

Preliminary Statistical Data on Filing Applications and Requests

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1. Preliminary Statistical Data

(1) The Number of Applications

Year/Month	2018 3	4	5	6	7	8	2018 1 - 8	2018/4 -8 Cum Sum of FY2018	2017 1 - 8	2017/4 - 2018/3 Total of FY2017
Patents & Utility Models	40,805 (▲ 3.0)	22,979 (▲ 0.6)	23,705 (1.4)	26,689 (▲ 4.3)	24,425 (2.4)	25,151 (1.9)	210,225 (▲ 1.5)	122,949 (0.0)	213,505 (▲ 0.2)	321,262 (▲ 1.4)
Patents	40,315 (▲ 2.9)	22,590 (▲ 0.1)	23,250 (1.8)	26,218 (▲ 4.1)	23,943 (2.7)	24,698 (2.2)	206,684 (▲ 1.3)	120,699 (0.3)	209,322 (▲ 0.1)	315,423 (▲ 1.3)
Utility Models	490 (▲ 13.4)	389 (▲ 23.6)	455 (▲ 15.9)	471 (▲ 13.1)	482 (▲ 8.5)	453 (▲ 10.7)	3,541 (▲ 15.3)	2,250 (▲ 14.3)	4,183 (▲ 5.1)	5,839 (▲ 9.2)
Designs	3,245 (1.4)	2,586 (▲ 3.1)	2,626 (12.1)	2,758 (4.0)	2,425 (▲ 5.3)	2,514 (▲ 2.6)	20,748 (1.2)	12,909 (0.8)	20,498 (1.5)	32,107 (4.7)
National Applications	2,938 (▲ 1.3)	2,445 (▲ 3.2)	2,412 (8.8)	2,500 (1.6)	2,257 (▲ 3.5)	2,268 (▲ 3.5)	19,181 (0.7)	11,882 (▲ 0.1)	19,050 (1.0)	29,889 (4.7)
Trademarks	18,404 (▲ 4.9)	17,519 (▲ 6.1)	17,114 (26.5)	14,284 (▲ 21.6)	14,150 (6.5)	13,655 (▲ 16.0)	122,882 (▲ 4.5)	76,722 (▲ 4.0)	128,635 (23.2)	188,418 (11.8)
National Applications	16,973 (▲ 6.4)	16,487 (▲ 4.3)	15,333 (27.5)	12,792 (▲ 21.2)	12,638 (7.6)	11,995 (▲ 17.5)	111,560 (▲ 4.8)	69,245 (▲ 3.5)	117,218 (21.3)	170,497 (9.7)
Total Number	62,454 (▲ 3.4)	43,084 (▲ 3.0)	43,445 (10.7)	43,731 (▲ 10.3)	41,000 (3.3)	41,320 (▲ 5.1)	353,855 (▲ 2.4)	212,580 (▲ 1.4)	362,638 (7.1)	541,787 (3.2)
Trademarks Class Counts	60,639 (1.3)	59,383 (▲ 13.9)	47,388 (76.0)	25,513 (▲ 50.6)	24,012 (▲ 5.2)	18,514 (▲ 61.8)	314,341 (▲ 13.6)	174,810 (▲ 21.0)	363,897 (43.2)	522,869 (16.9)

▪ The total number represents the sum of the numbers of each type of applications, excluding the Trademark class counts.

(2) The Number of International Applications

The figures in the brackets indicate the increase/decrease from the previous year.

