

# Preliminary Statistical Data on Filing Applications and Requests

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# 1. Preliminary Statistical Data

## (1) The Number of Applications

Year/Month	2019 8	9	10	11	12	2020 1	2019 1 -12	2019/4 - 2020/1 Cum Sum of FY2019	2018 1 - 12	2018/4 - 2018/3 Total of FY2018
Patents & Utility Models	23,052 (▲ 8.5)	28,520 (1.8)	24,118 (▲ 5.8)	24,453 (▲ 6.4)	29,292 (1.2)	21,385 (▲ 2.4)	313,208 (▲ 1.8)	247,901 (▲ 2.2)	318,956 (▲ 1.7)	318,372 (▲ 0.9)
Patents	22,589 (▲ 8.7)	28,091 (1.7)	23,667 (▲ 5.9)	24,051 (▲ 6.2)	28,813 (1.3)	21,012 (▲ 2.3)	307,968 (▲ 1.8)	243,532 (▲ 2.2)	313,566 (▲ 1.5)	313,029 (▲ 0.8)
Utility Models	463 (▲ 0.2)	429 (5.7)	451 (▲ 5.6)	402 (▲ 12.8)	479 (▲ 2.8)	373 (▲ 7.2)	5,240 (▲ 2.8)	4,369 (▲ 2.9)	5,390 (▲ 11.7)	5,343 (▲ 8.5)
Designs	2,466 (▲ 2.5)	2,675 (8.6)	2,568 (▲ 11.0)	2,552 (5.9)	2,903 (0.7)	2,274 (5.1)	31,489 (0.3)	26,322 (2.3)	31,406 (▲ 1.7)	31,008 (▲ 3.4)
National Applications	2,264 (▲ 0.9)	2,539 (10.1)	2,425 (▲ 8.0)	2,267 (3.9)	2,624 (▲ 7.1)	1,968 (▲ 5.5)	29,417 (0.9)	24,262 (1.4)	29,145 (▲ 2.0)	28,969 (▲ 3.1)
Trademarks	13,983 (2.3)	12,774 (▲ 12.6)	13,834 (▲ 2.9)	12,667 (▲ 11.5)	20,617 (12.1)	13,666 (▲ 39.2)	190,774 (3.4)	152,311 (▲ 5.3)	184,483 (▲ 3.4)	190,452 (1.1)
National Applications	12,179 (1.4)	11,484 (▲ 12.2)	11,929 (▲ 5.7)	11,214 (▲ 8.7)	19,125 (12.0)	12,062 (▲ 41.5)	171,324 (2.8)	136,592 (▲ 5.8)	166,681 (▲ 4.0)	171,160 (0.4)
Total Number	39,501 (▲ 4.6)	43,969 (▲ 2.5)	40,520 (▲ 5.2)	39,672 (▲ 7.4)	52,812 (5.2)	37,325 (▲ 19.8)	535,471 (0.1)	426,534 (▲ 3.1)	534,845 (▲ 2.3)	539,832 (▲ 0.4)
Trademarks Class Counts	24,379 (6.8)	22,690 (▲ 41.9)	22,808 (▲ 12.1)	21,470 (▲ 7.8)	85,338 (29.8)	26,543 (▲ 76.1)	506,596 (7.2)	369,777 (▲ 16.8)	472,702 (▲ 10.1)	496,533 (▲ 5.0)

