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1. Preliminary Statistical Data

(1) The Number of Applications

Year/Month	2018 7	8	9	10	11	12	2018 1 - 12	2018/4 -12 Cum Sum of FY2018	2017 1 - 12	2017/4 - 2018/3 Total of FY2017
Patents & Utility Models	24,432 (2.4)	25,204 (2.1)	28,019 (▲ 7.9)	25,617 (4.2)	26,108 (1.5)	28,812 (▲ 5.0)	318,841 (▲ 1.8)	231,565 (▲ 1.0)	324,584 (▲ 0.1)	321,262 (▲ 1.4)
Patents	23,950 (2.7)	24,740 (2.3)	27,613 (▲ 7.8)	25,139 (4.3)	25,647 (1.5)	28,349 (▲ 5.0)	313,481 (▲ 1.6)	227,496 (▲ 0.8)	318,479 (0.0)	315,423 (▲ 1.3)
Utility Models	482 (▲ 8.5)	464 (▲ 8.5)	406 (▲ 14.3)	478 (▲ 3.0)	461 (▲ 1.5)	463 (▲ 4.9)	5,360 (▲ 12.2)	4,069 (▲ 10.5)	6,105 (▲ 5.8)	5,839 (▲ 9.2)
Designs	2,425 (▲ 5.3)	2,530 (▲ 2.0)	2,464 (▲ 14.7)	2,886 (1.5)	2,409 (▲ 9.0)	2,807 (▲ 9.0)	31,330 (▲ 2.0)	23,491 (▲ 3.2)	31,961 (3.5)	32,107 (4.7)
National Applications	2,257 (▲ 3.5)	2,284 (▲ 2.8)	2,306 (▲ 16.5)	2,636 (▲ 1.8)	2,182 (▲ 10.6)	2,748 (▲ 2.2)	29,069 (▲ 2.3)	21,770 (▲ 3.6)	29,745 (3.3)	29,889 (4.7)
Trademarks	14,149 (6.5)	13,673 (▲ 15.9)	14,620 (▲ 10.5)	14,254 (▲ 4.8)	14,314 (▲ 12.4)	17,856 (22.0)	183,943 (▲ 3.7)	137,783 (▲ 3.1)	190,939 (18.0)	188,418 (11.8)
National Applications	12,638 (7.6)	12,013 (▲ 17.4)	13,087 (▲ 12.2)	12,653 (▲ 5.9)	12,280 (▲ 16.2)	16,542 (23.6)	166,140 (▲ 4.3)	123,825 (▲ 3.4)	173,611 (17.3)	170,497 (9.7)
Total Number	41,006 (3.3)	41,407 (▲ 4.9)	45,103 (▲ 9.2)	42,757 (0.8)	42,831 (▲ 4.2)	49,475 (3.0)	534,114 (▲ 2.4)	392,839 (▲ 1.9)	547,484 (5.8)	541,787 (3.2)
Trademarks Class Counts	24,012 (▲ 5.2)	22,824 (▲ 52.8)	39,064 (▲ 14.2)	25,954 (▲ 32.7)	23,275 (▲ 49.8)	36,634 (15.9)	443,578 (▲ 15.7)	304,047 (▲ 20.7)	525,969 (26.7)	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 7	8	9	10	11	12	2018 1 - 12	2018/4 -12 Cum Sum of FY2018	2017 1 - 12	2017/4 - 2018/3 Total of FY2017
Patents	RO	3,784 (7.8)	3,749 (0.9)	4,106 (▲ 3.8)	4,012 (8.6)	3,690 (▲ 2.0)	4,301 (2.6)	48,630 (2.5)	34,576 (3.1)	47,425 (6.6)	47,603 (4.4)
	DO	5,005 (9.9)	5,276 (10.0)	5,436 (▲ 4.9)	5,192 (4.3)	5,638 (7.7)	5,639 (▲ 2.1)	64,216 (2.5)	48,934 (3.7)	62,674 (4.4)	62,453 (1.4)
Designs	OO	4 (300.0)	2 (▲ 75.0)	4 (33.3)	2 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	4 (33.3)	31 (▲ 6.1)	29 (11.5)	33 (▲ 25.0)	28 (▲ 34.9)
