42,149 (13.1)	46,705 (0.3)	42,555 (4.5)	43,426 (9.6)	45,891 (▲ 1.4)	517,169 (2.9)	377,738 (1.9)	502,767 (3.2)	510,116 (3.6)
Trademarks Class Counts	20,571 (▲ 37.1)	44,953 (85.5)	25,803 (5.2)	54,305 (106.1)	54,577 (126.5)	17,330 (▲ 47.8)	406,117 (29.6)	295,625 (24.2)	313,342 (47.1)	348,571 (44.0)

• 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.

		2016 7	8	9	10	11	12	2016 1 - 12	2016/4 -12 Cum Sum of FY2016	2015 1 - 12	2015/4 - 2016/3 Total of FY2015
Patents	RO	3,273 (▲ 7.9)	3,588 (3.7)	4,059 (11.2)	3,508 (1.4)	3,548 (8.2)	3,797 (10.0)	44,495 (3.2)	31,721 (2.7)	43,097 (4.4)	43,661 (4.0)
	DO	4,299 (▲ 7.4)	4,768 (3.4)	5,777 (▲ 24.5)	4,709 (1.5)	5,108 (13.9)	5,581 (10.2)	60,034 (▲ 0.9)	46,077 (▲ 0.9)	60,591 (3.6)	60,451 (2.8)
Designs	OO	3 (0.0)	2 (▲ 33.3)	5 (400.0)	7 (133.3)	4 (0.0)	4 (▲ 42.9)	44 (109.5)	36 (71.4)	21 (0.0)	29 (0.0)
	DO	180 (620.0)	164 (95.2)	250 (346.4)	166 (107.5)	144 (82.3)	194 (74.8)	2,083 (360.8)	1,569 (247.1)	452 (0.0)	966 (0.0)
Trademarks	OO	185 (▲ 14.4)	212 (26.2)	235 (12.4)	203 (11.5)	195 (2.6)	252 (29.2)	2,379 (10.3)	1,830 (12.5)	2,157 (7.9)	2,176 (4.1)
	DO	916 (▲ 44.4)	993 (▲ 17.7)	1,507 (31.8)	1,453 (▲ 10.2)	1,346 (▲ 3.0)	1,724 (▲ 16.1)	13,836 (▲ 13.4)	9,920 (▲ 21.6)	15,984 (26.1)	16,561 (26.5)

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		2016 7	8	9	10	11	12	2016 1 - 12	2016/4 -12 Cum Sum of FY2016	2015 1 - 12	2015/4 - 2016/3 Total of FY2015
Request for Patent Examination		19,581 (▲ 1.3)	18,986 (1.9)	22,067 (4.7)	18,058 (▲ 4.3)	19,351 (2.6)	20,292 (▲ 0.2)	241,237 (▲ 0.1)	173,361 (0.1)	241,412 (▲ 1.7)	240,991 (▲ 2.2)
	Year-on-Year	19,836 (1.7)	18,633 (▲ 8.5)	21,074 (▲ 6.2)	18,867 (▲ 10.8)	18,858 (▲ 1.2)	20,325 (5.0)	-	-	-	-
Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion		35 (▲ 20.5)	31 (0.0)	26 (▲ 23.5)	28 (33.3)	19 (▲ 51.3)	25 (▲ 3.8)	339 (▲ 19.7)	243 (▲ 21.4)	422 (5.2)	405 (▲ 4.3)

