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## (1) The Number of Applications

Year/ Month	2018 2	3	2018/1-3 (Cum Sum of 2018)	2017/1-3 (Year-on-Year)	2017/4 - 2018/3 (Cum Sum of FY2017)	2016/4 - 2017/3 (Year-on-Year)	Q1 of FY2017	Q2 of FY2017	Q3 of FY2017	Q4 of FY2017	2017/1-12 (Total of 2017)
Patents & Utility Models	25,286 (▲6.2)	40,714 (▲3.3)	87,181 (▲3.8)	90,598 (1.2)	321,167 (▲1.5)	325,940 (0.5)	74,378 (▲0.9)	78,960 (▲2.2)	80,648 (1.3)	87,181 (▲3.8)	324,584 (▲0.1)
Patents	24,890 (▲5.8)	40,241 (▲3.1)	85,908 (▲3.5)	89,041 (1.3)	315,346 (▲1.3)	319,508 (0.6)	72,786 (▲0.8)	77,452 (▲2.0)	79,200 (1.5)	85,908 (▲3.5)	318,479 (0.0)
Utility Models	396 (▲23.6)	473 (▲16.4)	1,273 (▲18.2)	1,557 (▲3.0)	5,821 (▲9.5)	6,432 (▲5.0)	1,592 (▲4.7)	1,508 (▲10.1)	1,448 (▲5.2)	1,273 (▲18.2)	6,105 (▲5.8)
Designs	2,499 (▲0.4)	3,220 (0.6)	7,814 (1.6)	7,693 (▲2.8)	32,082 (4.6)	30,658 (0.8)	7,663 (6.3)	8,032 (0.9)	8,573 (10.0)	7,814 (1.6)	31,961 (3.5)
National Applications	2,340 (1.1)	2,913 (▲2.2)	7,274 (1.7)	7,155 (▲3.3)	29,864 (4.6)	28,551 (▲3.1)	7,204 (6.9)	7,453 (1.2)	7,933 (8.8)	7,274 (1.7)	29,745 (3.3)
Trademarks	13,032 (▲28.7)	18,383 (▲5.0)	46,140 (▲5.2)	48,681 (15.9)	188,398 (11.8)	168,549 (8.6)	50,412 (39.6)	45,884 (18.1)	45,962 (2.3)	46,140 (▲5.2)	190,939 (18.0)
National Applications	11,632 (▲32.3)	16,949 (▲6.5)	42,291 (▲6.9)	45,429 (19.3)	170,473 (9.7)	155,378 (12.0)	45,493 (33.3)	41,203 (16.3)	41,486 (2.7)	42,291 (▲6.9)	173,611 (17.3)
Total Number	40,817 (▲14.5)	62,316 (▲3.6)	141,134 (▲4.0)	146,972 (5.4)	541,646 (3.1)	525,147 (2.9)	132,453 (11.9)	132,876 (4.2)	135,183 (2.2)	141,134 (▲4.0)	547,484 (5.8)
Trademark Class Counts	26,134 (▲55.6)	42,236 (▲29.4)	121,123 (▲15.1)	142,631 (29.1)	504,461 (12.8)	447,164 (28.3)	147,533 (88.9)	119,278 (30.6)	116,527 (▲13.8)	121,123 (▲15.1)	525,969 (26.7)

## (2) The Number of International Applications

Year/ Month	2018 2	3	2018/1-3 (Cum Sum of 2018)	2017/1-3 (Year-on-Year)	2017/4 - 2018/3 (Cum Sum of FY2017)	2016/4 - 2017/3 (Year-on-Year)	Q1 of FY2017	Q2 of FY2017	Q3 of FY2017	Q4 of FY2017	2017/1-12 (Total of 2017)	
P C T	RO	4,347 (▲4.7)	6,377 (9.8)	14,054 (1.3)	13,876 (8.6)	47,603 (4.4)	45,597 (4.4)	10,408 (4.6)	11,492 (5.2)	11,649 (7.3)	14,054 (1.3)	47,425 (6.6)
	DO	4,823 (▲2.3)	5,848 (▲1.7)	15,282 (▲1.4)	15,503 (11.1)	62,453 (1.4)	61,576 (1.9)	16,130 (1.8)	15,067 (1.5)	15,974 (3.8)	15,282 (▲1.4)	62,674 (4.4)
Hague Agreement	OO	0 (▲100.0)	2 (0.0)	2 (▲71.4)	7 (▲12.5)	28 (▲34.9)	43 (48.3)	7 (▲36.4)	12 (20.0)	7 (▲53.3)	2 (▲71.4)	33 (▲25.0)
	DO	159 (▲18.0)	307 (38.3)	540 (0.4)	538 (4.7)	2,218 (5.3)	2,107 (118.1)	459 (▲2.5)	579 (▲2.5)	640 (27.0)	540 (0.4)	2,216 (6.4)
Madrid Protocol	OO	203 (▲11.7)	270 (21.6)	708 (16.4)	608 (10.7)	2,605 (6.8)	2,438 (12.0)	518 (▲5.5)	657 (4.0)	722 (11.1)	708 (16.4)	2,505 (5.3)
	DO	1,400 (27.3)	1,434 (16.9)	3,849 (18.4)	3,252 (▲17.0)	17,925 (36.1)	13,171 (▲20.5)	4,919 (148.3)	4,681 (37.0)	4,476 (▲1.0)	3,849 (18.4)	17,328 (25.2)

