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## (1) The Number of Applications

Year/ Month	2017 2	3	2017/1 -3 (Cum Sum of 2017)	2016/1 -3 (Year-on-Year)	2016/4 - 2017/3 (Cum Sum of FY2016)	2015/4 - 2016/3 (Year-on-Year)	Q1 of FY2016	Q2 of FY2016	Q3 of FY2016	Q4 of FY2016	2016/1-12 (Total of 2016)
Patents & Utility Models	26,941 (0.6)	42,022 (2.7)	90,531 (1.1)	89,519 (▲1.3)	325,873 (0.4)	324,419 (▲2.6)	75,021 (0.3)	80,731 (▲1.4)	79,590 (1.8)	90,531 (1.1)	324,861 (▲0.2)
Patents	26,423 (0.6)	41,464 (2.8)	88,982 (1.2)	87,914 (▲1.2)	319,449 (0.6)	317,647 (▲2.6)	73,351 (0.5)	79,053 (▲1.4)	78,063 (2.0)	88,982 (1.2)	318,381 (▲0.1)
Utility Models	518 (2.2)	558 (▲7.5)	1,549 (▲3.5)	1,605 (▲5.2)	6,424 (▲5.1)	6,772 (▲3.1)	1,670 (▲5.9)	1,678 (▲1.9)	1,527 (▲9.3)	1,549 (▲3.5)	6,480 (▲5.5)
Designs	2,509 (▲6.8)	3,160 (5.3)	7,653 (▲3.3)	7,914 (7.0)	30,618 (0.7)	30,419 (1.8)	7,212 (▲0.8)	7,957 (9.9)	7,796 (▲2.5)	7,653 (▲3.3)	30,879 (3.3)
National Applications	2,315 (▲8.0)	2,938 (4.6)	7,115 (▲3.9)	7,400 (0.0)	28,511 (▲3.2)	29,453 (▲1.4)	6,741 (▲7.1)	7,363 (4.0)	7,292 (▲5.6)	7,115 (▲3.9)	28,796 (▲2.2)
Trademarks	18,284 (44.8)	19,343 (13.8)	48,665 (15.9)	41,991 (23.5)	168,533 (8.5)	155,271 (19.7)	36,100 (0.4)	38,845 (6.0)	44,923 (10.4)	48,665 (15.9)	161,859 (9.9)
National Applications	17,184 (52.8)	18,115 (17.4)	45,412 (19.3)	38,075 (24.2)	155,361 (12.0)	138,710 (18.9)	34,119 (5.4)	35,429 (8.5)	40,401 (13.4)	45,412 (19.3)	148,024 (12.7)
Total Number	47,734 (13.4)	64,525 (5.9)	146,849 (5.3)	139,424 (5.6)	525,024 (2.9)	510,109 (3.6)	118,333 (0.3)	127,533 (1.4)	132,309 (4.3)	146,849 (5.3)	517,599 (3.0)
Trademark Class Counts	58,845 (112.7)	48,588 (2.9)	131,381 (18.9)	110,492 (46.8)	435,914 (25.1)	348,571 (44.0)	78,086 (7.1)	91,327 (12.1)	135,120 (61.5)	131,381 (18.9)	415,025 (32.5)

