

# Preliminary Statistical Data on Filing Applications and Requests

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# 1. Preliminary Statistical Data

## (1) The Number of Applications

Year/Month	2018 8	9	10	11	12	2019 1	2018 1 - 12	2018/4 -2019/1 Cum Sum of FY2018	2017 1 - 12	2017/4 - 2018/3 Total of FY2017
Patents & Utility Models	25,204 (2.1)	28,019 (▲ 7.9)	25,616 (4.2)	26,110 (1.5)	28,931 (▲ 4.6)	21,842 (3.1)	318,961 (▲ 1.7)	253,527 (▲ 0.6)	324,584 (▲ 0.1)	321,262 (▲ 1.4)
Patents	24,740 (2.3)	27,613 (▲ 7.8)	25,138 (4.3)	25,649 (1.5)	28,440 (▲ 4.7)	21,457 (3.3)	313,573 (▲ 1.5)	249,045 (▲ 0.5)	318,479 (0.0)	315,423 (▲ 1.3)
Utility Models	464 (▲ 8.5)	406 (▲ 14.3)	478 (▲ 3.0)	461 (▲ 1.5)	491 (0.8)	385 (▲ 4.7)	5,388 (▲ 11.7)	4,482 (▲ 9.5)	6,105 (▲ 5.8)	5,839 (▲ 9.2)
Designs	2,530 (▲ 2.0)	2,464 (▲ 14.7)	2,887 (1.6)	2,409 (▲ 9.0)	2,883 (▲ 6.5)	2,120 (1.2)	31,407 (▲ 1.7)	25,688 (▲ 2.6)	31,961 (3.5)	32,107 (4.7)
National Applications	2,284 (▲ 2.8)	2,306 (▲ 16.5)	2,637 (▲ 1.7)	2,182 (▲ 10.6)	2,824 (0.5)	2,039 (0.9)	29,146 (▲ 2.0)	23,886 (▲ 2.9)	29,745 (3.3)	29,889 (4.7)
Trademarks	13,673 (▲ 15.9)	14,620 (▲ 10.5)	14,254 (▲ 4.8)	14,314 (▲ 12.4)	18,393 (25.6)	22,349 (51.8)	184,479 (▲ 3.4)	160,668 (2.3)	190,939 (18.0)	188,418 (11.8)
National Applications	12,013 (▲ 17.4)	13,087 (▲ 12.2)	12,653 (▲ 5.9)	12,280 (▲ 16.2)	17,079 (27.6)	20,488 (49.4)	166,677 (▲ 4.0)	144,850 (2.1)	173,611 (17.3)	170,497 (9.7)
Total Number	41,407 (▲ 4.9)	45,103 (▲ 9.2)	42,757 (0.8)	42,833 (▲ 4.2)	50,207 (4.5)	46,311 (21.9)	534,847 (▲ 2.3)	439,883 (0.3)	547,484 (5.8)	541,787 (3.2)
Trademarks Class Counts	22,824 (▲ 52.8)	39,064 (▲ 14.2)	25,954 (▲ 32.7)	23,288 (▲ 49.8)	64,877 (105.3)	58,095 (10.1)	471,834 (▲ 10.3)	390,398 (▲ 10.5)	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 8	9	10	11	12	2019 1	2018 1 - 12	2018/4 - 2019/1 Cum Sum of FY2018	2017 1 - 12	2017/4 - 2018/3 Total of FY2017
Patents	RO	3,749 (0.9)	4,106 (▲ 3.8)	4,012 (8.6)	3,690 (▲ 2.0)	4,301 (2.6)	3,552 (6.7)	48,630 (2.5)	38,128 (3.4)	47,425 (6.6)	47,603 (4.4)
	DO	5,276 (10.0)	5,436 (▲ 4.9)	5,191 (4.2)	5,638 (7.7)	5,641 (▲ 2.0)	4,807 (4.3)	64,217 (2.5)	53,742 (3.8)	62,674 (4.4)	62,453 (1.4)
Designs	OO	2 (▲ 75.0)	4 (33.3)	2 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	4 (33.3)	4 (0.0)	31 (▲ 6.1)	33 (26.9)	33 (▲ 25.0)	28 (▲ 34.9)
	DO	246 (7.0)	158 (23.4)	250 (57.2)	227 (9.7)	59 (▲ 78.5)	81 (9.5)	2,261 (2.0)	1,802 (2.9)	2,216 (6.4)	2,218 (5.3)
Trademarks	OO	270 (33.7)	237 (▲ 4.4)	312 (41.8)	316 (21.1)	319 (32.4)	186 (▲ 20.9)	3,164 (26.3)	2,642 (23.9)	2,505 (5.3)	2,605 (6.8)
	DO	1,660 (▲ 3.2)	1,533 (6.8)	1,601 (4.9)	2,034 (19.9)	1,314 (4.8)	1,861 (83.3)	17,802 (2.7)	15,818 (4.8)	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 8	9	10	11	12	2019 1	2018 1 - 12	2018/4 - 2019/1 Cum Sum of FY2018	2017 1 - 12	2017/4 - 2018/3 Total of FY2017
Request for Patent Examination		19,139 (▲ 2.8)	18,984 (▲ 8.0)	19,827 (8.9)	20,141 (5.3)	20,380 (1.7)	18,796 (3.4)	235,020 (▲ 2.1)	189,454 (0.3)	240,118 (▲ 0.1)	235,071 (▲ 2.9)
	Year-on-Year	19,695 (3.2)	20,634 (▲ 6.5)	18,202 (0.7)	19,119 (0.5)	20,039 (1.9)	18,185 (▲ 7.3)	- -	- -	- -	- -
Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion		33 (13.8)	32 (60.0)	21 (▲ 12.5)	22 (▲ 21.4)	33 (32.0)	29 (16.0)	296 (0.3)	256 (0.0)	295 (▲ 13.5)	300 (▲ 2.9)

