

# Statistical Report (Overview)

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## (1) The Number of Applications

| Year/ Month              |                       | 2019<br>3         | 4                 | 2019/1-4<br>(Cum Sum<br>of 2019) | 2018/1-4<br>(Year-on-Year) | 2018/1-12<br>(Total of 2018) | 2018/4 - 2019/3<br>(Cum Sum<br>of FY2018) | 2017/4 - 2018/3<br>(Year-on-Year) |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Patents & Utility Models |                       | 38,804<br>(▲4.9)  | 23,829<br>(3.7)   | 110,521<br>(0.2)                 | 110,253<br>(▲3.0)          | 318,956<br>(▲1.7)            | 318,372<br>(▲0.9)                         | 321,262<br>(▲1.4)                 |
|                          | Patents               | 38,376<br>(▲4.8)  | 23,431<br>(3.7)   | 108,879<br>(0.3)                 | 108,573<br>(▲2.8)          | 313,566<br>(▲1.5)            | 313,029<br>(▲0.8)                         | 315,423<br>(▲1.3)                 |
|                          | Utility Models        | 428<br>(▲12.7)    | 398<br>(2.3)      | 1,642<br>(▲2.3)                  | 1,680<br>(▲18.7)           | 5,390<br>(▲11.7)             | 5,343<br>(▲8.5)                           | 5,839<br>(▲9.2)                   |
| Designs                  |                       | 2,928<br>(▲9.8)   | 2,814<br>(8.8)    | 10,255<br>(▲1.6)                 | 10,425<br>(0.6)            | 31,406<br>(▲1.7)             | 31,008<br>(▲3.4)                          | 32,107<br>(4.7)                   |
|                          | National Applications | 2,759<br>(▲6.1)   | 2,662<br>(8.9)    | 9,785<br>(0.4)                   | 9,744<br>(0.7)             | 29,145<br>(▲2.0)             | 28,969<br>(▲3.1)                          | 29,889<br>(4.7)                   |
| Trademarks               |                       | 15,441<br>(▲16.1) | 20,536<br>(17.2)  | 72,665<br>(14.1)                 | 63,679<br>(▲5.4)           | 184,483<br>(▲3.4)            | 190,452<br>(1.1)                          | 188,418<br>(11.8)                 |
|                          | National Applications | 13,776<br>(▲18.8) | 19,108<br>(15.9)  | 65,902<br>(12.1)                 | 58,802<br>(▲6.1)           | 166,681<br>(▲4.0)            | 171,160<br>(0.4)                          | 170,497<br>(9.7)                  |
| Total Number             |                       | 57,173<br>(▲8.5)  | 47,179<br>(9.5)   | 193,441<br>(4.9)                 | 184,357<br>(▲3.7)          | 534,845<br>(▲2.3)            | 539,832<br>(▲0.4)                         | 541,787<br>(3.2)                  |
| Trademark Class Counts   |                       | 28,145<br>(▲53.6) | 15,865<br>(▲73.3) | 179,216<br>(▲9.9)                | 198,914<br>(▲6.0)          | 472,702<br>(▲10.1)           | 496,522<br>(▲5.0)                         | 522,869<br>(16.9)                 |

## (2) The Number of International Applications

| Year/ Month        |    | 2019<br>3       | 4               | 2019/1-3<br>(Cum Sum<br>of 2019) | 2018/1-3<br>(Year-on-Year) | 2018/1-12<br>(Total of 2018) | 2018/4 - 2019/3<br>(Cum Sum<br>of FY2018) | 2017/4 - 2018/3<br>(Year-on-Year) |
|--------------------|----|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| P<br>C<br>T        | RO | 6,431<br>(0.8)  | 3,775<br>(14.1) | 18,183<br>(4.7)                  | 17,363<br>(1.4)            | 48,630<br>(2.5)              | 48,984<br>(2.9)                           | 47,603<br>(4.4)                   |
|                    | DO | 5,773<br>(▲1.3) | 5,909<br>(14.9) | 21,540<br>(5.5)                  | 20,424<br>(▲0.7)           | 64,211<br>(2.5)              | 64,561<br>(3.4)                           | 62,452<br>(1.4)                   |
| Hague<br>Agreement | OO | 7<br>(250.0)    | 0<br>(▲100.0)   | 12<br>(71.4)                     | 7<br>(▲30.0)               | 31<br>(▲6.1)                 | 41<br>(46.4)                              | 28<br>(▲34.9)                     |
|                    | DO | 169<br>(▲45.0)  | 152<br>(7.8)    | 470<br>(▲31.0)                   | 681<br>(0.1)               | 2,261<br>(2.0)               | 2,039<br>(▲8.1)                           | 2218<br>(5.3)                     |
| Madrid<br>Protocol | OO | 307<br>(13.7)   | 240<br>(▲3.2)   | 984<br>(2.9)                     | 956<br>(19.6)              | 3,164<br>(26.3)              | 3,200<br>(22.8)                           | 2,605<br>(6.8)                    |
|                    | DO | 1,665<br>(16.4) | 1,428<br>(38.4) | 6,763<br>(38.7)                  | 4,877<br>(4.2)             | 17,802<br>(2.7)              | 19,292<br>(7.7)                           | 17,921<br>(36.1)                  |