Year/Month		2018 3	4	5	6	7	8	2018 1 - 8	2018/4 -8 Cum Sum of FY2018	2017 1 - 8	2017/4 - 2018/3 Total of FY2017
Patents	RO	6,377 (9.8)	3,309 (2.2)	3,740 (14.3)	3,885 (▲ 0.3)	3,785 (7.8)	3,748 (0.9)	32,521 (3.2)	18,467 (4.7)	31,510 (6.5)	47,603 (4.4)
	DO	5,849 (▲ 1.7)	5,143 (1.6)	5,426 (10.7)	6,179 (0.2)	4,998 (9.7)	5,276 (10.0)	42,304 (3.2)	27,022 (6.0)	40,985 (5.5)	62,453 (1.4)
Designs	OO	2 (0.0)	5 (66.7)	4 (33.3)	4 (300.0)	4 (300.0)	2 (▲ 75.0)	21 (▲ 8.7)	19 (18.8)	23 (▲ 4.2)	28 (▲ 34.9)
	DO	307 (38.3)	141 (▲ 0.7)	214 (69.8)	258 (35.1)	168 (▲ 24.0)	246 (7.0)	1,567 (8.2)	1,027 (12.9)	1,448 (9.0)	2,218 (5.3)
Trademarks	OO	270 (21.6)	248 (29.8)	258 (79.2)	253 (38.3)	243 (17.4)	270 (33.7)	1,980 (29.0)	1,272 (37.2)	1,535 (2.7)	2,605 (6.8)
	DO	1,431 (16.6)	1,032 (▲ 27.8)	1,781 (18.1)	1,492 (▲ 24.7)	1,512 (▲ 1.3)	1,660 (▲ 3.2)	11,322 (▲ 0.8)	7,477 (▲ 8.4)	11,417 (46.3)	17,921 (36.1)

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		2018 3	4	5	6	7	8	2018 1 - 8	2018/4 -8 Cum Sum of FY2018	2017 1 - 8	2017/4 - 2018/3 Total of FY2017
Request for Patent Examination		24,611	16,688	18,204	18,823	18,479	19,143	155,699 (▲ 4.0)	91,337 (▲ 1.5)	162,124 (0.3)	235,071 (▲ 2.9)
	Year-on-Year	27,585 (8.3)	16,855 (▲ 5.5)	17,748 (5.3)	20,675 (1.3)	17,742 (▲ 9.5)	19,695 (3.2)	- -	- -	- -	- -
Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion		26 (13.0)	14 (▲ 41.7)	21 (▲ 16.0)	23 (▲ 28.1)	28 (16.7)	32 (10.3)	187 (▲ 5.6)	118 (▲ 11.9)	198 (▲ 17.2)	300 (▲ 2.9)

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

Year/Month		2018 3	4	5	6	7	8	2018 1 - 8	2018/4 - 8 Cum Sum of FY2018	2017 1 - 8	2017/4 - 2018/3 Total of FY2017
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,309 (▲ 14.2)	1,528 (▲ 7.2)	1,431 (▲ 7.4)	1,442 (▲ 14.0)	1,317 (▲ 16.2)	1,252 (▲ 12.1)	10,995 (▲ 10.3)	6,970 (▲ 11.4)	12,256 (▲ 2.3)	18,225 (▲ 2.9)
	Trials for Invalidation	9 (▲ 52.6)	15 (▲ 6.3)	20 (42.9)	11 (0.0)	16 (6.7)	11 (▲ 47.6)	108 (▲ 10.7)	73 (▲ 5.2)	121 (14.2)	152 (3.4)
	Trials for Correction	24 (140.0)	12 (140.0)	15 (66.7)	11 (▲ 47.6)	8 (▲ 46.7)	19 (90.0)	128 (48.8)	65 (8.3)	86 (▲ 25.9)	197 (38.7)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	3 (50.0)	4 (300.0)	1 (▲ 80.0)	2 (100.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	15 (▲ 34.8)	8 (▲ 38.5)	23 (▲ 32.4)	33 (▲ 67.0)
	Oppositions	80 (▲ 40.3)	103 (▲ 12.7)	83 (▲ 39.0)	93 (▲ 21.2)	116 (12.6)	83 (7.8)	761 (▲ 16.4)	478 (▲ 13.4)	910 (4.8)	1,296 (▲ 7.2)
	Total	1,425 (▲ 15.7)	1,662 (▲ 6.9)	1,550 (▲ 9.4)	1,559 (▲ 14.7)	1,458 (▲ 14.5)	1,365 (▲ 11.2)	12,007 (▲ 10.4)	7,594 (▲ 11.4)	13,396 (▲ 2.0)	19,903 (▲ 3.2)
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)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	2 (▲ 77.8)	4 (▲ 55.6)
	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 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)
	Total	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	3 (▲ 66.7)	5 (▲ 44.4)
Designs	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	20 (▲ 28.6)	27 (▲ 22.9)	21 (▲ 38.2)	20 (▲ 56.5)	33 (▲ 5.7)	20 (▲ 60.8)	215 (▲ 26.1)	121 (▲ 39.8)	291 (12.4)	404 (6.9)
	Trials for Invalidation	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (0.0)	3 (50.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	10 (25.0)	7 (16.7)	8 (▲ 52.9)	15 (▲ 31.8)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (▲ 50.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	4 (▲ 50.0)	2 (▲ 66.7)	8 (33.3)	11 (37.5)
	Total	21 (▲ 27.6)	28 (▲ 24.3)	24 (▲ 33.3)	22 (▲ 54.2)	35 (▲ 7.9)	21 (▲ 61.1)	229 (▲ 25.4)	130 (▲ 39.0)	307 (8.9)	430 (5.4)

