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1. Preliminary Statistical Data

(1) The Number of Applications

Year/Month	2018 11	12	2019 1	2	3	4	2019 1 - 4	2018/4 - 2019/3 Cum Sum of FY2018	2018 1 - 4	2017/4 - 2018/3 Total of FY2017
Patents & Utility Models	26,112 (1.5)	28,933 (▲ 4.6)	21,908 (3.4)	25,980 (2.7)	38,804 (▲ 4.9)	23,829 (3.7)	110,521 (0.2)	318,372 (▲ 0.9)	110,253 (▲ 3.0)	321,262 (▲ 1.4)
Patents	25,651 (1.5)	28,440 (▲ 4.7)	21,506 (3.5)	25,566 (2.7)	38,376 (▲ 4.8)	23,431 (3.7)	108,879 (0.3)	313,029 (▲ 0.8)	108,573 (▲ 2.8)	315,423 (▲ 1.3)
Utility Models	461 (▲ 1.5)	493 (1.2)	402 (▲ 0.5)	414 (4.3)	428 (▲ 12.7)	398 (2.3)	1,642 (▲ 2.3)	5,343 (▲ 8.5)	1,680 (▲ 18.7)	5,839 (▲ 9.2)
Designs	2,409 (▲ 9.0)	2,883 (▲ 6.5)	2,163 (3.2)	2,350 (▲ 6.0)	2,928 (▲ 9.8)	2,814 (8.8)	10,255 (▲ 1.6)	31,008 (▲ 3.4)	10,425 (0.6)	32,107 (4.7)
National Applications	2,182 (▲ 10.6)	2,824 (0.5)	2,082 (3.0)	2,282 (▲ 2.5)	2,759 (▲ 6.1)	2,662 (8.9)	9,785 (0.4)	28,969 (▲ 3.1)	9,744 (0.7)	29,889 (4.7)
Trademarks	14,314 (▲ 12.4)	18,396 (25.6)	22,467 (52.6)	14,221 (9.1)	15,441 (▲ 16.1)	20,536 (17.2)	72,665 (14.1)	190,452 (1.1)	63,679 (▲ 5.4)	188,418 (11.8)
National Applications	12,280 (▲ 16.2)	17,082 (27.6)	20,606 (50.3)	12,412 (6.7)	13,776 (▲ 18.8)	19,108 (15.9)	65,902 (12.1)	171,160 (0.4)	58,802 (▲ 6.1)	170,497 (9.7)
Total Number	42,835 (▲ 4.2)	50,212 (4.5)	46,538 (22.5)	42,551 (4.2)	57,173 (▲ 8.5)	47,179 (9.5)	193,441 (4.9)	539,832 (▲ 0.4)	184,357 (▲ 3.7)	541,787 (3.2)
Trademarks Class Counts	23,288 (▲ 49.8)	65,745 (108.0)	111,072 (110.6)	24,134 (▲ 7.7)	28,145 (▲ 53.6)	15,865 (▲ 73.3)	179,216 (▲ 9.9)	496,522 (▲ 5.0)	198,914 (▲ 6.0)	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 10	11	12	2019 1	2	3	2019 1 - 3	2018/4 - 2019/3 Cum Sum of FY2018	2018 1 - 3	2017/4 - 2018/3 Total of FY2017
Patents	RO	3,690 (▲ 2.0)	4,301 (2.6)	3,552 (6.7)	4,425 (1.8)	6,431 (0.8)	3,775 (14.1)	18,183 (4.7)	48,984 (2.9)	17,363 (1.4)	47,603 (4.4)
	DO	5,640 (7.7)	5,641 (▲ 2.0)	4,807 (4.3)	5,051 (4.7)	5,773 (▲ 1.3)	5,909 (14.9)	21,540 (5.5)	64,561 (3.4)	20,424 (▲ 0.7)	62,452 (1.4)
Designs	OO	0 (▲ 100.0)	4 (33.3)	4 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	7 (250.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	12 (71.4)	41 (46.4)	7 (▲ 30.0)	28 (▲ 34.9)
