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1. Preliminary Statistical Data

(1) The Number of Applications

Year/Month	2017 10	11	12	2018 1	2	3	2018 1 - 3	2017/4 - 2018/3 Cum Sum of FY2017	2017 1 - 3	2016/4 - 2017/3 Total of FY2016
Patents & Utility Models	24,593 (3.3)	25,729 (1.4)	30,326 (▲ 0.2)	21,181 (▲ 1.8)	25,286 (▲ 6.2)	40,714 (▲ 3.3)	87,181 (▲ 3.8)	321,167 (▲ 1.5)	90,598 (1.2)	325,940 (0.5)
Patents	24,100 (3.4)	25,261 (1.4)	29,839 (0.0)	20,777 (▲ 1.5)	24,890 (▲ 5.8)	40,241 (▲ 3.1)	85,908 (▲ 3.5)	315,346 (▲ 1.3)	89,041 (1.3)	319,508 (0.6)
Utility Models	493 (▲ 0.2)	468 (0.6)	487 (▲ 14.3)	404 (▲ 14.6)	396 (▲ 23.6)	473 (▲ 16.4)	1,273 (▲ 18.2)	5,821 (▲ 9.5)	1,557 (▲ 3.0)	6,432 (▲ 5.0)
Designs	2,842 (11.5)	2,648 (9.5)	3,083 (9.0)	2,095 (5.6)	2,499 (▲ 0.4)	3,220 (0.6)	7,814 (1.6)	32,082 (4.6)	7,693 (▲ 2.8)	30,658 (0.8)
National Applications	2,683 (12.5)	2,441 (7.3)	2,809 (6.6)	2,021 (8.5)	2,340 (1.1)	2,913 (▲ 2.2)	7,274 (1.7)	29,864 (4.6)	7,155 (▲ 3.3)	28,551 (▲ 3.1)
Trademarks	14,974 (▲ 7.5)	16,346 (4.5)	14,642 (11.9)	14,725 (33.4)	13,032 (▲ 28.7)	18,383 (▲ 5.0)	46,140 (▲ 5.2)	188,398 (11.8)	48,681 (15.9)	168,549 (8.6)
National Applications	13,448 (▲ 8.8)	14,650 (2.5)	13,388 (17.8)	13,710 (35.6)	11,632 (▲ 32.3)	16,949 (▲ 6.5)	42,291 (▲ 6.9)	170,473 (9.7)	45,429 (19.3)	155,378 (12.0)
Total Number	42,409 (▲ 0.3)	44,723 (3.0)	48,051 (3.7)	38,001 (9.9)	40,817 (▲ 14.5)	62,316 (▲ 3.6)	141,134 (▲ 4.0)	541,646 (3.1)	146,972 (5.4)	525,147 (2.9)
Trademarks Class Counts	38,574 (▲ 29.0)	46,347 (▲ 15.1)	31,606 (20.5)	52,753 (120.3)	26,134 (▲ 55.6)	42,236 (▲ 29.4)	121,123 (▲ 15.1)	504,461 (12.8)	142,631 (29.1)	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 10	11	12	2018 1	2	3	2018 1 - 3	2017/4 - 2018/3 Cum Sum of FY2017	2017 1 - 3	2016/4 - 2017/3 Total of FY2016
Patents	RO	3,693 (5.3)	3,764 (6.1)	4,192 (10.4)	3,330 (▲ 5.0)	4,347 (▲ 4.7)	6,377 (9.8)	14,054 (1.3)	47,603 (4.4)	13,876 (8.6)	45,597 (4.4)
	DO	4,980 (5.8)	5,236 (2.5)	5,758 (3.2)	4,611 (▲ 0.0)	4,823 (▲ 2.3)	5,848 (▲ 1.7)	15,282 (▲ 1.4)	62,453 (1.4)	15,503 (11.1)	61,576 (1.9)
Designs	OO	2 (▲ 71.4)	2 (▲ 50.0)	3 (▲ 25.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	2 (0.0)	2 (▲ 71.4)	28 (▲ 34.9)	7 (▲ 12.5)	43 (48.3)
	DO	159 (▲ 4.2)	207 (43.8)	274 (41.2)	74 (▲ 39.3)	159 (▲ 18.0)	307 (38.3)	540 (0.4)	2,218 (5.3)	538 (4.7)	2,107 (118.1)
Trademarks	OO	220 (8.4)	261 (33.8)	241 (▲ 4.4)	235 (50.6)	203 (▲ 11.7)	270 (21.6)	708 (16.4)	2,605 (6.8)	608 (10.7)	2,438 (12.0)
	DO	1,526 (5.0)	1,696 (26.0)	1,254 (▲ 27.2)	1,015 (9.7)	1,400 (27.3)	1,434 (16.9)	3,849 (18.4)	17,925 (36.1)	3,252 (▲ 17.0)	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 10	11	12	2018 1	2	3	2018 1 - 3	2017/4 - 2018/3 Cum Sum of FY2017	2017 1 - 3	2016/4 - 2017/3 Total of FY2016
Request for Patent Examination		18,202 (0.7)	19,119 (0.5)	20,039 (1.9)	18,185 (▲ 7.3)	21,569 (▲ 2.9)	24,605 (▲ 10.8)	64,359 (▲ 7.3)	235,068 (▲ 2.9)	69,409 (2.3)	242,033 (0.5)
	Year-on-Year	18,069 (▲ 4.2)	19,028 (0.9)	19,670 (▲ 3.2)	19,617 (4.8)	22,207 (▲ 6.0)	27,585 (8.3)	- -	- -	- -	- -
Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion		24 (▲ 14.3)	28 (47.4)	25 (▲ 13.8)	25 (4.2)	18 (5.9)	26 (13.0)	69 (7.8)	300 (▲ 2.9)	64 (▲ 33.3)	309 (▲ 23.7)