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

Year/Month		2016 7	8	9	10	11	12	2016 1 - 12	2016/4 -12 Cum Sum of FY2016	2015 1 - 12	2015/4 - 2016/3 Total of FY2015
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,547 (▲ 22.1)	1,539 (5.1)	1,572 (▲ 3.8)	1,458 (▲ 16.0)	1,591 (5.8)	1,730 (1.9)	18,898 (▲ 13.5)	14,383 (▲ 11.1)	21,858 (▲ 15.0)	20,697 (▲ 19.9)
	Trials for Invalidation	14 (0.0)	15 (36.4)	9 (▲ 50.0)	9 (▲ 35.7)	5 (▲ 73.7)	11 (▲ 8.3)	140 (▲ 38.3)	103 (▲ 20.2)	227 (5.6)	166 (▲ 36.9)
	Trials for Cancellation	13 (▲ 23.5)	16 (100.0)	8 (▲ 46.7)	17 (142.9)	10 (▲ 23.1)	12 (▲ 40.0)	163 (8.7)	116 (▲ 4.9)	150 (▲ 28.6)	169 (▲ 10.6)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (▲ 75.0)	7 (600.0)	2 (▲ 60.0)	1 (▲ 50.0)	3 (50.0)	57 (0.0)	97 (246.4)	90 (328.6)	28 (▲ 28.2)	28 (▲ 33.3)
	Oppositions	77 (1000.0)	164 (2242.9)	163 (352.8)	99 (▲ 1.0)	94 (▲ 14.5)	110 (▲ 13.4)	1,334 (242.9)	1,039 (167.1)	389 (0.0)	684 (0.0)
	Total	1,652 (▲ 18.5)	1,741 (16.7)	1,754 (2.7)	1,584 (▲ 14.8)	1,703 (3.3)	1,920 (3.4)	20,632 (▲ 8.9)	15,731 (▲ 6.6)	22,652 (▲ 13.5)	21,744 (▲ 17.4)
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 (▲ 50.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	10 (25.0)	9 (12.5)	8 (▲ 11.1)	9 (28.6)
	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 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)
	Total	1 (▲ 50.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	10 (11.1)	9 (0.0)	9 (▲ 10.0)	10 (25.0)
Designs	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	25 (▲ 16.7)	39 (▲ 13.3)	27 (▲ 34.1)	34 (25.9)	40 (▲ 23.1)	24 (▲ 7.7)	384 (▲ 1.8)	288 (▲ 6.2)	391 (0.5)	403 (3.6)
	Trials for Invalidation	2 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (▲ 50.0)	5 (0.0)	3 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	26 (136.4)	20 (185.7)	11 (▲ 42.1)	13 (▲ 35.0)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (0.0)	2 (100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	7 (16.7)	6 (20.0)	6 (▲ 57.1)	6 (▲ 50.0)
	Total	28 (▲ 12.5)	41 (▲ 12.8)	28 (▲ 36.4)	40 (48.1)	4 43 (▲ 18.9)	24 (▲ 11.1)	417 (2.2)	314 (▲ 1.6)	408 (▲ 3.3)	422 (0.2)

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

Year/Month		2016 7	8	9	10	11	12	2016 1 - 12	2016/4 -12 Cum Sum of FY2016	2015 1 - 12	2015/4 - 2016/3 Total of FY2015
Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	57 (▲ 36.7)	57 (▲ 32.1)	36 (▲ 51.4)	50 (▲ 12.3)	44 (▲ 15.4)	45 (▲ 10.0)	513 (▲ 39.9)	370 (▲ 44.7)	853 (0.9)	812 (3.3)
	Trials for Invalidation	6 (▲ 14.3)	5 (▲ 16.7)	6 (▲ 25.0)	7 (▲ 30.0)	11 (22.2)	16 (433.3)	93 (▲ 7.0)	66 (▲ 14.3)	100 (▲ 13.0)	104 (▲ 8.8)
	Trials for Cancellation	58 (▲ 40.2)	95 (39.7)	64 (14.3)	104 (14.3)	62 (▲ 22.5)	88 (15.8)	958 (▲ 0.6)	734 (0.1)	964 (▲ 12.3)	957 (▲ 11.4)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	3 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	6 (200.0)	5 (400.0)	2 (▲ 81.8)	2 (▲ 71.4)
	Oppositions	47 (9.3)	68 (183.3)	45 (40.6)	37 (▲ 9.8)	34 (88.9)	41 (▲ 21.2)	453 (▲ 1.7)	366 (8.0)	461 (17.3)	426 (2.7)
	Total	168 (▲ 29.1)	226 (24.2)	154 (▲ 9.4)	198 (▲ 0.5)	151 (▲ 5.0)	191 (5.5)	2,023 (▲ 15.0)	1,541 (▲ 15.3)	2,380 (▲ 3.4)	2,301 (▲ 4.2)
Total	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,629 (▲ 22.6)	1,635 (2.6)	1,635 (▲ 6.5)	1,542 (▲ 15.3)	1,675 (4.2)	1,799 (1.4)	19,795 (▲ 14.3)	15,041 (▲ 12.3)	23,102 (▲ 14.3)	21,912 (▲ 18.8)
	Trials for Invalidation	23 (▲ 8.0)	20 (11.1)	17 (▲ 41.4)	21 (▲ 16.0)	19 (▲ 34.5)	27 (68.8)	269 (▲ 22.3)	198 (▲ 10.4)	346 (▲ 3.4)	292 (▲ 27.7)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	2 (▲ 50.0)	10 (400.0)	5 (▲ 16.7)	2 (0.0)	3 (▲ 25.0)	58 (5700.0)	110 (197.3)	101 (260.7)	37 (▲ 43.1)	37 (▲ 40.3)
	Trials for Correction (Patents & Utility Models)	13 (▲ 23.5)	16 (100.0)	8 (▲ 46.7)	17 (142.9)	10 (▲ 23.1)	12 (▲ 40.0)	163 (8.7)	116 (▲ 4.9)	150 (▲ 28.6)	169 (▲ 10.6)
	Trials for Cancellation (Trademarks)	58 (▲ 40.2)	95 (39.7)	64 (14.3)	104 (14.3)	62 (▲ 22.5)	88 (15.8)	958 (▲ 0.6)	734 (0.1)	964 (▲ 12.3)	957 (▲ 11.4)
	Oppositions (Trademarks)	124 (148.0)	232 (648.4)	208 (205.9)	136 (▲ 3.5)	128 (0.0)	151 (▲ 15.6)	1,787 (110.2)	1,405 (93.0)	850 (116.3)	1,110 (167.5)
	Total	1,849 (▲ 19.5)	2,008 (16.7)	1,937 (0.7)	1,822 (▲ 12.7)	1,897 (1.9)	2,135 (3.3)	23,082 (▲ 9.3)	17,595 (▲ 7.3)	25,449 (▲ 12.5)	24,477 (▲ 16.0)