	DO	168 (▲ 24.0)	246 (7.0)	158 (23.4)	250 (57.2)	227 (9.7)	59 (▲ 78.5)	2,261 (2.0)	1,721 (2.6)	2,216 (6.4)	2,218 (5.3)
Trademarks	OO	243 (17.4)	270 (33.7)	237 (▲ 4.4)	312 (41.8)	316 (21.1)	319 (32.4)	3,164 (26.3)	2,456 (29.5)	2,505 (5.3)	2,605 (6.8)
	DO	1,511 (▲ 1.4)	1,660 (▲ 3.2)	1,533 (6.8)	1,601 (4.9)	2,034 (19.9)	1,314 (4.8)	17,803 (2.7)	13,958 (▲ 0.8)	17,328 (25.2)	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 7	8	9	10	11	12	2018 1 - 12	2018/4 -12 Cum Sum of FY2018	2017 1 - 12	2017/4 - 2018/3 Total of FY2017
Request for Patent Examination		18,473 (4.1)	19,139 (▲ 2.8)	18,984 (▲ 8.0)	19,829 (8.9)	20,141 (5.3)	20,351 (1.6)	234,993 (▲ 2.1)	170,631 (▲ 0.0)	240,118 (▲ 0.1)	235,071 (▲ 2.9)
	Year-on-Year	17,742 (▲ 9.5)	19,695 (3.2)	20,634 (▲ 6.5)	18,202 (0.7)	19,119 (0.5)	20,039 (1.9)	- -	- -	- -	- -
Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion		28 (16.7)	33 (13.8)	32 (60.0)	21 (▲ 12.5)	22 (▲ 21.4)	30 (20.0)	293 (▲ 0.7)	224 (▲ 3.0)	295 (▲ 13.5)	300 (▲ 2.9)

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

Year/Month		2018 7	8	9	10	11	12	2018 1 - 12	2018/4 -12 Cum Sum of FY2018	2017 1 - 12	2017/4 - 2018/3 Total of FY2017
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,317 (▲ 16.2)	1,252 (▲ 12.1)	1,171 (▲ 21.8)	1,394 (▲ 11.7)	1,453 (▲ 6.7)	1,524 (▲ 10.5)	16,537 (▲ 11.0)	12,512 (▲ 11.9)	18,591 (▲ 1.6)	18,225 (▲ 2.9)
	Trials for Invalidation	16 (6.7)	11 (▲ 47.6)	12 (33.3)	8 (▲ 11.1)	7 (40.0)	24 (41.2)	159 (▲ 1.2)	124 (6.0)	161 (15.0)	152 (3.4)
	Trials for Correction	8 (▲ 46.7)	19 (90.0)	20 (25.0)	20 (42.9)	23 (21.1)	12 (▲ 52.0)	203 (26.9)	140 (4.5)	160 (▲ 1.8)	197 (38.7)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	3 (50.0)	1 (▲ 85.7)	0 (▲ 100.0)	6 (100.0)	25 (▲ 30.6)	18 (▲ 30.8)	36 (▲ 62.9)	33 (▲ 67.0)
	Oppositions	116 (12.6)	83 (7.8)	94 (▲ 23.0)	92 (▲ 8.9)	108 (▲ 8.5)	117 (▲ 2.5)	1,172 (▲ 14.5)	889 (▲ 12.2)	1,371 (2.8)	1,296 (▲ 7.2)
	Total	1,458 (▲ 14.5)	1,365 (▲ 11.2)	1,300 (▲ 21.0)	1,515 (▲ 11.4)	1,591 (▲ 6.5)	1,684 (▲ 9.8)	18,097 (▲ 10.9)	13,684 (▲ 11.7)	20,319 (▲ 1.5)	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 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (▲ 50.0)	2 (▲ 50.0)	4 (▲ 60.0)	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 (0.0)	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)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (▲ 60.0)	2 (▲ 60.0)	5 (▲ 50.0)	5 (▲ 44.4)