## (2) The Number of International Applications

Year/ Month	2017 2	3	2017/1 -3 (Cum Sum of 2017)	2016/1 -3 (Year-on-Year)	2016/4 - 2017/3 (Cum Sum of FY2016)	2015/4 - 2016/3 (Year-on-Year)	Q1 of FY2016	Q2 of FY2016	Q3 of FY2016	Q4 of FY2016	2016/1-12 (Total of 2016)	
P O T	RO	4,563 (16.6)	5,808 (5.0)	13,876 (8.6)	12,774 (4.6)	45,597 (4.4)	43,661 (4.0)	9,948 (▲0.8)	10,920 (2.4)	10,853 (6.5)	13,876 (8.6)	44,495 (3.2)
	DO	4,939 (7.7)	5,950 (19.3)	15,502 (11.1)	13,951 (▲1.0)	61,575 (1.9)	60,445 (2.8)	15,840 (2.8)	14,839 (▲12.2)	15,394 (8.5)	15,502 (11.1)	60,024 (▲0.9)
Hague Agreement	OO	3 (0.0)	2 (▲33.3)	7 (▲12.5)	8 (0.0)	43 (48.3)	29 (0.0)	11 (266.7)	10 (150.0)	15 (7.1)	7 (▲12.5)	44 (109.5)
	DO	194 (10.2)	222 (15.6)	538 (4.7)	514 (0.0)	2,107 (118.1)	966 (0.0)	471 (2670.6)	594 (260.0)	504 (86.7)	538 (4.7)	2,083 (360.8)
Madrid Protocol	OO	230 (15.0)	222 (7.8)	608 (10.7)	549 (3.6)	2,438 (12.0)	2,176 (4.1)	548 (17.3)	632 (6.6)	650 (14.6)	608 (10.7)	2,379 (10.3)
	DO	1,100 (▲20.0)	1,228 (▲21.9)	3,253 (▲16.9)	3,916 (17.3)	13,172 (▲20.5)	16,561 (26.5)	1,981 (▲44.8)	3,416 (▲14.5)	4,522 (▲10.7)	3,253 (▲16.9)	13,835 (▲13.4)

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

Year/ Month	2017 2	3	2017/1 -3 (Cum Sum of 2017)	2016/1 -3 (Year-on-Year)	2016/4 - 2017/3 (Cum Sum of FY2016)	2015/4 - 2016/3 (Year-on-Year)	Q1 of FY2016	Q2 of FY2016	Q3 of FY2016	Q4 of FY2016	2016/1-12 (Total of 2016)
Request for Patent Examination	22,172 (▲6.2)	27,495 (7.9)	69,235 (2.1)	67,831 (▲0.7)	241,859 (0.4)	240,946 (▲2.2)	55,104 (▲0.8)	60,753 (2.0)	56,767 (▲2.2)	69,235 (2.1)	240,455 (▲0.4)
Year-on-Year	23,634 (6.4)	25,478 (▲1.0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion	17 (▲51.4)	22 (▲35.3)	63 (▲34.4)	96 (▲15.0)	308 (▲24.0)	405 (▲4.3)	77 (▲32.5)	92 (▲15.6)	76 (▲11.6)	63 (▲34.4)	341 (▲19.2)

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

Year/ Month		2017 2	3	2017/1 -3 (Cum Sum of 2017)	2016/1 -3 (Year-on-Year)	2016/4 - 2017/3 (Cum Sum of FY2016)	2015/4 - 2016/3 (Year-on-Year)	Q1 of FY2016	Q2 of FY2016	Q3 of FY2016	Q4 of FY2016	2016/1-12 (Total of 2016)
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,526 (▲2.9)	1,525 (▲3.2)	4,391 (▲2.7)	4,515 (▲20.5)	18,774 (▲9.3)	20,697 (▲19.9)	4,946 (▲19.7)	4,658 (▲8.4)	4,779 (▲3.2)	4,391 (▲2.7)	18,898 (▲13.5)
	Trials for Invalidation	10 (▲41.2)	19 (90.0)	44 (18.9)	37 (▲62.2)	147 (▲11.4)	166 (▲36.9)	40 (▲2.4)	38 (▲11.6)	25 (▲44.4)	44 (18.9)	140 (▲38.3)
	Trials for Correction	9 (▲40.0)	10 (▲44.4)	26 (▲44.7)	47 (67.9)	142 (▲16.0)	169 (▲10.6)	40 (▲4.8)	37 (▲7.5)	39 (▲2.5)	26 (▲44.7)	163 (8.7)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (▲66.7)	2 (0.0)	10 (42.9)	7 (0.0)	100 (257.1)	28 (▲33.3)	19 (171.4)	10 (0.0)	61 (1425.0)	10 (42.9)	97 (246.4)
	oppositions	137 (23.4)	134 (38.1)	358 (21.4)	295 (0.0)	1,397 (104.2)	684 (0.0)	332 (16500.0)	404 (708.0)	303 (▲10.1)	358 (21.4)	1,334 (242.9)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,683 (▲2.0)</b>	<b>1,690 (▲0.7)</b>	<b>4,829 (▲1.5)</b>	<b>4,901 (▲15.6)</b>	<b>20,560 (▲5.4)</b>	<b>21,744 (▲17.4)</b>	<b>5,377 (▲14.0)</b>	<b>5,147 (▲1.5)</b>	<b>5,207 (▲2.9)</b>	<b>4,829 (▲1.5)</b>	<b>20,632 (▲8.9)</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)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
	Trials for Invalidation	0 (▲100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲100.0)	1 (0.0)	9 (0.0)	9 (28.6)	7 (250.0)	2 (▲33.3)	0 (▲100.0)	0 (▲100.0)	10 (25.0)
	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)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲100.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲100.0)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0 (▲100.0)</b>	<b>0 (0.0)</b>	<b>0 (▲100.0)</b>	<b>1 (0.0)</b>	<b>9 (▲10.0)</b>	<b>10 (25.0)</b>	<b>7 (250.0)</b>	<b>2 (▲33.3)</b>	<b>0 (▲100.0)</b>	<b>0 (▲100.0)</b>	<b>10 (11.1)</b>