▪ 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		2019 8	9	10	11	12	2020 1	2019 1 -12	2019/4 - 2020/1 Cum Sum of FY2019	2018 1 - 12	2018/4 - 2018/3 Total of FY2018
Patents	RO	4,213 (12.4)	4,352 (6.0)	4,285 (6.8)	3,971 (7.6)	4,722 (9.8)	3,844 (8.2)	51,652 (6.2)	41,088 (7.8)	48,630 (2.5)	48,984 (2.9)
	DO	5,220 (▲ 1.1)	6,033 (11.0)	5,324 (2.6)	5,838 (3.5)	6,202 (9.9)	5,038 (4.8)	67,157 (4.6)	56,565 (5.3)	64,211 (2.5)	64,560 (3.4)
Designs	OO	2 (0.0)	6 (50.0)	3 (50.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	27 (▲ 12.9)	15 (▲ 54.5)	31 (▲ 6.1)	41 (46.4)
	DO	202 (▲ 17.9)	136 (▲ 13.9)	143 (▲ 42.8)	285 (25.6)	279 (372.9)	306 (277.8)	2,072 (▲ 8.4)	2,060 (14.3)	2,261 (2.0)	2,039 (▲ 8.1)
Trademarks	OO	289 (7.0)	270 (13.9)	268 (▲ 14.1)	283 (▲ 10.4)	298 (▲ 6.6)	271 (45.7)	3,139 (▲ 0.8)	2,666 (0.9)	3,164 (26.3)	3,200 (22.8)
	DO	1,804 (8.7)	1,290 (▲ 15.9)	1,905 (19.0)	1,453 (▲ 28.6)	1,492 (13.5)	1,604 (▲ 13.8)	19,450 (9.3)	15,719 (▲ 0.6)	17,802 (2.7)	19,292 (7.7)

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		2019 8	9	10	11	12	2020 1	2019 1 -12	2019/4 - 2020/1 Cum Sum of FY2019	2018 1 - 12	2018/4 - 2018/3 Total of FY2018
Request for Patent Examination		19,121 (▲ 0.1)	20,058 (5.6)	18,021 (▲ 9.5)	18,871 (▲ 4.3)	21,790 (10.6)	18,615 (▲ 1.1)	236,446 (0.9)	194,059 (2.9)	234,309 (▲ 2.4)	230,788 (▲ 1.9)
	Year-on-Year	19,149 (▲ 2.8)	19,003 (▲ 7.9)	19,905 (9.4)	19,720 (3.1)	19,693 (▲ 1.7)	18,814 (▲ 7.0)	- -	- -	- -	- -
Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion		19 (▲ 42.4)	22 (▲ 31.3)	26 (23.8)	17 (▲ 22.7)	27 (▲ 18.2)	21 (▲ 30.0)	291 (▲ 0.7)	231 (▲ 9.1)	293 (▲ 0.7)	305 (1.7)

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

Year/Month		2019 8	9	10	11	12	2020 1	2019 1 -12	2019/4 - 2020/1 Cum Sum of FY2019	2018 1 - 12	2018/4 - 2018/3 Total of FY2018
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,250 (▲ 0.2)	1,470 (25.5)	1,464 (5.0)	1,525 (5.0)	1,587 (4.1)	1,305 (1.3)	16,699 (1.0)	14,064 (1.9)	16,537 (▲ 11.0)	16,452 (▲ 9.7)
	Trials for Invalidation	15 (36.4)	13 (8.3)	17 (112.5)	13 (85.7)	9 (▲ 62.5)	8 (14.3)	112 (▲ 29.6)	96 (▲ 26.7)	159 (▲ 1.2)	148 (▲ 2.6)
	Trials for Correction	13 (▲ 31.6)	7 (▲ 65.0)	4 (▲ 80.0)	5 (▲ 78.3)	10 (▲ 16.7)	9 (▲ 30.8)	129 (▲ 36.5)	96 (▲ 37.3)	203 (26.9)	182 (▲ 7.6)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (0.0)	2 (▲ 33.3)	1 (0.0)	4 (0.0)	3 (▲ 50.0)	3 (0.0)	21 (▲ 16.0)	17 (▲ 19.0)	25 (▲ 30.6)	25 (▲ 24.2)
	Oppositions	78 (▲ 6.0)	105 (11.7)	90 (▲ 2.2)	124 (14.8)	108 (▲ 7.7)	64 (▲ 22.9)	1,164 (▲ 0.7)	962 (▲ 1.0)	1,172 (▲ 14.5)	1,155 (▲ 10.9)
	Total	1,357 (▲ 0.6)	1,597 (22.8)	1,576 (4.0)	1,671 (5.0)	1,717 (2.0)	1,389 (▲ 0.4)	18,125 (0.2)	15,235 (1.0)	18,096 (▲ 10.9)	17,962 (▲ 9.8)
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)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	3 (50.0)	1 (▲ 50.0)	2 (▲ 50.0)	4 (0.0)
	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)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)
	Total	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	5 (150.0)	3 (50.0)	2 (▲ 60.0)	4 (▲ 20.0)
Designs	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	25 (25.0)	56 (143.5)	46 (64.3)	29 (314.3)	38 (90.0)	40 (150.0)	389 (32.8)	351 (63.3)	293 (▲ 26.8)	277 (▲ 31.4)
	Trials for Invalidation	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (▲ 66.7)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	6 (▲ 60.0)	6 (▲ 53.8)	15 (7.1)	13 (▲ 13.3)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	4 (300.0)	0 (0.0)	14 (180.0)	13 (333.3)	5 (▲ 54.5)	4 (▲ 63.6)
	Total	26 (23.8)	59 (126.9)	46 (58.6)	29 (314.3)	43 (95.5)	41 (141.2)	409 (30.7)	370 (60.2)	313 (▲ 26.4)	294 (▲ 31.6)