Designs	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	33 (▲ 5.7)	20 (▲ 60.8)	23 (35.3)	28 (▲ 44.0)	7 (▲ 72.0)	20 (17.6)	293 (▲ 26.8)	199 (▲ 35.8)	400 (4.2)	404 (6.9)
	Trials for Invalidation	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	3 (50.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (▲ 66.7)	15 (7.1)	12 (0.0)	14 (▲ 46.2)	15 (▲ 31.8)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (▲ 50.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	5 (▲ 54.5)	3 (▲ 66.7)	11 (57.1)	11 (37.5)
	Total	35 (▲ 7.9)	21 (▲ 61.1)	26 (36.8)	29 (▲ 44.2)	7 (▲ 73.1)	22 (4.8)	313 (▲ 26.4)	214 (▲ 35.3)	425 (1.9)	430 (5.4)

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

Year/Month		2018 7	8	9	10	11	12	2018 1 - 12	2018/4 -12 Cum Sum of FY2018	2017 1 - 12	2017/4 - 2018/3 Total of FY2017
Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	67 (▲ 11.8)	56 (▲ 11.1)	62 (▲ 3.1)	55 (10.0)	57 (▲ 20.8)	67 (19.6)	838 (24.7)	604 (6.5)	672 (30.7)	801 (96.3)
	Trials for Invalidation	9 (▲ 25.0)	8 (▲ 11.1)	7 (16.7)	11 (57.1)	9 (200.0)	6 (▲ 64.7)	98 (6.5)	79 (8.2)	92 (0.0)	92 (▲ 80.7)
	Trials for Cancellation	91 (▲ 1.1)	116 (23.4)	65 (▲ 31.6)	80 (8.1)	82 (51.9)	105 (4.0)	1,045 (4.4)	859 (12.4)	1,001 (4.5)	950 (1017.6)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	3 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	8 (0.0)	5 (0.0)	8 (33.3)	8 (▲ 99.2)
	Oppositions	41 (57.7)	43 (38.7)	44 (46.7)	26 (▲ 44.7)	55 (77.4)	40 (25.0)	421 (▲ 3.0)	339 (8.0)	434 (▲ 4.2)	396 (4850.0)
	Total	211 (2.4)	224 (13.1)	178 (▲ 9.2)	172 (▲ 3.9)	203 (26.9)	217 (5.3)	2,409 (9.2)	1,885 (9.4)	2,207 (9.1)	2,247 (362.3)
Total	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,417 (▲ 15.8)	1,328 (▲ 13.7)	1,256 (▲ 20.4)	1,477 (▲ 12.0)	1,517 (▲ 8.3)	1,612 (▲ 9.2)	17,669 (▲ 10.1)	13,316 (▲ 11.7)	19,663 (▲ 0.7)	19,430 (▲ 1.0)
	Trials for Invalidation	26 (▲ 7.1)	20 (▲ 37.5)	22 (22.2)	21 (31.3)	17 (70.0)	31 (▲ 16.2)	274 (1.1)	217 (5.3)	271 (1.1)	263 (0.0)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	5 (66.7)	1 (▲ 87.5)	3 (0.0)	1 (▲ 90.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	7 (75.0)	38 (▲ 32.1)	26 (▲ 36.6)	56 (▲ 49.1)	53 (▲ 54.3)