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Designs	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	32 (▲23.8)	28 (12.0)	90 (▲6.3)	96 (14.3)	378 (▲6.2)	403 (3.6)	99 (15.1)	91 (▲21.6)	98 (▲6.7)	90 (▲6.3)	384 (▲1.8)
	Trials for Invalidation	1 (0.0)	1 (▲83.3)	2 (▲66.7)	6 (50.0)	22 (69.2)	13 (▲35.0)	9 (350.0)	3 (▲40.0)	8 (0.0)	2 (▲66.7)	26 (136.4)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (100.0)	1 (0.0)	8 (33.3)	6 (▲50.0)	2 (100.0)	3 (50.0)	1 (▲50.0)	2 (100.0)	7 (16.7)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>34 (▲20.9)</b>	<b>29 (▲6.5)</b>	<b>94 (▲8.7)</b>	<b>103 (15.7)</b>	<b>408 (▲3.3)</b>	<b>422 (0.2)</b>	<b>110 (23.6)</b>	<b>97 (▲21.1)</b>	<b>107 (0.0)</b>	<b>94 (▲8.7)</b>	<b>417 (2.2)</b>

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Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	42 (▲36.4)	29 (▲21.6)	105 (▲26.6)	143 (▲22.3)	476 (▲41.4)	812 (3.3)	81 (▲69.1)	150 (▲39.5)	140 (▲11.9)	105 (▲26.6)	514 (▲39.7)
	Trials for Invalidation	8 (▲20.0)	7 (▲41.7)	19 (▲26.9)	26 (13.0)	85 (▲17.5)	103 (▲9.6)	15 (▲55.9)	17 (▲19.0)	34 (54.5)	19 (▲26.9)	92 (▲8.0)
	Trials for Cancellation	69 (▲24.2)	95 (21.8)	237 (5.8)	224 (▲3.0)	971 (1.5)	957 (▲11.4)	263 (▲0.8)	217 (▲1.8)	254 (2.8)	237 (5.8)	958 (▲0.6)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲100.0)	3 (200.0)	1 (0.0)	8 (300.0)	2 (▲71.4)	0 (▲100.0)	4 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	3 (200.0)	6 (200.0)
	Oppositions	46 (48.4)	42 (40.0)	120 (37.9)	87 (▲28.7)	486 (14.1)	426 (2.7)	94 (▲27.1)	160 (61.6)	112 (0.9)	120 (37.9)	453 (▲1.7)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>166 (▲16.2)</b>	<b>173 (9.5)</b>	<b>484 (0.6)</b>	<b>481 (▲14.3)</b>	<b>2,026 (▲11.9)</b>	<b>2,300 (▲4.2)</b>	<b>453 (▲34.4)</b>	<b>548 (▲7.0)</b>	<b>541 (0.4)</b>	<b>484 (0.6)</b>	<b>2,023 (▲15.0)</b>