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

Year/Month		2019 8	9	10	11	12	2020 1	2019 1 -12	2019/4 - 2020/1 Cum Sum of FY2019	2018 1 - 12	2018/4 - 2018/3 Total of FY2018
Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	79 (41.1)	74 (19.4)	46 (▲ 16.4)	35 (▲ 38.6)	46 (▲ 31.3)	37 (▲ 22.9)	812 (▲ 3.1)	678 (4.0)	838 (24.7)	775 (▲ 3.2)
	Trials for Invalidation	7 (▲ 12.5)	13 (85.7)	2 (▲ 81.8)	12 (33.3)	13 (116.7)	9 (80.0)	88 (▲ 10.2)	78 (▲ 7.1)	98 (6.5)	98 (6.5)
	Trials for Cancellation	66 (▲ 43.1)	103 (58.5)	81 (1.3)	52 (▲ 36.6)	80 (▲ 23.8)	94 (40.3)	996 (▲ 4.7)	843 (▲ 9.0)	1,045 (4.4)	1,106 (16.4)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (0.0)	3 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	7 (▲ 12.5)	6 (20.0)	8 (0.0)	6 (▲ 25.0)
	Oppositions	34 (▲ 20.9)	39 (▲ 11.4)	38 (46.2)	33 (▲ 40.0)	26 (▲ 35.0)	29 (▲ 23.7)	389 (▲ 7.6)	308 (▲ 18.3)	421 (▲ 3.0)	449 (13.4)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>186 (▲ 17.0)</b>	<b>230 (29.2)</b>	<b>170 (▲ 1.2)</b>	<b>133 (▲ 34.5)</b>	<b>165 (▲ 24.3)</b>	<b>169 (7.0)</b>	<b>2,292 (▲ 4.9)</b>	<b>1,913 (▲ 6.4)</b>	<b>2,410 (9.2)</b>	<b>2,434 (8.3)</b>
Total	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,354 (2.0)	1,600 (27.4)	1,556 (5.3)	1,589 (4.7)	1,671 (3.7)	1,382 (2.2)	17,900 (1.3)	15,093 (2.9)	17,668 (▲ 10.1)	17,504 (▲ 9.9)
	Trials for Invalidation	22 (10.0)	27 (22.7)	20 (▲ 4.8)	25 (47.1)	23 (▲ 25.8)	18 (38.5)	209 (▲ 23.7)	181 (▲ 21.3)	274 (1.1)	263 (0.0)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	2 (100.0)	5 (66.7)	4 (300.0)	6 (0.0)	8 (14.3)	3 (0.0)	44 (15.8)	38 (31.0)	38 (▲ 32.1)	35 (▲ 34.0)
	Trials for Correction (Patents & Utility Models)	13 (▲ 31.6)	7 (▲ 65.0)	4 (▲ 80.0)	5 (▲ 78.3)	10 (▲ 16.7)	9 (▲ 30.8)	129 (▲ 36.5)	96 (▲ 37.3)	203 (26.9)	182 (▲ 7.6)
	Trials for Cancellation (Trademarks)	66 (▲ 43.1)	103 (58.5)	81 (1.3)	52 (▲ 36.6)	80 (▲ 23.8)	94 (40.3)	996 (▲ 4.7)	843 (▲ 9.0)	1,045 (4.4)	1,106 (16.4)
	Oppositions (Patents & Trademarks)	112 (▲ 11.1)	144 (4.3)	128 (8.5)	157 (▲ 3.7)	134 (▲ 14.6)	93 (▲ 23.1)	1,553 (▲ 2.5)	1,270 (▲ 5.9)	1,593 (▲ 11.7)	1,604 (▲ 5.2)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,569 (▲ 2.5)</b>	<b>1,886 (25.4)</b>	<b>1,793 (4.4)</b>	<b>1,834 (1.8)</b>	<b>1,926 (0.2)</b>	<b>1,599 (1.9)</b>	<b>20,831 (0.0)</b>	<b>17,521 (1.0)</b>	<b>20,821 (▲ 9.3)</b>	<b>20,694 (▲ 8.4)</b>

