

Preliminary Statistical Data on Filing Applications and Requests

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1. Preliminary Statistical Data

(1) The Number of Applications

Year/Month	2017 7	8	9	10	11	12	2017 1 - 12	2017/4 - 12 Cum Sum of FY2017	2016 1 - 12	2016/4 - 2017/3 Total of FY2016
Patents & Utility Models	23,850 (▲ 3.0)	24,678 (▲ 0.7)	30,429 (▲ 2.8)	24,593 (3.3)	25,723 (1.4)	30,179 (▲ 0.7)	324,422 (▲ 0.1)	233,828 (▲ 0.6)	324,861 (▲ 0.2)	325,936 (0.5)
Patents	23,323 (▲ 2.9)	24,171 (▲ 0.4)	29,955 (▲ 2.6)	24,100 (3.4)	25,255 (1.4)	29,719 (▲ 0.4)	318,344 (▲ 0.0)	229,307 (▲ 0.5)	318,381 (▲ 0.1)	319,504 (0.6)
Utility Models	527 (▲ 6.4)	507 (▲ 11.1)	474 (▲ 13.0)	493 (▲ 0.2)	468 (0.6)	460 (▲ 19.0)	6,078 (▲ 6.2)	4,521 (▲ 7.3)	6,480 (▲ 5.5)	6,432 (▲ 5.0)
Designs	2,561 (1.2)	2,581 (1.9)	2,890 (▲ 0.1)	2,842 (11.5)	2,648 (9.5)	3,026 (7.0)	31,905 (3.3)	24,212 (5.4)	30,879 (3.3)	30,658 (0.8)
National Applications	2,340 (▲ 0.5)	2,351 (▲ 0.8)	2,762 (4.5)	2,683 (12.5)	2,441 (7.3)	2,752 (4.5)	29,689 (3.1)	22,534 (5.3)	28,796 (▲ 2.2)	28,551 (▲ 3.1)
Trademarks	13,282 (14.8)	16,261 (10.1)	16,342 (30.7)	14,973 (▲ 7.5)	16,346 (4.5)	14,112 (7.8)	190,412 (17.6)	141,728 (18.2)	161,859 (9.9)	168,552 (8.6)
National Applications	11,749 (10.3)	14,547 (5.6)	14,907 (35.5)	13,447 (▲ 8.8)	14,650 (2.5)	12,858 (13.1)	173,083 (16.9)	127,651 (16.1)	148,024 (12.7)	155,381 (12.0)
Total Number	39,693 (2.6)	43,520 (3.3)	49,661 (6.3)	42,408 (▲ 0.3)	44,717 (2.9)	47,317 (2.2)	546,739 (5.6)	399,768 (5.7)	517,599 (3.0)	525,146 (2.9)
Trademarks Class Counts	25,328 (23.1)	48,405 (7.7)	45,545 (76.5)	38,574 (▲ 29.0)	46,349 (▲ 15.1)	18,401 (▲ 29.9)	512,766 (23.6)	370,135 (21.5)	415,025 (32.5)	447,164 (28.3)

▪ 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.