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

Year/Month		2017 10	11	12	2018 1	2	3	2018 1 - 3	2017/4 - 2018/3 Cum Sum of FY2017	2017 1 - 3	2016/4 - 2017/3 Total of FY2016
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,578 (8.2)	1,558 (▲ 2.1)	1,702 (▲ 1.6)	1,250 (▲ 6.7)	1,466 (▲ 3.9)	1,309 (▲ 14.2)	4,025 (▲ 8.3)	18,225 (▲ 2.9)	4,391 (▲ 2.7)	18,774 (▲ 9.3)
	Trials for Invalidation	9 (0.0)	5 (0.0)	17 (54.5)	9 (▲ 40.0)	17 (70.0)	9 (▲ 52.6)	35 (▲ 20.5)	152 (3.4)	44 (18.9)	147 (▲ 11.4)
	Trials for Correction	14 (▲ 17.6)	19 (90.0)	25 (108.3)	21 (200.0)	18 (100.0)	24 (140.0)	63 (142.3)	197 (38.7)	26 (▲ 44.7)	142 (▲ 16.0)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	7 (600.0)	1 (▲ 66.7)	3 (▲ 94.7)	2 (▲ 71.4)	2 (100.0)	3 (50.0)	7 (▲ 30.0)	33 (▲ 67.0)	10 (42.9)	100 (257.1)
	Oppositions	101 (2.0)	118 (25.5)	120 (9.1)	89 (2.3)	114 (▲ 16.8)	80 (▲ 40.3)	283 (▲ 20.9)	1,296 (▲ 7.2)	358 (21.4)	1,397 (104.2)
	Total	1,709 (7.9)	1,701 (▲ 0.1)	1,867 (▲ 2.8)	1,371 (▲ 5.8)	1,617 (▲ 3.9)	1,425 (▲ 15.7)	4,413 (▲ 8.6)	19,903 (▲ 3.2)	4,829 (▲ 1.5)	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 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	4 (▲ 55.6)	0 (▲ 100.0)	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)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)
	Total	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	5 (▲ 44.4)	0 (▲ 100.0)	9 (▲ 10.0)
Designs	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	50 (47.1)	25 (▲ 37.5)	17 (▲ 29.2)	48 (60.0)	26 (▲ 18.8)	20 (▲ 28.6)	94 (4.4)	404 (6.9)	90 (▲ 6.3)	378 (▲ 6.2)
	Trials for Invalidation	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (▲ 66.7)	3 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	2 (100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	3 (50.0)	15 (▲ 31.8)	2 (▲ 66.7)	22 (69.2)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	2 (100.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	11 (37.5)	2 (100.0)	8 (33.3)
	Total	52 (30.0)	26 (▲ 39.5)	21 (▲ 12.5)	49 (58.1)	29 (▲ 14.7)	21 (▲ 27.6)	99 (5.3)	430 (5.4)	94 (▲ 8.7)	408 (▲ 3.3)