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

| Year/ Month                               |              | 2019<br>3         | 4                | 2019/1-3<br>(Cum Sum<br>of 2019) | 2018/1-3<br>(Year-on-Year) | 2018/1-12<br>(Total of 2018) | 2018/4 - 2019/3<br>(Cum Sum<br>of FY2018) | 2017/4 - 2018/3<br>(Year-on-Year) |
|---|--------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Request for Patent Examination            |              | 22,256<br>(▲9.8)  | 19,784<br>(18.2) | 80,790<br>(▲0.6)                 | 81,256<br>(▲5.8)           | 234,309<br>(▲2.4)            | 230,792<br>(▲1.9)                         | 240,118<br>(▲0.1)                 |
|   | Year-on-Year | 24,681<br>(▲10.5) | 16,733<br>(▲0.7) | -                                | -                          | -                            | -   | -                                 |
| Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion |              | 27<br>(3.8)       | 13<br>(0.0)      | 94<br>(14.6)                     | 82<br>(▲6.8)               | 293<br>(▲0.7)                | 305<br>(1.7)                              | 295<br>(▲13.5)                    |

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

| Year/ Month |   | 2019<br>3       | 4               | 2019/1-3<br>(Cum Sum<br>of 2019) | 2018/1-3<br>(Year-on-Year) | 2018/1-12<br>(Total of 2018) | 2018/4 - 2019/3<br>(Cum Sum<br>of FY2018) | 2017/4 -2018/3<br>(Year-on-Year) |
|-------------|---|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Patents     | Appeals against Examiner's<br>Decision of Refusal | 1,266<br>(▲3.3) | 1,496<br>(▲2.1) | 5,436<br>(▲2.1)                  | 5,553<br>(▲8.0)            | 16,537<br>(▲11.0)            | 16,452<br>(▲9.7)                          | 18,225<br>(▲2.9)                 |
|             | Trials for Invalidation                           | 10<br>(11.1)    | 12<br>(▲20.0)   | 36<br>(▲28.0)                    | 50<br>(▲16.7)              | 159<br>(▲1.2)                | 148<br>(▲2.6)                             | 152<br>(3.4)                     |
|             | Trials for Correction                             | 8<br>(▲66.7)    | 11<br>(▲8.3)    | 53<br>(▲29.3)                    | 75<br>(141.9)              | 203<br>(26.9)                | 182<br>(▲7.6)                             | 197<br>(38.7)                    |
|             | Hantei (Advisory Opinion)                         | 0<br>(▲100.0)   | 0<br>(▲100.0)   | 7<br>(▲36.4)                     | 11<br>(0.0)                | 25<br>(▲30.6)                | 25<br>(▲24.2)                             | 33<br>(▲67.0)                    |
|             | oppositions                                       | 77<br>(▲3.8)    | 130<br>(26.2)   | 396<br>(2.6)                     | 386<br>(▲18.9)             | 1,172<br>(▲14.5)             | 1,155<br>(▲10.9)                          | 1,296<br>(▲7.2)                  |
|             | Total   | 1,361<br>(▲4.5) | 1,649<br>(▲0.8) | 5,928<br>(▲2.4)                  | 6,075<br>(▲8.2)            | 18,096<br>(▲10.9)            | 17,962<br>(▲9.8)                          | 19,903<br>(▲3.2)                 |

