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1. Preliminary Statistical Data

(1) The Number of Applications

Year/Month	2017 8	9	10	11	12	2018 1	2017 1 - 12	2017/4 - 2018/1 Cum Sum of FY2017	2016 1 - 12	2016/4 - 2017/3 Total of FY2016
Patents & Utility Models	24,678 (▲ 0.7)	30,429 (▲ 2.8)	24,593 (3.3)	25,730 (1.4)	30,327 (▲ 0.2)	21,092 (▲ 2.2)	324,577 (▲ 0.1)	255,075 (▲ 0.7)	324,861 (▲ 0.2)	325,936 (0.5)
Patents	24,171 (▲ 0.4)	29,955 (▲ 2.6)	24,100 (3.4)	25,262 (1.4)	29,840 (0.0)	20,708 (▲ 1.8)	318,472 (0.0)	250,143 (▲ 0.6)	318,381 (▲ 0.1)	319,504 (0.6)
Utility Models	507 (▲ 11.1)	474 (▲ 13.0)	493 (▲ 0.2)	468 (0.6)	487 (▲ 14.3)	384 (▲ 18.8)	6,105 (▲ 5.8)	4,932 (▲ 7.8)	6,480 (▲ 5.5)	6,432 (▲ 5.0)
Designs	2,581 (1.9)	2,890 (▲ 0.1)	2,842 (11.5)	2,648 (9.5)	3,083 (9.0)	2,061 (3.9)	31,962 (3.5)	26,330 (5.5)	30,879 (3.3)	30,658 (0.8)
National Applications	2,351 (▲ 0.8)	2,762 (4.5)	2,683 (12.5)	2,441 (7.3)	2,809 (6.6)	1,987 (6.7)	29,746 (3.3)	24,578 (5.7)	28,796 (▲ 2.2)	28,551 (▲ 3.1)
Trademarks	16,261 (10.1)	16,342 (30.7)	14,974 (▲ 7.5)	16,346 (4.5)	14,642 (11.9)	14,616 (32.4)	190,943 (18.0)	156,875 (19.8)	161,859 (9.9)	168,552 (8.6)
National Applications	14,547 (5.6)	14,907 (35.5)	13,448 (▲ 8.8)	14,650 (2.5)	13,388 (17.8)	13,601 (34.5)	173,614 (17.3)	141,783 (18.1)	148,024 (12.7)	155,381 (12.0)
Total Number	43,520 (3.3)	49,661 (6.3)	42,409 (▲ 0.3)	44,724 (3.0)	48,052 (3.7)	37,769 (9.2)	547,482 (5.8)	438,280 (6.2)	517,599 (3.0)	525,146 (2.9)
Trademarks Class Counts	48,405 (7.7)	45,545 (76.5)	38,574 (▲ 29.0)	46,349 (▲ 15.1)	18,401 (▲ 29.9)	48,513 (102.6)	512,766 (23.6)	418,648 (27.4)	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 8	9	10	11	12	2018 1	2017 1 - 12	2017/4 - 2018/1 Cum Sum of FY2017	2016 1 - 12	2016/4 - 2017/3 Total of FY2016
Patents	RO	3,715 (3.5)	4,266 (5.1)	3,693 (5.3)	3,764 (6.1)	4,192 (10.4)	3,330 (▲ 5.0)	47,425 (6.6)	36,879 (4.7)	44,495 (3.2)	45,597 (4.4)
	DO	4,794 (0.5)	5,713 (▲ 1.1)	4,981 (5.9)	5,237 (2.5)	5,759 (3.2)	4,610 (▲ 0.0)	62,667 (4.4)	51,778 (2.2)	60,024 (▲ 0.9)	61,572 (1.9)
Designs	OO	8 (300.0)	3 (▲ 40.0)	2 (▲ 71.4)	2 (▲ 50.0)	3 (▲ 25.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	33 (▲ 25.0)	26 (▲ 31.6)	44 (109.5)	43 (48.3)
	DO	230 (40.2)	128 (▲ 48.8)	159 (▲ 4.2)	207 (43.8)	274 (41.2)	74 (▲ 39.3)	2,216 (6.4)	1,752 (3.6)	2,083 (360.8)	2,107 (118.1)
Trademarks	OO	202 (▲ 4.7)	248 (5.5)	220 (8.4)	261 (33.8)	241 (▲ 4.4)	235 (50.6)	2,505 (5.3)	2,132 (7.4)	2,379 (10.3)	2,438 (12.0)
	DO	1,714 (72.6)	1,435 (▲ 4.8)	1,526 (5.0)	1,696 (26.0)	1,254 (▲ 27.2)	1,015 (9.7)	17,329 (25.3)	15,092 (39.2)	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 8	9	10	11	12	2018 1	2017 1 - 12	2017/4 - 2018/1 Cum Sum of FY2017	2016 1 - 12	2016/4 - 2017/3 Total of FY2016
Request for Patent Examination		19,612 (2.8)	20,614 (▲ 6.6)	18,164 (0.5)	19,502 (2.5)	20,788 (5.7)	18,185 (▲ 7.1)	240,728 (0.1)	189,686 (▲ 1.3)	240,455 (▲ 0.4)	241,851 (0.4)
	Year-on-Year	19,080 (2.4)	22,063 (4.7)	18,069 (▲ 4.2)	19,028 (0.9)	19,670 (▲ 3.2)	19,566 (4.5)	- -	- -	- -	- -
Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion		29 (▲ 6.5)	20 (▲ 23.1)	24 (▲ 14.3)	28 (47.4)	25 (▲ 13.8)	23 (▲ 4.2)	295 (▲ 13.5)	254 (▲ 5.6)	341 (▲ 19.2)	309 (▲ 23.7)