	DO	227 (9.7)	59 (▲ 78.5)	81 (9.5)	68 (▲ 57.2)	169 (▲ 45.0)	152 (7.8)	470 (▲ 31.0)	2,039 (▲ 8.1)	681 (0.1)	2,218 (5.3)
Trademarks	OO	316 (21.1)	319 (32.4)	186 (▲ 20.9)	251 (23.6)	307 (13.7)	240 (▲ 3.2)	984 (2.9)	3,200 (22.8)	956 (19.6)	2,605 (6.8)
	DO	2,034 (19.9)	1,314 (4.8)	1,861 (83.3)	1,809 (29.3)	1,665 (16.4)	1,428 (38.4)	6,763 (38.7)	19,292 (7.7)	4,877 (4.2)	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 10	11	12	2019 1	2	3	2019 1 - 3	2018/4 - 2019/3 Cum Sum of FY2018	2018 1 - 3	2017/4 - 2018/3 Total of FY2017
Request for Patent Examination		19,720 (3.1)	19,693 (▲ 1.7)	18,814 (3.1)	19,936 (▲ 7.7)	22,256 (▲ 9.8)	19,784 (18.2)	80,790 (▲ 0.6)	230,792 (▲ 1.9)	81,256 (▲ 5.8)	235,232 (▲ 2.8)
	Year-on-Year	19,119 (0.5)	20,039 (1.9)	18,248 (▲ 7.0)	21,594 (▲ 2.8)	24,681 (▲ 10.5)	16,733 (▲ 0.7)	- -	- -	- -	- -
Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion		22 (▲ 21.4)	33 (32.0)	30 (20.0)	24 (33.3)	27 (3.8)	13 (0.0)	94 (14.6)	305 (1.7)	82 (▲ 6.8)	300 (▲ 2.9)

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

Year/Month		2018 10	11	12	2019 1	2	3	2019 1 - 3	2018/4 - 2019/3 Cum Sum of FY2018	2018 1 - 3	2017/4 - 2018/3 Total of FY2017
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,453 (▲ 6.7)	1,524 (▲ 10.5)	1,288 (3.0)	1,386 (▲ 5.5)	1,266 (▲ 3.3)	1,496 (▲ 2.1)	5,436 (▲ 2.1)	16,452 (▲ 9.7)	5,553 (▲ 8.0)	18,225 (▲ 2.9)
	Trials for Invalidation	7 (40.0)	24 (41.2)	7 (▲ 22.2)	7 (▲ 58.8)	10 (11.1)	12 (▲ 20.0)	36 (▲ 28.0)	148 (▲ 2.6)	50 (▲ 16.7)	152 (3.4)
	Trials for Correction	23 (21.1)	12 (▲ 52.0)	13 (▲ 38.1)	21 (16.7)	8 (▲ 66.7)	11 (▲ 8.3)	53 (▲ 29.3)	182 (▲ 7.6)	75 (141.9)	197 (38.7)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (▲ 100.0)	6 (100.0)	3 (50.0)	4 (100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	7 (▲ 36.4)	25 (▲ 24.2)	11 (0.0)	33 (▲ 67.0)
	Oppositions	108 (▲ 8.5)	117 (▲ 2.5)	83 (▲ 6.7)	106 (▲ 7.0)	77 (▲ 3.8)	130 (26.2)	396 (2.6)	1,155 (▲ 10.9)	386 (▲ 18.9)	1,296 (▲ 7.2)
	Total	1,591 (▲ 6.5)	1,683 (▲ 9.9)	1,394 (1.7)	1,524 (▲ 5.8)	1,361 (▲ 4.5)	1,649 (▲ 0.8)	5,928 (▲ 2.4)	17,962 (▲ 9.8)	6,075 (▲ 8.2)	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	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	4 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	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 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (0.0)