		2017 7	8	9	10	11	12	2017 1 - 12	2017/4 - 12 Cum Sum of FY2017	2016 1 - 12	2016/4 - 2017/3 Total of FY2016
Patents	RO	3,511 (7.3)	3,715 (3.5)	4,266 (5.1)	3,693 (5.3)	3,764 (6.1)	4,192 (10.4)	47,425 (6.6)	33,549 (5.8)	44,495 (3.2)	45,597 (4.4)
	DO	4,556 (6.0)	4,794 (0.5)	5,713 (▲ 1.1)	4,981 (5.9)	5,236 (2.5)	5,759 (3.2)	62,666 (4.4)	47,167 (2.4)	60,024 (▲ 0.9)	61,572 (1.9)
Designs	OO	1 (▲ 66.7)	8 (300.0)	3 (▲ 40.0)	2 (▲ 71.4)	2 (▲ 50.0)	3 (▲ 25.0)	33 (▲ 25.0)	26 (▲ 27.8)	44 (109.5)	43 (48.3)
	DO	221 (22.8)	230 (40.2)	128 (▲ 48.8)	159 (▲ 4.2)	207 (43.8)	274 (41.2)	2,216 (6.4)	1,678 (6.9)	2,083 (360.8)	2,107 (118.1)
Trademarks	OO	207 (11.9)	202 (▲ 4.7)	248 (5.5)	220 (8.4)	261 (33.8)	241 (▲ 4.4)	2,505 (5.3)	1,897 (3.7)	2,379 (10.3)	2,438 (12.0)
	DO	1,533 (67.4)	1,714 (72.6)	1,435 (▲ 4.8)	1,526 (5.0)	1,696 (26.0)	1,254 (▲ 27.2)	17,329 (25.3)	14,077 (41.9)	13,835 (▲ 13.4)	13,171 (▲ 20.5)

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		2017 7	8	9	10	11	12	2017 1 - 12	2017/4 - 12 Cum Sum of FY2017	2016 1 - 12	2016/4 - 2017/3 Total of FY2016
Request for Patent Examination		17,706 (▲ 9.7)	19,612 (2.8)	20,614 (▲ 6.6)	18,165 (0.5)	19,505 (2.5)	20,749 (5.5)	240,693 (0.1)	171,466 (▲ 0.7)	240,455 (▲ 0.4)	241,851 (0.4)
	Year-on-Year	19,610 (▲ 1.1)	19,080 (2.4)	22,063 (4.7)	18,069 (▲ 4.2)	19,028 (0.9)	19,670 (▲ 3.2)	- -	- -	- -	- -
Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion		24 (▲ 31.4)	29 (▲ 6.5)	20 (▲ 23.1)	24 (▲ 14.3)	28 (47.4)	21 (▲ 27.6)	291 (▲ 14.7)	227 (▲ 7.3)	341 (▲ 19.2)	309 (▲ 23.7)

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

Year/Month		2017 7	8	9	10	11	12	2017 1 - 12	2017/4 - 12 Cum Sum of FY2017	2016 1 - 12	2016/4 - 2017/3 Total of FY2016
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,572 (1.6)	1,425 (▲ 7.4)	1,497 (▲ 4.8)	1,578 (8.2)	1,558 (▲ 2.1)	1,701 (▲ 1.7)	18,590 (▲ 1.6)	14,199 (▲ 1.3)	18,898 (▲ 13.5)	18,774 (▲ 9.3)
	Trials for Invalidation	15 (7.1)	21 (40.0)	9 (0.0)	9 (0.0)	5 (0.0)	17 (54.5)	161 (15.0)	117 (13.6)	140 (▲ 38.3)	147 (▲ 11.4)
	Trials for Correction	15 (15.4)	10 (▲ 37.5)	16 (100.0)	14 (▲ 17.6)	19 (90.0)	25 (108.3)	160 (▲ 1.8)	134 (15.5)	163 (8.7)	142 (▲ 16.0)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (0.0)	5 (▲ 28.6)	2 (0.0)	7 (600.0)	1 (▲ 66.7)	3 (▲ 94.7)	36 (▲ 62.9)	26 (▲ 71.1)	97 (246.4)	100 (257.1)
	Oppositions	103 (33.8)	77 (▲ 53.0)	122 (▲ 25.2)	101 (2.0)	118 (25.5)	119 (8.2)	1,370 (2.7)	1,012 (▲ 2.6)	1,334 (242.9)	1,397 (104.2)
	Total	1,706 (3.3)	1,538 (▲ 11.7)	1,646 (▲ 6.2)	1,709 (7.9)	1,701 (▲ 0.1)	1,865 (▲ 2.9)	20,317 (▲ 1.5)	15,488 (▲ 1.5)	20,632 (▲ 8.9)	20,560 (▲ 5.4)
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	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	4 (▲ 60.0)	4 (▲ 55.6)	10 (25.0)	9 (0.0)
	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)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)
	Total	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	5 (▲ 50.0)	5 (▲ 44.4)	10 (11.1)	9 (▲ 10.0)
Designs	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	35 (40.0)	51 (30.8)	17 (▲ 37.0)	50 (47.1)	25 (▲ 37.5)	17 (▲ 29.2)	400 (4.2)	310 (7.6)	384 (▲ 1.8)	378 (▲ 6.2)
	Trials for Invalidation	1 (▲ 50.0)	1 (0.0)	2 (100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (▲ 66.7)	3 (0.0)	14 (▲ 46.2)	12 (▲ 40.0)	26 (136.4)	22 (69.2)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	2 (100.0)	2 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (100.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	11 (57.1)	9 (50.0)	7 (16.7)	8 (33.3)
	Total	38 (35.7)	54 (31.7)	19 (▲ 32.1)	52 (30.0)	26 (▲ 39.5)	21 (▲ 12.5)	425 (1.9)	331 (5.4)	417 (2.2)	408 (▲ 3.3)