| Year/ Month    |   | 2019<br>3  | 4          | 2019/1-3<br>(Cum Sum<br>of 2019) | 2018/1-3<br>(Year-on-Year) | 2018/1-12<br>(Total of 2018) | 2018/4 - 2019/3<br>(Cum Sum<br>of FY2018) | 2017/4 -2018/3<br>(Year-on-Year) |
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| Utility Models | Appeals against Examiner's<br>Decision of Refusal | 0<br>(0.0) | 0<br>(0.0) | 0<br>(0.0)                       | 0<br>(0.0)                 | 0<br>(0.0)                   | 0<br>(0.0)                                | 0<br>(0.0)                       |
|                | Trials for Invalidation                           | 0<br>(0.0) | 0<br>(0.0) | 2<br>(0.0)                       | 0<br>(0.0)                 | 2<br>(▲50.0)                 | 4<br>(0.0)                                | 4<br>(▲55.6)                     |
|                | Trials for Correction                             | 0<br>(0.0) | 0<br>(0.0) | 0<br>(0.0)                       | 0<br>(0.0)                 | 0<br>(0.0)                   | 0<br>(0.0)                                | 0<br>(0.0)                       |
|                | Hantei (Advisory Opinion)                         | 0<br>(0.0) | 0<br>(0.0) | 0<br>(0.0)                       | 0<br>(▲100.0)              | 0<br>(▲100.0)                | 0<br>(▲100.0)                             | 1<br>(0.0)                       |
|                | Total   | 0<br>(0.0) | 0<br>(0.0) | 2<br>(0.0)                       | 0<br>(▲100.0)              | 2<br>(▲60.0)                 | 4<br>(▲20.0)                              | 5<br>(▲44.4)                     |

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|-------------|---|---------------|---------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Designs     | Appeals against Examiner's<br>Decision of Refusal | 25<br>(25.0)  | 24<br>(▲11.1) | 102<br>(▲15.7)                   | 121<br>(▲3.2)              | 293<br>(▲26.8)               | 277<br>(▲31.4)                            | 404<br>(6.9)                     |
|             | Trials for Invalidation                           | 0<br>(0.0)    | 0<br>(▲100.0) | 1<br>(▲75.0)                     | 4<br>(33.3)                | 15<br>(7.1)                  | 13<br>(▲13.3)                             | 15<br>(▲31.8)                    |
|             | Hantei (Advisory Opinion)                         | 0<br>(▲100.0) | 4<br>(0.0)    | 5<br>(150.0)                     | 2<br>(▲33.3)               | 5<br>(▲54.5)                 | 4<br>(▲63.6)                              | 11<br>(37.5)                     |
|             | Total   | 25<br>(19.0)  | 28<br>(0.0)   | 108<br>(▲15.0)                   | 127<br>(▲3.1)              | 313<br>(▲26.4)               | 294<br>(▲31.6)                            | 430<br>(5.4)                     |

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|-------------|---|---------------|---------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Trademarks  | Appeals against Examiner's<br>Decision of Refusal | 66<br>(▲25.8) | 93<br>(19.2)  | 264<br>(▲15.4)                   | 312<br>(113.7)             | 838<br>(24.7)                | 775<br>(▲3.2)                             | 801<br>(68.3)                    |
|             | Trials for Invalidation                           | 5<br>(▲37.5)  | 9<br>(▲10.0)  | 28<br>(▲3.4)                     | 29<br>(31.8)               | 98<br>(6.5)                  | 98<br>(6.5)                               | 92<br>(8.2)                      |
|             | Trials for Cancellation                           | 98<br>(38.0)  | 103<br>(47.1) | 350<br>(36.7)                    | 256<br>(▲15.0)             | 1,045<br>(4.4)               | 1,106<br>(16.4)                           | 950<br>(▲2.2)                    |
|             | Hantei (Advisory Opinion)                         | 1<br>(▲50.0)  | 0<br>(0.0)    | 1<br>(▲66.7)                     | 3<br>(0.0)                 | 8<br>(0.0)                   | 6<br>(▲25.0)                              | 8<br>(0.0)                       |
|             | Oppositions                                       | 33<br>(13.8)  | 34<br>(10.0)  | 144<br>(27.7)                    | 112<br>(▲26.3)             | 421<br>(▲3.0)                | 449<br>(13.4)                             | 396<br>(▲18.5)                   |
|             | Total   | 203<br>(2.0)  | 239<br>(26.6) | 787<br>(10.4)                    | 712<br>(14.1)              | 2,410<br>(9.2)               | 2,434<br>(8.3)                            | 2,247<br>(10.9)                  |