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

Year/Month		2018 3	4	5	6	7	8	2018 1 - 8	2018/4 - 8 Cum Sum of FY2018	2017 1 - 8	2017/4 - 2018/3 Total of FY2017
Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	89 (206.9)	78 (90.2)	68 (70.0)	94 (▲ 10.5)	67 (▲ 11.8)	56 (▲ 11.1)	597 (38.8)	363 (11.7)	430 (27.2)	801 (96.3)
	Trials for Invalidation	8 (14.3)	10 (233.3)	11 (120.0)	8 (▲ 27.3)	9 (▲ 25.0)	8 (▲ 11.1)	65 (10.2)	46 (15.0)	59 (13.5)	92 (▲ 80.7)
	Trials for Cancellation	71 (▲ 25.3)	70 (9.4)	111 (42.3)	139 (24.1)	91 (▲ 1.1)	116 (23.4)	713 (5.3)	527 (19.8)	677 (5.8)	950 (1017.6)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	2 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	3 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	8 (33.3)	5 (66.7)	6 (200.0)	8 (▲ 99.2)
	Oppositions	29 (▲ 31.0)	30 (▲ 6.3)	24 (▲ 44.2)	36 (▲ 14.3)	41 (57.7)	43 (38.7)	256 (▲ 12.9)	174 (0.0)	294 (▲ 0.7)	396 (4850.0)
	Total	199 (15.0)	188 (34.3)	215 (29.5)	277 (1.8)	211 (2.4)	224 (13.1)	1,639 (11.8)	1,115 (13.5)	1,466 (10.4)	2,247 (362.3)
Total	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,418 (▲ 10.4)	1,633 (▲ 5.2)	1,520 (▲ 6.2)	1,556 (▲ 14.8)	1,417 (▲ 15.8)	1,328 (▲ 13.7)	11,807 (▲ 9.0)	7,454 (▲ 11.2)	12,977 (▲ 1.3)	19,430 (▲ 1.0)
	Trials for Invalidation	17 (▲ 37.0)	26 (30.0)	34 (54.5)	20 (▲ 13.0)	26 (▲ 7.1)	20 (▲ 37.5)	183 (▲ 3.7)	126 (0.8)	190 (3.3)	263 (0.0)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	6 (200.0)	4 (33.3)	2 (▲ 60.0)	3 (▲ 25.0)	5 (66.7)	1 (▲ 87.5)	27 (▲ 28.9)	15 (▲ 34.8)	38 (▲ 9.5)	53 (▲ 54.3)
	Trials for Correction (Patents & Utility Models)	24 (140.0)	12 (140.0)	15 (66.7)	11 (▲ 47.6)	8 (▲ 46.7)	19 (90.0)	128 (48.8)	65 (8.3)	86 (▲ 25.9)	197 (38.7)
	Trials for Cancellation (Trademarks)	71 (▲ 25.3)	70 (9.4)	111 (42.3)	139 (24.1)	91 (▲ 1.1)	116 (23.4)	713 (5.3)	527 (19.8)	677 (5.8)	950 (▲ 2.2)
	Oppositions (Patents & Trademarks)	109 (▲ 38.1)	133 (▲ 11.3)	107 (▲ 40.2)	129 (▲ 19.4)	157 (21.7)	126 (16.7)	1,017 (▲ 15.5)	652 (▲ 10.2)	1,204 (3.4)	1,692 (▲ 10.1)
	Total	1,645 (▲ 13.1)	1,878 (▲ 4.4)	1,789 (▲ 6.5)	1,858 (▲ 13.5)	1,704 (▲ 12.6)	1,610 (▲ 10.1)	13,875 (▲ 8.5)	8,839 (▲ 9.5)	15,172 (▲ 0.8)	22,585 (▲ 1.8)