(6) The Number of Registrations

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

Year/Month		2016 7	8	9	10	11	12	2016 1 - 12	2016/4 -12 Cum Sum of FY2016	2015 1 - 12	2015/4 - 2016/3 Total of FY2015
The Number of Registrations	Patents	20,788 (16.1)	15,622 (19.4)	20,755 (87.7)	16,842 (▲ 17.4)	16,054 (8.9)	16,419 (5.0)	203,087 (7.3)	157,745 (11.8)	189,358 (▲ 16.6)	186,384 (▲ 11.5)
	Utility Models	522 (▲ 28.2)	686 (32.9)	498 (▲ 22.9)	489 (▲ 10.8)	524 (9.6)	363 (▲ 35.5)	6,297 (▲ 5.9)	4,582 (▲ 10.2)	6,695 (▲ 4.6)	6,818 (▲ 1.6)
	Designs	2,631 (0.7)	2,133 (1.8)	2,488 (48.5)	2,324 (▲ 20.8)	1,813 (1.6)	2,053 (4.3)	25,344 (▲ 3.6)	19,827 (▲ 1.8)	26,297 (▲ 3.7)	25,710 (▲ 3.4)
	Trademarks	10,688 (12.7)	7,503 (6.4)	9,999 (73.6)	7,797 (▲ 25.1)	9,236 (34.6)	9,678 (25.3)	105,207 (7.3)	82,634 (17.0)	98,085 (▲ 1.8)	93,204 (▲ 11.5)
	National Applications	9,029 (8.4)	6,626 (5.8)	8,604 (68.0)	6,695 (▲ 26.6)	8,170 (32.8)	8,562 (26.2)	93,167 (7.6)	73,356 (17.7)	86,596 (▲ 3.8)	82,156 (▲ 12.9)
	International Applications	1,659 (42.9)	877 (11.6)	1,395 (118.0)	1,102 (▲ 15.0)	1,066 (49.7)	1,116 (19.5)	12,040 (4.8)	9,278 (12.0)	11,489 (16.7)	11,048 (0.7)
	Total	34,629 (12.7)	25,944 (14.0)	33,740 (76.3)	27,452 (▲ 19.9)	27,627 (15.7)	28,513 (10.1)	339,935 (6.1)	264,788 (11.7)	320,435 (▲ 11.3)	312,116 (▲ 10.7)
Class Counts of Trademark Registration	15,724 (3.9)	12,190 (6.5)	15,895 (71.2)	12,115 (▲ 25.2)	14,523 (31.3)	15,143 (27.4)	164,917 (6.5)	131,587 (16.7)	154,919 (▲ 2.9)	146,081 (▲ 12.5)	
Trademark Application for Renewal	8,186 (13.1)	9,890 (46.6)	7,891 (5.6)	7,827 (▲ 7.2)	9,412 (39.3)	8,922 (25.6)	105,133 (16.8)	86,723 (29.8)	89,986 (5.9)	85,218 (▲ 0.8)	