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

Year/Month		2017 8	9	10	11	12	2018 1	2017 1 - 12	2017/4 - 2018/1 Cum Sum of FY2017	2016 1 - 12	2016/4 - 2017/3 Total of FY2016
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,425 (▲ 7.4)	1,497 (▲ 4.8)	1,578 (8.2)	1,558 (▲ 2.1)	1,702 (▲ 1.6)	1,250 (▲ 6.7)	18,591 (▲ 1.6)	15,450 (▲ 1.7)	18,898 (▲ 13.5)	18,774 (▲ 9.3)
	Trials for Invalidation	21 (40.0)	9 (0.0)	9 (0.0)	5 (0.0)	17 (54.5)	9 (▲ 40.0)	161 (15.0)	126 (6.8)	140 (▲ 38.3)	147 (▲ 11.4)
	Trials for Correction	10 (▲ 37.5)	16 (100.0)	14 (▲ 17.6)	19 (90.0)	25 (108.3)	21 (200.0)	160 (▲ 1.8)	155 (26.0)	163 (8.7)	142 (▲ 16.0)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	5 (▲ 28.6)	2 (0.0)	7 (600.0)	1 (▲ 66.7)	3 (▲ 94.7)	2 (▲ 71.4)	36 (▲ 62.9)	28 (▲ 71.1)	97 (246.4)	100 (257.1)
	Oppositions	77 (▲ 53.0)	122 (▲ 25.2)	101 (2.0)	118 (25.5)	120 (9.1)	89 (2.3)	1,371 (2.8)	1,102 (▲ 2.1)	1,334 (242.9)	1,397 (104.2)
	Total	1,538 (▲ 11.7)	1,646 (▲ 6.2)	1,709 (7.9)	1,701 (▲ 0.1)	1,867 (▲ 2.8)	1,371 (▲ 5.8)	20,319 (▲ 1.5)	16,861 (▲ 1.9)	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	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (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	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (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	51 (30.8)	17 (▲ 37.0)	50 (47.1)	25 (▲ 37.5)	17 (▲ 29.2)	48 (60.0)	400 (4.2)	358 (12.6)	384 (▲ 1.8)	378 (▲ 6.2)
	Trials for Invalidation	1 (0.0)	2 (100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (▲ 66.7)	3 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	14 (▲ 46.2)	13 (▲ 35.0)	26 (136.4)	22 (69.2)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	2 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (100.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	11 (57.1)	9 (28.6)	7 (16.7)	8 (33.3)
	Total	54 (31.7)	19 (▲ 32.1)	52 (30.0)	26 (▲ 39.5)	21 (▲ 12.5)	49 (58.1)	425 (1.9)	380 (10.1)	417 (2.2)	408 (▲ 3.3)