## (6) The Number of Registrations

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

Year/Month		2019 8	9	10	11	12	2020 1	2019 1 -12	2019/4 - 2020/1 Cum Sum of FY2019	2018 1 - 12	2018/4 - 2018/3 Total of FY2018
The Number of Registrations	Patents	17,241 (▲ 6.2)	14,182 (▲ 7.3)	13,983 (▲ 7.7)	16,690 (▲ 9.0)	14,801 (▲ 4.8)	16,155 (23.6)	179,910 (▲ 7.5)	150,740 (▲ 4.0)	194,525 (▲ 2.5)	189,241 (▲ 3.1)
	Utility Models	393 (▲ 25.0)	428 (7.8)	500 (▲ 4.0)	389 (7.5)	362 (▲ 12.1)	403 (▲ 12.8)	5,033 (▲ 5.1)	4,242 (▲ 3.2)	5,303 (▲ 12.0)	5,116 (▲ 12.4)
	Designs	2,388 (▲ 13.8)	1,934 (3.3)	2,147 (▲ 2.9)	2,673 (3.2)	2,087 (0.3)	2,290 (35.3)	27,556 (▲ 0.2)	22,984 (3.5)	27,618 (1.0)	27,371 (0.1)
	Trademarks	10,655 (▲ 7.4)	8,951 (▲ 2.3)	8,807 (▲ 2.7)	11,186 (▲ 1.4)	9,422 (7.1)	10,323 (52.7)	109,859 (▲ 5.7)	94,850 (▲ 0.2)	116,547 (4.8)	113,649 (5.8)
	National Applications	9,801 (▲ 8.2)	8,308 (2.1)	7,970 (▲ 1.8)	10,263 (0.8)	8,867 (11.9)	9,521 (55.7)	100,651 (▲ 4.1)	87,110 (1.5)	104,939 (6.6)	102,761 (7.7)
	International Applications	854 (2.8)	643 (▲ 37.3)	837 (▲ 9.8)	923 (▲ 20.2)	555 (▲ 36.1)	802 (24.1)	9,208 (▲ 20.7)	7,740 (▲ 16.5)	11,608 (▲ 9.0)	10,888 (▲ 9.6)
	Total	30,677 (▲ 7.6)	25,495 (▲ 4.6)	25,437 (▲ 5.5)	30,938 (▲ 5.2)	26,672 (▲ 0.6)	29,171 (32.7)	322,358 (▲ 6.3)	272,816 (▲ 2.1)	343,993 (▲ 0.0)	335,377 (▲ 0.2)
Class Counts of Trademark Registration	17,428 (▲ 10.6)	15,299 (2.1)	15,135 (4.5)	18,824 (▲ 0.3)	16,909 (13.2)	18,123 (59.6)	187,062 (▲ 2.9)	160,292 (2.1)	192,567 (6.8)	190,514 (8.4)	
Trademark Application for Renewal	7,548 (2.7)	7,605 (1.8)	9,923 (▲ 10.6)	6,646 (▲ 18.9)	7,154 (▲ 13.3)	9,627 (3.6)	105,868 (▲ 0.7)	87,546 (▲ 2.6)	106,663 (▲ 12.7)	108,518 (▲ 8.1)	