

Preliminary Statistical Data on Filing Applications and Requests

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1. Preliminary Statistical Data

(1) The Number of Applications

Year/Month	2019 10	11	12	2020 1	2	3	2020 1 - 3	2019/4 - 2020/3 Cum Sum of FY2019	2019 1 - 3	2018/4 - 2019/3 Total of FY2018
Patents & Utility Models	24,121 (▲ 5.8)	24,453 (▲ 6.4)	29,291 (1.2)	21,437 (▲ 2.1)	24,324 (▲ 6.4)	37,580 (▲ 3.2)	83,341 (▲ 3.9)	309,860 (▲ 2.7)	86,691 (▲ 0.7)	318,371 (▲ 0.9)
Patents	23,670 (▲ 5.8)	24,051 (▲ 6.2)	28,812 (1.3)	21,052 (▲ 2.1)	23,809 (▲ 6.9)	37,012 (▲ 3.6)	81,873 (▲ 4.2)	304,395 (▲ 2.8)	85,447 (▲ 0.6)	313,028 (▲ 0.8)
Utility Models	451 (▲ 5.6)	402 (▲ 12.8)	479 (▲ 2.8)	385 (▲ 4.2)	404 (▲ 2.4)	466 (8.9)	1,255 (0.9)	5,252 (▲ 1.7)	1,244 (▲ 3.6)	5,343 (▲ 8.5)
Designs	2,568 (▲ 11.0)	2,552 (5.9)	2,903 (0.7)	2,306 (6.6)	2,294 (▲ 2.4)	2,493 (▲ 14.9)	7,093 (▲ 4.7)	31,141 (0.4)	7,441 (▲ 5.1)	31,008 (▲ 3.4)
National Applications	2,425 (▲ 8.0)	2,267 (3.9)	2,624 (▲ 7.1)	2,000 (▲ 3.9)	2,093 (▲ 8.3)	2,270 (▲ 17.7)	6,363 (▲ 10.7)	28,657 (▲ 1.1)	7,123 (▲ 2.4)	28,969 (▲ 3.1)
Trademarks	13,834 (▲ 2.9)	12,667 (▲ 11.5)	20,617 (12.1)	13,741 (▲ 38.8)	12,619 (▲ 11.3)	14,815 (▲ 4.1)	41,175 (▲ 21.0)	179,819 (▲ 5.6)	52,129 (12.9)	190,452 (1.1)
National Applications	11,929 (▲ 5.7)	11,214 (▲ 8.7)	19,125 (12.0)	12,137 (▲ 41.1)	10,940 (▲ 11.9)	13,325 (▲ 3.3)	36,402 (▲ 22.2)	160,931 (▲ 6.0)	46,794 (10.6)	171,160 (0.4)
Total Number	40,523 (▲ 5.2)	39,672 (▲ 7.4)	52,811 (5.2)	37,484 (▲ 19.5)	39,237 (▲ 7.8)	54,888 (▲ 4.0)	131,609 (▲ 10.0)	520,820 (▲ 3.5)	146,261 (3.5)	539,831 (▲ 0.4)
Trademarks Class Counts	22,808 (▲ 12.1)	21,470 (▲ 7.8)	85,339 (29.8)	28,604 (▲ 74.2)	21,130 (▲ 12.4)	24,041 (▲ 14.6)	73,775 (▲ 54.8)	417,010 (▲ 16.0)	163,362 (17.1)	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 10	11	12	2020 1	2	3	2020 1 - 3	2019/4 - 2020/3 Cum Sum of FY2019	2019 1 - 3	2018/4 - 2019/3 Total of FY2018
Patents	RO	4,285 (6.8)	3,971 (7.6)	4,722 (9.8)	3,844 (8.2)	4,723 (6.7)	6,412 (▲ 0.3)	14,979 (4.0)	52,223 (6.6)	14,408 (2.5)	48,984 (2.9)
	DO	5,327 (2.6)	5,838 (3.5)	6,201 (9.9)	5,038 (4.8)	5,247 (3.9)	6,178 (7.0)	16,463 (5.3)	67,992 (5.3)	15,630 (2.3)	64,560 (3.4)
Designs	OO	3 (50.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (0.0)	5 (▲ 28.6)	6 (▲ 50.0)	21 (▲ 48.8)	12 (500.0)	41 (46.4)
	DO	143 (▲ 42.8)	285 (25.6)	279 (372.9)	306 (277.8)	201 (195.6)	223 (32.0)	730 (129.6)	2,484 (21.8)	318 (▲ 41.1)	2,039 (▲ 8.1)
Trademarks	OO	268 (▲ 14.1)	283 (▲ 10.4)	298 (▲ 6.6)	271 (45.7)	231 (▲ 8.0)	301 (▲ 2.0)	803 (7.9)	3,198 (▲ 0.1)	744 (5.1)	3,200 (22.8)
	DO	1,905 (19.0)	1,453 (▲ 28.6)	1,492 (13.5)	1,604 (▲ 13.8)	1,679 (▲ 7.2)	1,490 (▲ 10.5)	4,773 (▲ 10.5)	18,888 (▲ 2.1)	5,335 (38.8)	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 10	11	12	2020 1	2	3	2020 1 - 3	2019/4 - 2020/3 Cum Sum of FY2019	2019 1 - 3	2018/4 - 2019/3 Total of FY2018
Request for Patent Examination		18,008 (▲ 9.5)	18,231 (▲ 7.6)	20,797 (5.6)	18,620 (▲ 1.4)	20,629 (3.3)	22,840 (2.4)	62,089 (1.6)	236,135 (2.3)	61,136 (▲ 5.2)	230,922 (▲ 1.8)
	Year-on-Year	19,905 (9.4)	19,720 (3.1)	19,693 (▲ 1.7)	18,877 (3.4)	19,962 (▲ 7.6)	22,297 (▲ 9.7)	- -	230,922 (▲ 2.2)	- -	- -
Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion		26 (23.8)	17 (▲ 22.7)	27 (▲ 18.2)	22 (▲ 26.7)	20 (▲ 16.7)	12 (▲ 53.8)	54 (▲ 32.5)	263 (▲ 13.5)	80 (15.9)	304 (1.3)