	Total	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	4 (▲ 20.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	5 (▲ 44.4)
Designs	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	7 (▲ 72.0)	20 (17.6)	16 (▲ 66.7)	37 (42.3)	25 (25.0)	24 (▲ 11.1)	102 (▲ 15.7)	277 (▲ 31.4)	121 (▲ 3.2)	404 (6.9)
	Trials for Invalidation	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (▲ 66.7)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (▲ 75.0)	13 (▲ 13.3)	4 (33.3)	15 (▲ 31.8)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	4 (0.0)	5 (150.0)	4 (▲ 63.6)	2 (▲ 33.3)	11 (37.5)
	Total	7 (▲ 73.1)	22 (4.8)	17 (▲ 65.3)	38 (31.0)	25 (19.0)	28 (0.0)	108 (▲ 15.0)	294 (▲ 31.6)	127 (▲ 3.1)	430 (5.4)

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

Year/Month		2018 10	11	12	2019 1	2	3	2019 1 - 3	2018/4 - 2019/3 Cum Sum of FY2018	2018 1 - 3	2017/4 - 2018/3 Total of FY2017
Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	57 (▲ 20.8)	67 (19.6)	48 (▲ 31.4)	57 (▲ 24.0)	66 (▲ 25.8)	93 (19.2)	264 (▲ 15.4)	775 (▲ 3.2)	312 (113.7)	801 (68.3)
	Trials for Invalidation	9 (200.0)	6 (▲ 64.7)	5 (66.7)	9 (12.5)	5 (▲ 37.5)	9 (▲ 10.0)	28 (▲ 3.4)	98 (6.5)	29 (31.8)	92 (8.2)
	Trials for Cancellation	82 (51.9)	105 (4.0)	67 (31.4)	82 (28.1)	98 (38.0)	103 (47.1)	350 (36.7)	1,106 (16.4)	256 (▲ 15.0)	950 (▲ 2.2)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (▲ 50.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (▲ 66.7)	6 (▲ 25.0)	3 (0.0)	8 (0.0)
	Oppositions	55 (77.4)	40 (25.0)	38 (18.8)	39 (85.7)	33 (13.8)	34 (10.0)	144 (27.7)	449 (13.4)	112 (▲ 26.3)	396 (▲ 18.5)
	Total	203 (26.9)	218 (5.8)	158 (0.6)	187 (11.3)	203 (2.0)	239 (26.6)	787 (10.4)	2,434 (8.3)	712 (14.1)	2,247 (10.9)
Total	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,517 (▲ 8.3)	1,611 (▲ 9.2)	1,352 (▲ 1.2)	1,480 (▲ 5.6)	1,357 (▲ 4.3)	1,613 (▲ 1.2)	5,802 (▲ 3.1)	17,504 (▲ 9.9)	5,986 (▲ 5.1)	19,430 (▲ 1.0)
	Trials for Invalidation	17 (70.0)	31 (▲ 16.2)	13 (0.0)	18 (▲ 33.3)	15 (▲ 11.8)	21 (▲ 19.2)	67 (▲ 19.3)	263 (0.0)	83 (▲ 2.4)	263 (0.0)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (▲ 100.0)	7 (75.0)	3 (0.0)	5 (66.7)	1 (▲ 83.3)	4 (0.0)	13 (▲ 18.8)	35 (▲ 34.0)	16 (▲ 11.1)	53 (▲ 54.3)