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

Year/Month		2018 8	9	10	11	12	2019 1	2018 1 - 12	2018/4 -2019/1 Cum Sum of FY2018	2017 1 - 12	2017/4 - 2018/3 Total of FY2017
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,252 (▲ 12.1)	1,171 (▲ 21.8)	1,394 (▲ 11.7)	1,453 (▲ 6.7)	1,524 (▲ 10.5)	1,288 (3.0)	16,537 (▲ 11.0)	13,800 (▲ 10.7)	18,591 (▲ 1.6)	18,225 (▲ 2.9)
	Trials for Invalidation	11 (▲ 47.6)	12 (33.3)	8 (▲ 11.1)	7 (40.0)	24 (41.2)	7 (▲ 22.2)	159 (▲ 1.2)	131 (4.0)	161 (15.0)	152 (3.4)
	Trials for Correction	19 (90.0)	20 (25.0)	20 (42.9)	23 (21.1)	12 (▲ 52.0)	13 (▲ 38.1)	203 (26.9)	153 (▲ 1.3)	160 (▲ 1.8)	197 (38.7)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (▲ 100.0)	3 (50.0)	1 (▲ 85.7)	0 (▲ 100.0)	6 (100.0)	3 (50.0)	25 (▲ 30.6)	21 (▲ 25.0)	36 (▲ 62.9)	33 (▲ 67.0)
	Oppositions	83 (7.8)	94 (▲ 23.0)	92 (▲ 8.9)	108 (▲ 8.5)	117 (▲ 2.5)	83 (▲ 6.7)	1,172 (▲ 14.5)	972 (▲ 11.8)	1,371 (2.8)	1,296 (▲ 7.2)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,365 (▲ 11.2)</b>	<b>1,300 (▲ 21.0)</b>	<b>1,515 (▲ 11.4)</b>	<b>1,591 (▲ 6.5)</b>	<b>1,683 (▲ 9.9)</b>	<b>1,394 (1.7)</b>	<b>18,096 (▲ 10.9)</b>	<b>15,077 (▲ 10.6)</b>	<b>20,319 (▲ 1.5)</b>	<b>19,903 (▲ 3.2)</b>
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 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (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)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0 (▲ 100.0)</b>	<b>0 (▲ 100.0)</b>	<b>1 (0.0)</b>	<b>1 (0.0)</b>	<b>0 (0.0)</b>	<b>0 (0.0)</b>	<b>2 (▲ 60.0)</b>	<b>2 (▲ 60.0)</b>	<b>5 (▲ 50.0)</b>	<b>5 (▲ 44.4)</b>
Designs	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	20 (▲ 60.8)	23 (35.3)	28 (▲ 44.0)	7 (▲ 72.0)	20 (17.6)	16 (▲ 66.7)	293 (▲ 26.8)	215 (▲ 39.9)	400 (4.2)	404 (6.9)
	Trials for Invalidation	1 (0.0)	3 (50.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (▲ 66.7)	1 (0.0)	15 (7.1)	13 (0.0)	14 (▲ 46.2)	15 (▲ 31.8)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	5 (▲ 54.5)	3 (▲ 66.7)	11 (57.1)	11 (37.5)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>21 (▲ 61.1)</b>	<b>26 (36.8)</b>	<b>29 (▲ 44.2)</b>	<b>7 (▲ 73.1)</b>	<b>22 (4.8)</b>	<b>17 (▲ 65.3)</b>	<b>313 (▲ 26.4)</b>	<b>231 (▲ 39.2)</b>	<b>425 (1.9)</b>	<b>430 (5.4)</b>