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

Year/Month		2017 7	8	9	10	11	12	2017 1 - 12	2017/4 - 12 Cum Sum of FY2017	2016 1 - 12	2016/4 - 2017/3 Total of FY2016
Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	76 (33.3)	63 (10.5)	64 (77.8)	50 (▲ 2.0)	72 (63.6)	56 (24.4)	672 (30.7)	567 (52.8)	514 (▲ 39.7)	476 (▲ 41.4)
	Trials for Invalidation	12 (100.0)	9 (80.0)	6 (0.0)	7 (0.0)	3 (▲ 72.7)	17 (6.3)	92 (0.0)	73 (10.6)	92 (▲ 8.0)	85 (▲ 17.5)
	Trials for Cancellation	92 (58.6)	94 (▲ 1.1)	95 (48.4)	74 (▲ 28.8)	54 (▲ 12.9)	101 (14.8)	1,001 (4.5)	764 (4.1)	958 (▲ 0.6)	971 (1.5)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (▲ 66.7)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	8 (33.3)	5 (0.0)	6 (200.0)	8 (300.0)
	Oppositions	26 (▲ 44.7)	31 (▲ 54.4)	30 (▲ 33.3)	47 (27.0)	31 (▲ 8.8)	32 (▲ 22.0)	434 (▲ 4.2)	314 (▲ 14.2)	453 (▲ 1.7)	486 (14.1)
	Total	206 (22.6)	198 (▲ 12.4)	196 (27.3)	179 (▲ 10.1)	160 (6.0)	206 (7.9)	2,207 (9.1)	1,723 (11.7)	2,023 (▲ 15.0)	2,026 (▲ 11.9)
Total	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,683 (3.3)	1,539 (▲ 5.9)	1,578 (▲ 3.5)	1,678 (8.7)	1,655 (▲ 1.2)	1,774 (▲ 1.4)	19,662 (▲ 0.7)	15,076 (0.2)	19,796 (▲ 14.3)	19,628 (▲ 10.4)
	Trials for Invalidation	28 (21.7)	32 (60.0)	18 (5.9)	16 (▲ 23.8)	10 (▲ 47.4)	37 (37.0)	271 (1.1)	206 (4.0)	268 (▲ 22.5)	263 (▲ 9.6)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	3 (50.0)	8 (▲ 20.0)	3 (▲ 40.0)	10 (400.0)	1 (▲ 66.7)	4 (▲ 93.1)	56 (▲ 49.1)	41 (▲ 59.4)	110 (197.3)	116 (213.5)
	Trials for Correction (Patents & Utility Models)	15 (15.4)	10 (▲ 37.5)	16 (100.0)	14 (▲ 17.6)	19 (90.0)	25 (108.3)	160 (▲ 1.8)	134 (15.5)	163 (8.7)	142 (▲ 16.0)
	Trials for Cancellation (Trademarks)	92 (58.6)	94 (▲ 1.1)	95 (48.4)	74 (▲ 28.8)	54 (▲ 12.9)	101 (14.8)	1,001 (4.5)	764 (4.1)	958 (▲ 0.6)	971 (1.5)
	Oppositions (Patents & Trademarks)	129 (4.0)	108 (▲ 53.4)	152 (▲ 26.9)	148 (8.8)	149 (16.4)	151 (0.0)	1,804 (1.0)	1,326 (▲ 5.6)	1,787 (110.2)	1,883 (69.6)
	Total	1,950 (5.5)	1,791 (▲ 10.8)	1,862 (▲ 3.9)	1,940 (6.4)	1,888 (▲ 0.5)	2,092 (▲ 2.0)	22,954 (▲ 0.6)	17,547 (▲ 0.3)	23,082 (▲ 9.3)	23,003 (▲ 6.0)