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

Year/Month		2019 10	11	12	2020 1	2	3	2020 1 - 3	2019/4 - 2020/3 Cum Sum of FY2019	2019 1 - 3	2018/4 - 2019/3 Total of FY2018
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,464 (5.0)	1,525 (5.0)	1,587 (4.1)	1,305 (1.3)	1,335 (▲ 3.7)	1,394 (10.1)	4,034 (2.4)	16,793 (2.1)	3,940 (▲ 2.1)	16,452 (▲ 9.7)
	Trials for Invalidation	17 (112.5)	13 (85.7)	9 (▲ 62.5)	8 (14.3)	13 (85.7)	13 (30.0)	34 (41.7)	122 (▲ 17.6)	24 (▲ 31.4)	148 (▲ 2.6)
	Trials for Correction	4 (▲ 80.0)	5 (▲ 78.3)	10 (▲ 16.7)	9 (▲ 30.8)	10 (▲ 52.4)	6 (▲ 25.0)	25 (▲ 40.5)	112 (▲ 38.5)	42 (▲ 33.3)	182 (▲ 7.6)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (0.0)	4 (0.0)	3 (▲ 50.0)	3 (0.0)	2 (▲ 50.0)	7 (0.0)	12 (71.4)	26 (4.0)	7 (0.0)	25 (▲ 24.2)
	Oppositions	90 (▲ 2.2)	124 (14.8)	108 (▲ 7.7)	64 (▲ 22.9)	84 (▲ 20.8)	88 (14.3)	236 (▲ 11.3)	1,134 (▲ 1.8)	266 (▲ 6.0)	1,155 (▲ 10.9)
	Total	1,576 (4.0)	1,671 (5.0)	1,717 (2.0)	1,389 (▲ 0.4)	1,444 (▲ 5.2)	1,508 (10.8)	4,341 (1.4)	18,187 (1.3)	4,279 (▲ 3.0)	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	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (▲ 75.0)	2 (0.0)	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)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)
	Total	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	3 (▲ 25.0)	2 (0.0)	4 (0.0)
Designs	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	46 (64.3)	29 (314.3)	38 (90.0)	40 (150.0)	30 (▲ 18.9)	23 (▲ 8.0)	93 (19.2)	404 (45.8)	78 (▲ 17.0)	277 (▲ 31.4)
	Trials for Invalidation	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	6 (▲ 53.8)	1 (▲ 66.7)	13 (▲ 13.3)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	4 (300.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	3 (200.0)	16 (300.0)	1 (▲ 50.0)	4 (▲ 63.6)
	Total	46 (58.6)	29 (314.3)	43 (95.5)	41 (141.2)	31 (▲ 18.4)	25 (0.0)	97 (21.3)	426 (44.9)	80 (▲ 19.2)	294 (▲ 31.6)