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

Year/Month		2018 8	9	10	11	12	2019 1	2018 1 - 12	2018/4 -2019/1 Cum Sum of FY2018	2017 1 - 12	2017/4 - 2018/3 Total of FY2017
Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	56 (▲ 11.1)	62 (▲ 3.1)	55 (10.0)	57 (▲ 20.8)	67 (19.6)	48 (▲ 31.4)	838 (24.7)	652 (2.4)	672 (30.7)	801 (96.3)
	Trials for Invalidation	8 (▲ 11.1)	7 (16.7)	11 (57.1)	9 (200.0)	6 (▲ 64.7)	5 (66.7)	98 (6.5)	84 (10.5)	92 (0.0)	92 (▲ 80.7)
	Trials for Cancellation	116 (23.4)	65 (▲ 31.6)	80 (8.1)	82 (51.9)	105 (4.0)	67 (31.4)	1,045 (4.4)	926 (13.6)	1,001 (4.5)	950 (1017.6)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	8 (0.0)	5 (▲ 16.7)	8 (33.3)	8 (▲ 99.2)
	Oppositions	43 (38.7)	44 (46.7)	26 (▲ 44.7)	55 (77.4)	40 (25.0)	38 (18.8)	421 (▲ 3.0)	377 (9.0)	434 (▲ 4.2)	396 (4850.0)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>224 (13.1)</b>	<b>178 (▲ 9.2)</b>	<b>172 (▲ 3.9)</b>	<b>203 (26.9)</b>	<b>218 (5.8)</b>	<b>158 (0.6)</b>	<b>2,410 (9.2)</b>	<b>2,044 (8.7)</b>	<b>2,207 (9.1)</b>	<b>2,247 (362.3)</b>
Total	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,328 (▲ 13.7)	1,256 (▲ 20.4)	1,477 (▲ 12.0)	1,517 (▲ 8.3)	1,611 (▲ 9.2)	1,352 (▲ 1.2)	17,668 (▲ 10.1)	14,667 (▲ 10.8)	19,663 (▲ 0.7)	19,430 (▲ 1.0)
	Trials for Invalidation	20 (▲ 37.5)	22 (22.2)	21 (31.3)	17 (70.0)	31 (▲ 16.2)	13 (0.0)	274 (1.1)	230 (5.0)	271 (1.1)	263 (0.0)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (▲ 87.5)	3 (0.0)	1 (▲ 90.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	7 (75.0)	3 (0.0)	38 (▲ 32.1)	29 (▲ 34.1)	56 (▲ 49.1)	53 (▲ 54.3)
	Trials for Correction (Patents & Utility Models)	19 (90.0)	20 (25.0)	20 (42.9)	23 (21.1)	12 (▲ 52.0)	13 (▲ 38.1)	203 (26.9)	153 (▲ 1.3)	160 (▲ 1.8)	197 (38.7)
	Trials for Cancellation (Trademarks)	116 (23.4)	65 (▲ 31.6)	80 (8.1)	82 (51.9)	105 (4.0)	67 (31.4)	1,045 (4.4)	926 (13.6)	1,001 (4.5)	950 (▲ 2.2)
	Oppositions (Patents & Trademarks)	126 (16.7)	138 (▲ 9.2)	118 (▲ 20.3)	163 (9.4)	157 (3.3)	121 (0.0)	1,593 (▲ 11.7)	1,349 (▲ 6.8)	1,805 (1.0)	1,692 (▲ 10.1)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,610 (▲ 10.1)</b>	<b>1,504 (▲ 19.2)</b>	<b>1,717 (▲ 11.5)</b>	<b>1,802 (▲ 4.6)</b>	<b>1,923 (▲ 8.2)</b>	<b>1,569 (▲ 0.5)</b>	<b>20,821 (▲ 9.3)</b>	<b>17,354 (▲ 9.3)</b>	<b>22,956 (▲ 0.5)</b>	<b>22,585 (▲ 1.8)</b>