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

Year/Month		2017 10	11	12	2018 1	2	3	2018 1 - 3	2017/4 - 2018/3 Cum Sum of FY2017	2017 1 - 3	2016/4 - 2017/3 Total of FY2016
Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	50 (▲ 2.0)	72 (63.6)	56 (24.4)	70 (105.9)	75 (78.6)	89 (206.9)	234 (122.9)	801 (68.3)	105 (▲ 26.6)	476 (▲ 41.4)
	Trials for Invalidation	7 (0.0)	3 (▲ 72.7)	17 (6.3)	3 (▲ 25.0)	8 (0.0)	8 (14.3)	19 (0.0)	92 (8.2)	19 (▲ 26.9)	85 (▲ 17.5)
	Trials for Cancellation	74 (▲ 28.8)	54 (▲ 12.9)	101 (14.8)	51 (▲ 30.1)	64 (▲ 7.2)	71 (▲ 25.3)	186 (▲ 21.5)	950 (▲ 2.2)	237 (5.8)	971 (1.5)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (▲ 50.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	2 (0.0)	3 (0.0)	8 (0.0)	3 (200.0)	8 (300.0)
	Oppositions	47 (27.0)	31 (▲ 8.8)	32 (▲ 22.0)	32 (0.0)	21 (▲ 54.3)	29 (▲ 31.0)	82 (▲ 31.7)	396 (▲ 18.5)	120 (37.9)	486 (14.1)
	Total	179 (▲ 10.1)	160 (6.0)	206 (7.9)	157 (8.3)	168 (1.2)	199 (15.0)	524 (8.3)	2,247 (10.9)	484 (0.6)	2,026 (▲ 11.9)
Total	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,678 (8.7)	1,655 (▲ 1.2)	1,775 (▲ 1.3)	1,368 (▲ 2.6)	1,567 (▲ 2.1)	1,418 (▲ 10.4)	4,353 (▲ 5.1)	19,430 (▲ 1.0)	4,586 (▲ 3.5)	19,628 (▲ 10.4)
	Trials for Invalidation	16 (▲ 23.8)	10 (▲ 47.4)	37 (37.0)	13 (▲ 31.6)	27 (42.1)	17 (▲ 37.0)	57 (▲ 12.3)	263 (0.0)	65 (▲ 7.1)	263 (▲ 9.6)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	10 (400.0)	1 (▲ 66.7)	4 (▲ 93.1)	3 (▲ 70.0)	3 (0.0)	6 (200.0)	12 (▲ 20.0)	53 (▲ 54.3)	15 (66.7)	116 (213.5)
	Trials for Correction (Patents & Utility Models)	14 (▲ 17.6)	19 (90.0)	25 (108.3)	21 (200.0)	18 (100.0)	24 (140.0)	63 (142.3)	197 (38.7)	26 (▲ 44.7)	142 (▲ 16.0)
	Trials for Cancellation (Trademarks)	74 (▲ 28.8)	54 (▲ 12.9)	101 (14.8)	51 (▲ 30.1)	64 (▲ 7.2)	71 (▲ 25.3)	186 (▲ 21.5)	950 (▲ 2.2)	237 (5.8)	971 (1.5)
	Oppositions (Patents & Trademarks)	148 (8.8)	149 (16.4)	152 (0.7)	121 (1.7)	135 (▲ 26.2)	109 (▲ 38.1)	365 (▲ 23.6)	1,692 (▲ 10.1)	478 (25.1)	1,883 (69.6)
	Total	1,940 (6.4)	1,888 (▲ 0.5)	2,094 (▲ 1.9)	1,577 (▲ 3.4)	1,814 (▲ 3.7)	1,645 (▲ 13.1)	5,036 (▲ 6.9)	22,585 (▲ 1.8)	5,407 (▲ 1.4)	23,003 (▲ 6.0)