	Trials for Correction (Patents & Utility Models)	8 (▲ 46.7)	19 (90.0)	20 (25.0)	20 (42.9)	23 (21.1)	12 (▲ 52.0)	203 (26.9)	140 (4.5)	160 (▲ 1.8)	197 (38.7)
	Trials for Cancellation (Trademarks)	91 (▲ 1.1)	116 (23.4)	65 (▲ 31.6)	80 (8.1)	82 (51.9)	105 (4.0)	1,045 (4.4)	859 (12.4)	1,001 (4.5)	950 (▲ 2.2)
	Oppositions (Patents & Trademarks)	157 (21.7)	126 (16.7)	138 (▲ 9.2)	118 (▲ 20.3)	163 (9.4)	156 (2.6)	1,592 (▲ 11.8)	1,227 (▲ 7.5)	1,805 (1.0)	1,692 (▲ 10.1)
	Total	1,704 (▲ 12.6)	1,610 (▲ 10.1)	1,504 (▲ 19.2)	1,717 (▲ 11.5)	1,802 (▲ 4.6)	1,923 (▲ 8.2)	20,821 (▲ 9.3)	15,785 (▲ 10.1)	22,956 (▲ 0.5)	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 7	8	9	10	11	12	2018 1 - 12	2018/4 -12 Cum Sum of FY2018	2017 1 - 12	2017/4 - 2018/3 Total of FY2017
The Number of Registrations	Patents	14,482 (▲ 6.2)	18,388 (27.3)	15,291 (▲ 22.6)	15,151 (▲ 3.0)	18,349 (16.9)	15,553 (0.7)	194,525 (▲ 2.5)	143,916 (▲ 0.6)	199,577 (▲ 1.7)	195,341 (▲ 8.1)
	Utility Models	452 (▲ 8.7)	524 (▲ 10.7)	397 (▲ 21.1)	521 (17.9)	362 (▲ 32.8)	412 (9.3)	5,303 (▲ 12.0)	3,922 (▲ 12.0)	6,024 (▲ 4.3)	5,838 (▲ 5.1)
	Designs	1,978 (▲ 4.3)	2,770 (39.8)	1,872 (▲ 33.8)	2,210 (▲ 8.0)	2,589 (36.6)	2,081 (▲ 6.6)	27,618 (1.0)	20,509 (1.4)	27,335 (7.9)	27,337 (1.5)
	Trademarks	9,688 (10.2)	11,507 (38.8)	9,161 (▲ 12.8)	9,047 (7.1)	11,343 (42.6)	8,794 (1.1)	116,547 (4.8)	88,317 (11.5)	111,180 (5.7)	107,464 (▲ 6.2)
	National Applications	8,779 (13.2)	10,676 (43.5)	8,136 (▲ 13.5)	8,119 (9.4)	10,186 (42.5)	7,926 (1.8)	104,939 (6.6)	79,699 (13.6)	98,417 (5.6)	95,415 (▲ 6.1)
	International Applications	909 (▲ 12.5)	831 (▲ 2.5)	1,025 (▲ 6.0)	928 (▲ 9.8)	1,157 (43.4)	868 (▲ 5.4)	11,608 (▲ 9.0)	8,618 (▲ 4.9)	12,763 (6.0)	12,049 (▲ 7.2)
	Total	26,600 (▲ 0.7)	33,189 (31.1)	26,721 (▲ 20.5)	26,929 (0.1)	32,643 (25.1)	26,840 (0.3)	343,993 (▲ 0.0)	256,664 (3.2)	344,116 (1.2)	335,980 (▲ 6.7)
Class Counts of Trademark Registration	15,651 (11.7)	19,500 (49.6)	14,988 (▲ 13.7)	14,485 (4.6)	18,882 (47.1)	14,939 (3.1)	192,567 (6.8)	145,621 (13.1)	180,287 (9.3)	175,714 (▲ 4.0)	
Trademark Application for Renewal	10,730 (8.2)	7,352 (▲ 32.4)	7,469 (▲ 10.6)	11,102 (▲ 1.3)	8,198 (3.7)	8,247 (7.8)	106,663 (▲ 12.7)	80,569 (▲ 12.5)	122,167 (16.2)	118,129 (1.1)	