## (6) The Number of Registrations

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

Year/Month		2018 8	9	10	11	12	2019 1	2018 1 - 12	2018/4 - 2019/1 Cum Sum of FY2018	2017 1 - 12	2017/4 - 2018/3 Total of FY2017
The Number of Registrations	Patents	18,388 (27.3)	15,291 (▲ 22.6)	15,151 (▲ 3.0)	18,349 (16.9)	15,553 (0.7)	13,074 (▲ 24.7)	194,525 (▲ 2.5)	156,990 (▲ 3.1)	199,577 (▲ 1.7)	195,341 (▲ 8.1)
	Utility Models	524 (▲ 10.7)	397 (▲ 21.1)	521 (17.9)	362 (▲ 32.8)	412 (9.3)	462 (▲ 16.6)	5,303 (▲ 12.0)	4,384 (▲ 12.5)	6,024 (▲ 4.3)	5,838 (▲ 5.1)
	Designs	2,770 (39.8)	1,872 (▲ 33.8)	2,210 (▲ 8.0)	2,589 (36.6)	2,081 (▲ 6.6)	1,693 (▲ 30.7)	27,618 (1.0)	22,202 (▲ 2.1)	27,335 (7.9)	27,337 (1.5)
	Trademarks	11,507 (38.8)	9,161 (▲ 12.8)	9,047 (7.1)	11,343 (42.6)	8,794 (1.1)	6,761 (▲ 23.4)	116,547 (4.8)	95,078 (8.0)	111,180 (5.7)	107,464 (▲ 6.2)
	National Applications	10,676 (43.5)	8,136 (▲ 13.5)	8,119 (9.4)	10,186 (42.5)	7,926 (1.8)	6,115 (▲ 24.8)	104,939 (6.6)	85,814 (9.6)	98,417 (5.6)	95,415 (▲ 6.1)
	International Applications	831 (▲ 2.5)	1,025 (▲ 6.0)	928 (▲ 9.8)	1,157 (43.4)	868 (▲ 5.4)	646 (▲ 7.2)	11,608 (▲ 9.0)	9,264 (▲ 5.0)	12,763 (6.0)	12,049 (▲ 7.2)
	Total	33,189 (31.1)	26,721 (▲ 20.5)	26,929 (0.1)	32,643 (25.1)	26,840 (0.3)	21,990 (▲ 24.6)	343,993 (▲ 0.0)	278,654 (0.3)	344,116 (1.2)	335,980 (▲ 6.7)
Class Counts of Trademark Registration	19,500 (49.6)	14,988 (▲ 13.7)	14,485 (4.6)	18,882 (47.1)	14,939 (3.1)	11,354 (▲ 27.5)	192,567 (6.8)	156,975 (8.7)	180,287 (9.3)	175,714 (▲ 4.0)	
Trademark Application for Renewal	7,352 (▲ 32.4)	7,469 (▲ 10.6)	11,102 (▲ 1.3)	8,198 (3.7)	8,247 (7.8)	9,291 (1.9)	106,663 (▲ 12.7)	89,860 (▲ 11.2)	122,167 (16.2)	118,129 (1.1)	