(6) The Number of Registrations

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

Year/Month		2017 10	11	12	2018 1	2	3	2018 1 - 3	2017/4 - 2018/3 Cum Sum of FY2017	2017 1 - 3	2016/4 - 2017/3 Total of FY2016
The Number of Registrations	Patents	15,620 (▲ 7.3)	15,698 (▲ 2.2)	15,452 (▲ 5.9)	17,354 (▲ 7.4)	14,352 (▲ 4.6)	18,903 (▲ 10.2)	50,609 (▲ 7.7)	195,341 (▲ 8.1)	54,845 (21.0)	212,590 (14.1)
	Utility Models	442 (▲ 9.6)	539 (2.9)	377 (3.9)	554 (79.9)	417 (▲ 37.4)	410 (▲ 30.9)	1,381 (▲ 11.9)	5,838 (▲ 5.1)	1,567 (▲ 8.6)	6,149 (▲ 9.8)
	Designs	2,402 (3.4)	1,895 (4.5)	2,229 (8.6)	2,443 (8.0)	2,006 (▲ 8.9)	2,660 (0.6)	7,109 (0.0)	27,337 (1.5)	7,107 (28.8)	26,934 (4.8)
	Trademarks	8,451 (8.4)	7,956 (▲ 13.9)	8,702 (▲ 10.1)	8,830 (▲ 9.4)	8,504 (▲ 18.3)	10,896 (▲ 7.6)	28,230 (▲ 11.6)	107,464 (▲ 6.2)	31,946 (41.5)	114,580 (22.9)
	National Applications	7,422 (10.9)	7,149 (▲ 12.5)	7,784 (▲ 9.1)	8,134 (▲ 6.5)	7,452 (▲ 18.0)	9,654 (▲ 7.7)	25,240 (▲ 10.6)	95,415 (▲ 6.1)	28,242 (42.6)	101,598 (23.7)
	International Applications	1,029 (▲ 6.6)	807 (▲ 24.3)	918 (▲ 17.7)	696 (▲ 33.8)	1,052 (▲ 20.2)	1,242 (▲ 6.9)	2,990 (▲ 19.3)	12,049 (▲ 7.2)	3,704 (34.1)	12,982 (17.5)
	Total	26,915 (▲ 2.0)	26,088 (▲ 5.6)	26,760 (▲ 6.1)	29,181 (▲ 6.1)	25,279 (▲ 10.7)	32,869 (▲ 8.9)	87,329 (▲ 8.5)	335,980 (▲ 6.7)	95,465 (27.0)	360,253 (15.4)
Class Counts of Trademark Registration	13,845 (14.3)	12,836 (▲ 11.6)	14,489 (▲ 4.3)	15,660 (2.0)	13,419 (▲ 17.1)	17,867 (▲ 10.5)	46,946 (▲ 8.9)	175,714 (▲ 4.0)	51,519 (54.6)	183,109 (25.3)	
Trademark Application for Renewal	11,253 (43.8)	7,902 (▲ 16.0)	7,653 (▲ 14.2)	9,117 (▲ 5.1)	8,328 (▲ 18.3)	8,649 (▲ 16.3)	26,094 (▲ 13.4)	118,129 (1.1)	30,132 (63.7)	116,855 (37.1)	