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

Year/ Month	2018 2	3	2018/1-3 (Cum Sum of 2018)	2017/1-3 (Year-on-Year)	2017/4 - 2018/3 (Cum Sum of FY2017)	2016/4 - 2017/3 (Year-on-Year)	Q1 of FY2017	Q2 of FY2017	Q3 of FY2017	Q4 of FY2017	2017/1-12 (Total of 2017)
Request for Patent Examination	21,569 (▲2.9)	24,605 (▲10.8)	64,359 (▲7.3)	69,409 (2.3)	235,068 (▲2.9)	242,033 (0.5)	55,278 (0.3)	58,071 (▲4.4)	57,360 (1.0)	64,359 (▲7.3)	240,118 (▲0.1)
Year-on-Year	22,207 (▲6.0)	27,585 (8.3)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion	18 (5.9)	26 (13.0)	69 (7.8)	64 (▲33.3)	300 (▲2.9)	309 (▲23.7)	81 (5.2)	73 (▲20.7)	77 (1.3)	69 (7.8)	295 (▲13.5)

**(4) The Number of Requests for Trials and Appeals**

Year/ Month		2018 2	3	2018/1-3 (Cum Sum of 2018)	2017/1-3 (Year-on-Year)	2017/4 - 2018/3 (Cum Sum of FY2017)	2016/4 -2017/3 (Year-on-Year)	Q1 of FY2017	Q2 of FY2017	Q3 of FY2017	Q4 of FY2017	2017/1-12 (Total of 2017)
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,466 (▲3.9)	1,309 (▲14.2)	4,025 (▲8.3)	4,391 (▲2.7)	18,225 (▲2.9)	18,774 (▲9.3)	4,868 (▲1.6)	4,494 (▲3.5)	4,838 (1.2)	4,025 (▲8.3)	18,591 (▲1.6)
	Trials for Invalidation	17 (70.0)	9 (▲52.6)	35 (▲20.5)	44 (18.9)	152 (3.4)	147 (▲11.4)	41 (2.5)	45 (18.4)	31 (24.0)	35 (▲20.5)	161 (15.0)
	Trials for Correction	18 (100.0)	24 (140.0)	63 (142.3)	26 (▲44.7)	197 (38.7)	142 (▲16.0)	35 (▲12.5)	41 (10.8)	58 (48.7)	63 (142.3)	160 (▲1.8)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	2 (100.0)	3 (50.0)	7 (▲30.0)	10 (42.9)	33 (▲67.0)	100 (257.1)	7 (▲63.2)	8 (▲20.0)	11 (▲82.0)	7 (▲30.0)	36 (▲62.9)
	oppositions	114 (▲16.8)	80 (▲40.3)	283 (▲20.9)	358 (21.4)	1,296 (▲7.2)	1,397 (104.2)	372 (12.0)	302 (▲25.2)	339 (11.9)	283 (▲20.9)	1,371 (2.8)
	Total	1,617 (▲3.9)	1,425 (▲15.7)	4,413 (▲8.6)	4,829 (▲1.5)	19,903 (▲3.2)	20,560 (▲5.4)	5,323 (▲1.0)	4,890 (▲5.0)	5,277 (1.3)	4,413 (▲8.6)	20,319 (▲1.5)

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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 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲100.0)	4 (▲55.6)	9 (0.0)	1 (▲85.7)	2 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	4 (▲60.0)
	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)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲100.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)
	Total	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲100.0)	5 (▲44.4)	9 (▲10.0)	2 (▲71.4)	2 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	5 (▲50.0)

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Designs	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	26 (▲18.8)	20 (▲28.6)	94 (4.4)	90 (▲6.3)	404 (6.9)	378 (▲6.2)	115 (16.2)	103 (13.2)	92 (▲6.1)	94 (4.4)	400 (4.2)
	Trials for Invalidation	2 (100.0)	0 (▲100.0)	3 (50.0)	2 (▲66.7)	15 (▲31.8)	22 (69.2)	4 (▲55.6)	4 (33.3)	4 (▲50.0)	3 (50.0)	14 (▲46.2)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	2 (100.0)	11 (37.5)	8 (33.3)	2 (0.0)	4 (33.3)	3 (200.0)	2 (0.0)	11 (57.1)
	Total	29 (▲14.7)	21 (▲27.6)	99 (5.3)	94 (▲8.7)	430 (5.4)	408 (▲3.3)	121 (10.0)	111 (14.4)	99 (▲7.5)	99 (5.3)	425 (1.9)

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Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	75 (78.6)	89 (206.9)	234 (122.9)	105 (▲26.6)	801 (68.3)	476 (▲41.4)	186 (129.6)	203 (35.3)	178 (27.1)	234 (122.9)	672 (30.7)
	Trials for Invalidation	8 (0.0)	8 (14.3)	19 (0.0)	19 (▲26.9)	92 (8.2)	85 (▲17.5)	19 (26.7)	27 (58.8)	27 (▲20.6)	19 (0.0)	92 (0.0)
	Trials for Cancellation	64 (▲7.2)	71 (▲25.3)	186 (▲21.5)	237 (5.8)	950 (▲2.2)	971 (1.5)	254 (▲3.4)	281 (29.5)	229 (▲9.8)	186 (▲21.5)	1,001 (4.5)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (▲100.0)	2 (0.0)	3 (0.0)	3 (200.0)	8 (0.0)	8 (300.0)	2 (0.0)	2 (▲50.0)	1 (0.0)	3 (0.0)	8 (33.3)
	Oppositions	21 (▲54.3)	29 (▲31.0)	82 (▲31.7)	120 (37.9)	396 (▲18.5)	486 (14.1)	117 (24.5)	87 (▲45.6)	110 (▲1.8)	82 (▲31.7)	434 (▲4.2)
	Total	168 (1.2)	199 (15.0)	524 (8.3)	484 (0.6)	2,247 (10.9)	2,026 (▲11.9)	578 (27.6)	600 (9.5)	545 (0.7)	524 (8.3)	2,207 (9.1)