	Trials for Correction (Patents & Utility Models)	23 (21.1)	12 (▲ 52.0)	13 (▲ 38.1)	21 (16.7)	8 (▲ 66.7)	11 (▲ 8.3)	53 (▲ 29.3)	182 (▲ 7.6)	75 (141.9)	197 (38.7)
	Trials for Cancellation (Trademarks)	82 (51.9)	105 (4.0)	67 (31.4)	82 (28.1)	98 (38.0)	103 (47.1)	350 (36.7)	1,106 (16.4)	256 (▲ 15.0)	950 (▲ 2.2)
	Oppositions (Patents & Trademarks)	163 (9.4)	157 (3.3)	121 (0.0)	145 (7.4)	110 (0.9)	164 (22.6)	540 (8.2)	1,604 (▲ 5.2)	498 (▲ 20.7)	1,692 (▲ 10.1)
	Total	1,802 (▲ 4.6)	1,923 (▲ 8.2)	1,569 (▲ 0.5)	1,751 (▲ 3.5)	1,589 (▲ 3.4)	1,916 (2.0)	6,825 (▲ 1.3)	20,694 (▲ 8.4)	6,914 (▲ 6.2)	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 10	11	12	2019 1	2	3	2019 1 - 3	2018/4 - 2019/3 Cum Sum of FY2018	2018 1 - 3	2017/4 - 2018/3 Total of FY2017
The Number of Registrations	Patents	18,349 (16.9)	15,553 (0.7)	13,074 (▲ 24.7)	13,488 (▲ 6.0)	18,763 (▲ 0.7)	15,331 (▲ 3.1)	60,656 (▲ 8.7)	189,241 (▲ 3.1)	66,431 (▲ 6.1)	195,341 (▲ 8.1)
	Utility Models	362 (▲ 32.8)	412 (9.3)	462 (▲ 16.6)	333 (▲ 20.1)	399 (▲ 2.7)	394 (▲ 6.9)	1,588 (▲ 12.0)	5,116 (▲ 12.4)	1,804 (▲ 11.3)	5,838 (▲ 5.1)
	Designs	2,589 (36.6)	2,081 (▲ 6.6)	1,693 (▲ 30.7)	2,117 (5.5)	3,052 (14.7)	2,522 (4.3)	9,384 (▲ 1.5)	27,371 (0.1)	9,528 (1.6)	27,337 (1.5)
	Trademarks	11,343 (42.6)	8,794 (1.1)	6,761 (▲ 23.4)	8,025 (▲ 5.6)	10,546 (▲ 3.2)	8,131 (▲ 6.0)	33,463 (▲ 9.3)	113,649 (5.8)	36,876 (▲ 7.5)	107,464 (▲ 6.2)
	National Applications	10,186 (42.5)	7,926 (1.8)	6,115 (▲ 24.8)	7,279 (▲ 2.3)	9,668 (0.1)	7,268 (▲ 6.4)	30,330 (▲ 8.1)	102,761 (7.7)	33,005 (▲ 5.7)	95,415 (▲ 6.1)
	International Applications	1,157 (43.4)	868 (▲ 5.4)	646 (▲ 7.2)	746 (▲ 29.1)	878 (▲ 29.3)	863 (▲ 2.0)	3,133 (▲ 19.1)	10,888 (▲ 9.6)	3,871 (▲ 20.9)	12,049 (▲ 7.2)
	Total	32,643 (25.1)	26,840 (0.3)	21,990 (▲ 24.6)	23,963 (▲ 5.2)	32,760 (▲ 0.3)	26,378 (▲ 3.4)	105,091 (▲ 8.3)	335,377 (▲ 0.2)	114,639 (▲ 6.1)	335,980 (▲ 6.7)
Class Counts of Trademark Registration	18,882 (47.1)	14,939 (3.1)	11,354 (▲ 27.5)	14,358 (7.0)	19,181 (7.4)	13,839 (▲ 5.9)	58,732 (▲ 4.7)	190,514 (8.4)	61,660 (▲ 4.7)	175,714 (▲ 4.0)	
Trademark Application for Renewal	8,198 (3.7)	8,247 (7.8)	9,291 (1.9)	8,896 (6.8)	9,762 (12.9)	9,398 (5.4)	37,347 (6.7)	108,518 (▲ 8.1)	35,012 (▲ 16.8)	118,129 (1.1)	