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

Year/Month		2017 8	9	10	11	12	2018 1	2017 1 - 12	2017/4 - 2018/1 Cum Sum of FY2017	2016 1 - 12	2016/4 - 2017/3 Total of FY2016
Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	63 (10.5)	64 (77.8)	50 (▲ 2.0)	72 (63.6)	56 (24.4)	70 (105.9)	672 (30.7)	637 (57.3)	514 (▲ 39.7)	476 (▲ 41.4)
	Trials for Invalidation	9 (80.0)	6 (0.0)	7 (0.0)	3 (▲ 72.7)	17 (6.3)	3 (▲ 25.0)	92 (0.0)	76 (8.6)	92 (▲ 8.0)	85 (▲ 17.5)
	Trials for Cancellation	94 (▲ 1.1)	95 (48.4)	74 (▲ 28.8)	54 (▲ 12.9)	101 (14.8)	51 (▲ 30.1)	1,001 (4.5)	815 (1.0)	958 (▲ 0.6)	971 (1.5)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (0.0)	1 (▲ 66.7)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (▲ 50.0)	8 (33.3)	6 (▲ 14.3)	6 (200.0)	8 (300.0)
	Oppositions	31 (▲ 54.4)	30 (▲ 33.3)	47 (27.0)	31 (▲ 8.8)	32 (▲ 22.0)	32 (0.0)	434 (▲ 4.2)	346 (▲ 13.1)	453 (▲ 1.7)	486 (14.1)
	Total	198 (▲ 12.4)	196 (27.3)	179 (▲ 10.1)	160 (6.0)	206 (7.9)	157 (8.3)	2,207 (9.1)	1,880 (11.4)	2,023 (▲ 15.0)	2,026 (▲ 11.9)
Total	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,539 (▲ 5.9)	1,578 (▲ 3.5)	1,678 (8.7)	1,655 (▲ 1.2)	1,775 (▲ 1.3)	1,368 (▲ 2.6)	19,663 (▲ 0.7)	16,445 (▲ 0.0)	19,796 (▲ 14.3)	19,628 (▲ 10.4)
	Trials for Invalidation	32 (60.0)	18 (5.9)	16 (▲ 23.8)	10 (▲ 47.4)	37 (37.0)	13 (▲ 31.6)	271 (1.1)	219 (0.9)	268 (▲ 22.5)	263 (▲ 9.6)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	8 (▲ 20.0)	3 (▲ 40.0)	10 (400.0)	1 (▲ 66.7)	4 (▲ 93.1)	3 (▲ 70.0)	56 (▲ 49.1)	44 (▲ 60.4)	110 (197.3)	116 (213.5)
	Trials for Correction (Patents & Utility Models)	10 (▲ 37.5)	16 (100.0)	14 (▲ 17.6)	19 (90.0)	25 (108.3)	21 (200.0)	160 (▲ 1.8)	155 (26.0)	163 (8.7)	142 (▲ 16.0)
	Trials for Cancellation (Trademarks)	94 (▲ 1.1)	95 (48.4)	74 (▲ 28.8)	54 (▲ 12.9)	101 (14.8)	51 (▲ 30.1)	1,001 (4.5)	815 (1.0)	958 (▲ 0.6)	971 (1.5)
	Oppositions (Patents & Trademarks)	108 (▲ 53.4)	152 (▲ 26.9)	148 (8.8)	149 (16.4)	152 (0.7)	121 (1.7)	1,805 (1.0)	1,448 (▲ 5.0)	1,787 (110.2)	1,883 (69.6)
	Total	1,791 (▲ 10.8)	1,862 (▲ 3.9)	1,940 (6.4)	1,888 (▲ 0.5)	2,094 (▲ 1.9)	1,577 (▲ 3.4)	22,956 (▲ 0.5)	19,126 (▲ 0.5)	23,082 (▲ 9.3)	23,003 (▲ 6.0)

(6) The Number of Registrations

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Year/Month		2017 8	9	10	11	12	2018 1	2017 1 - 12	2017/4 - 2018/1 Cum Sum of FY2017	2016 1 - 12	2016/4 - 2017/3 Total of FY2016
The Number of Registrations	Patents	14,447 (▲ 7.5)	19,765 (▲ 4.8)	15,620 (▲ 7.3)	15,698 (▲ 2.2)	15,452 (▲ 5.9)	17,354 (▲ 7.4)	199,577 (▲ 1.7)	162,086 (▲ 8.2)	203,087 (7.3)	212,590 (14.1)
	Utility Models	587 (▲ 14.4)	503 (1.0)	442 (▲ 9.6)	539 (2.9)	377 (3.9)	554 (79.9)	6,024 (▲ 4.3)	5,011 (2.5)	6,297 (▲ 5.9)	6,149 (▲ 9.8)
	Designs	1,982 (▲ 7.1)	2,828 (13.7)	2,402 (3.4)	1,895 (4.5)	2,229 (8.6)	2,443 (8.0)	27,335 (7.9)	22,671 (2.6)	25,344 (▲ 3.6)	26,934 (4.8)
	Trademarks	8,292 (10.5)	10,501 (5.0)	8,451 (8.4)	7,956 (▲ 13.9)	8,702 (▲ 10.1)	8,830 (▲ 9.4)	111,180 (5.7)	88,064 (▲ 4.7)	105,207 (7.3)	114,580 (22.9)
	National Applications	7,440 (12.3)	9,410 (9.4)	7,422 (10.9)	7,149 (▲ 12.5)	7,784 (▲ 9.1)	8,134 (▲ 6.5)	98,417 (5.6)	78,309 (▲ 4.6)	93,167 (7.6)	101,598 (23.7)
	International Applications	852 (▲ 2.9)	1,091 (▲ 21.8)	1,029 (▲ 6.6)	807 (▲ 24.3)	918 (▲ 17.7)	696 (▲ 33.8)	12,763 (6.0)	9,755 (▲ 5.6)	12,040 (4.8)	12,982 (17.5)
	Total	25,308 (▲ 2.5)	33,597 (▲ 0.4)	26,915 (▲ 2.0)	26,088 (▲ 5.6)	26,760 (▲ 6.1)	29,181 (▲ 6.1)	344,116 (1.2)	277,832 (▲ 6.1)	339,935 (6.1)	360,253 (15.4)
Class Counts of Trademark Registration	13,032 (6.9)	17,366 (9.3)	13,845 (14.3)	12,836 (▲ 11.6)	14,489 (▲ 4.3)	15,660 (2.0)	180,287 (9.3)	144,428 (▲ 1.7)	164,920 (6.5)	183,109 (25.3)	
Trademark Application for Renewal	10,883 (10.0)	8,359 (5.9)	11,253 (43.8)	7,902 (▲ 16.0)	7,653 (▲ 14.2)	9,117 (▲ 5.1)	122,167 (16.2)	101,152 (5.0)	105,133 (16.8)	116,855 (37.1)	