(6) The Number of Registrations

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Year/Month		2017 7	8	9	10	11	12	2017 1 - 12	2017/4 - 12 Cum Sum of FY2017	2016 1 - 12	2016/4 - 2017/3 Total of FY2016
The Number of Registrations	Patents	15,442 (▲ 25.7)	14,447 (▲ 7.5)	19,765 (▲ 4.8)	15,620 (▲ 7.3)	15,698 (▲ 2.2)	15,452 (▲ 5.9)	199,577 (▲ 1.7)	144,732 (▲ 8.2)	203,087 (7.3)	212,590 (14.1)
	Utility Models	495 (▲ 5.2)	587 (▲ 14.4)	503 (1.0)	442 (▲ 9.6)	539 (2.9)	377 (3.9)	6,024 (▲ 4.3)	4,457 (▲ 2.7)	6,297 (▲ 5.9)	6,149 (▲ 9.8)
	Designs	2,066 (▲ 21.5)	1,982 (▲ 7.1)	2,828 (13.7)	2,402 (3.4)	1,895 (4.5)	2,229 (8.6)	27,335 (7.9)	20,228 (2.0)	25,344 (▲ 3.6)	26,934 (4.8)
	Trademarks	8,792 (▲ 17.7)	8,292 (10.5)	10,501 (5.0)	8,451 (8.4)	7,956 (▲ 13.9)	8,702 (▲ 10.1)	111,180 (5.7)	79,234 (▲ 4.1)	105,207 (7.3)	114,580 (22.9)
	National Applications	7,753 (▲ 14.1)	7,440 (12.3)	9,410 (9.4)	7,422 (10.9)	7,149 (▲ 12.5)	7,784 (▲ 9.1)	98,417 (5.6)	70,175 (▲ 4.3)	93,167 (7.6)	101,598 (23.7)
	International Applications	1,039 (▲ 37.4)	852 (▲ 2.9)	1,091 (▲ 21.8)	1,029 (▲ 6.6)	807 (▲ 24.3)	918 (▲ 17.7)	12,763 (6.0)	9,059 (▲ 2.4)	12,040 (4.8)	12,982 (17.5)
	Total	26,795 (▲ 22.6)	25,308 (▲ 2.5)	33,597 (▲ 0.4)	26,915 (▲ 2.0)	26,088 (▲ 5.6)	26,760 (▲ 6.1)	344,116 (1.2)	248,651 (▲ 6.1)	339,935 (6.1)	360,253 (15.4)
Class Counts of Trademark Registration	14,006 (▲ 10.9)	13,032 (6.9)	17,366 (9.3)	13,845 (14.3)	12,836 (▲ 11.6)	14,489 (▲ 4.3)	180,287 (9.3)	128,768 (▲ 2.1)	164,920 (6.5)	183,109 (25.3)	
Trademark Application for Renewal	9,918 (21.2)	10,883 (10.0)	8,359 (5.9)	11,253 (43.8)	7,902 (▲ 16.0)	7,653 (▲ 14.2)	122,167 (16.2)	92,035 (6.1)	105,133 (16.8)	116,855 (37.1)	