(6) The Number of Registrations

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

Year/Month		2018 3	4	5	6	7	8	2018 1 - 8	2018/4 -8 Cum Sum of FY2018	2017 1 - 8	2017/4 - 2018/3 Total of FY2017
The Number of Registrations	Patents	18,903 (▲ 10.2)	15,822 (▲ 0.6)	13,627 (▲ 4.7)	17,253 (▲ 4.6)	14,482 (▲ 6.2)	18,388 (27.3)	130,181 (▲ 2.2)	79,572 (1.8)	133,042 (0.0)	195,341 (▲ 8.1)
	Utility Models	410 (▲ 30.9)	423 (▲ 9.2)	481 (▲ 19.4)	350 (▲ 22.4)	452 (▲ 8.7)	524 (▲ 10.7)	3,611 (▲ 13.3)	2,230 (▲ 14.1)	4,163 (▲ 5.9)	5,838 (▲ 5.1)
	Designs	2,660 (0.6)	2,419 (6.3)	2,084 (13.1)	2,506 (▲ 7.5)	1,978 (▲ 4.3)	2,770 (39.8)	18,866 (4.9)	11,757 (8.1)	17,981 (7.9)	27,337 (1.5)
	Trademarks	10,896 (▲ 7.6)	8,646 (9.0)	8,127 (13.0)	12,004 (5.2)	9,688 (10.2)	11,507 (38.8)	78,202 (3.5)	49,972 (14.6)	75,570 (10.3)	107,464 (▲ 6.2)
	National Applications	9,654 (▲ 7.7)	7,765 (15.1)	7,187 (13.8)	10,925 (7.6)	8,779 (13.2)	10,676 (43.5)	70,572 (5.9)	45,332 (18.0)	66,652 (9.0)	95,415 (▲ 6.1)
	International Applications	1,242 (▲ 6.9)	881 (▲ 25.8)	940 (7.1)	1,079 (▲ 14.2)	909 (▲ 12.5)	831 (▲ 2.5)	7,630 (▲ 14.4)	4,640 (▲ 11.0)	8,918 (21.2)	12,049 (▲ 7.2)
	Total	32,869 (▲ 8.9)	27,310 (2.7)	24,319 (1.6)	32,113 (▲ 1.7)	26,600 (▲ 0.7)	33,189 (31.1)	230,860 (0.0)	143,531 (6.1)	230,756 (3.7)	335,980 (▲ 6.7)
Class Counts of Trademark Registration	17,867 (▲ 10.5)	14,714 (11.5)	13,177 (11.1)	19,285 (6.3)	15,651 (11.7)	19,500 (49.6)	129,273 (6.2)	82,327 (17.2)	121,751 (13.5)	175,714 (▲ 4.0)	
Trademark Application for Renewal	8,649 (▲ 16.3)	8,918 (▲ 25.5)	10,052 (▲ 22.1)	8,501 (▲ 24.1)	10,730 (8.2)	7,352 (▲ 32.4)	71,647 (▲ 17.6)	45,553 (▲ 19.9)	87,000 (22.4)	118,129 (1.1)	