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

Year/Month		2019 10	11	12	2020 1	2	3	2020 1 - 3	2019/4 - 2020/3 Cum Sum of FY2019	2019 1 - 3	2018/4 - 2019/3 Total of FY2018
Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	46 (▲ 16.4)	35 (▲ 38.6)	46 (▲ 31.3)	37 (▲ 22.9)	46 (▲ 19.3)	62 (▲ 6.1)	145 (▲ 15.2)	786 (1.4)	171 (▲ 26.9)	775 (▲ 3.2)
	Trials for Invalidation	2 (▲ 81.8)	12 (33.3)	13 (116.7)	9 (80.0)	18 (100.0)	11 (120.0)	38 (100.0)	107 (9.2)	19 (0.0)	98 (6.5)
	Trials for Cancellation	81 (1.3)	52 (▲ 36.6)	80 (▲ 23.8)	94 (40.3)	65 (▲ 20.7)	83 (▲ 15.3)	242 (▲ 2.0)	991 (▲ 10.4)	247 (32.8)	1,106 (16.4)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	3 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	6 (0.0)	1 (▲ 66.7)	6 (▲ 25.0)
	Oppositions	38 (46.2)	33 (▲ 40.0)	26 (▲ 35.0)	29 (▲ 23.7)	31 (▲ 20.5)	36 (9.1)	96 (▲ 12.7)	375 (▲ 16.5)	110 (34.1)	449 (13.4)
	Total	170 (▲ 1.2)	133 (▲ 34.5)	165 (▲ 24.3)	169 (7.0)	160 (▲ 14.4)	192 (▲ 5.4)	521 (▲ 4.9)	2,265 (▲ 6.9)	548 (4.6)	2,434 (8.3)
Total	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,556 (5.3)	1,589 (4.7)	1,671 (3.7)	1,382 (2.2)	1,411 (▲ 4.7)	1,479 (9.0)	4,272 (2.0)	17,983 (2.7)	4,189 (▲ 3.8)	17,504 (▲ 9.9)
	Trials for Invalidation	20 (▲ 4.8)	25 (47.1)	23 (▲ 25.8)	18 (38.5)	31 (72.2)	24 (60.0)	73 (58.7)	236 (▲ 10.3)	46 (▲ 19.3)	263 (0.0)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	4 (300.0)	6 (0.0)	8 (14.3)	3 (0.0)	3 (▲ 40.0)	9 (800.0)	15 (66.7)	50 (42.9)	9 (▲ 25.0)	35 (▲ 34.0)
	Trials for Correction (Patents & Utility Models)	4 (▲ 80.0)	5 (▲ 78.3)	10 (▲ 16.7)	9 (▲ 30.8)	10 (▲ 52.4)	6 (▲ 25.0)	25 (▲ 40.5)	112 (▲ 38.5)	42 (▲ 33.3)	182 (▲ 7.6)
	Trials for Cancellation (Trademarks)	81 (1.3)	52 (▲ 36.6)	80 (▲ 23.8)	94 (40.3)	65 (▲ 20.7)	83 (▲ 15.3)	242 (▲ 2.0)	991 (▲ 10.4)	247 (32.8)	1,106 (16.4)
	Oppositions (Patents & Trademarks)	128 (8.5)	157 (▲ 3.7)	134 (▲ 14.6)	93 (▲ 23.1)	115 (▲ 20.7)	124 (12.7)	332 (▲ 11.7)	1,509 (▲ 5.9)	376 (3.0)	1,604 (▲ 5.2)
	Total	1,793 (4.4)	1,834 (1.8)	1,926 (0.2)	1,599 (1.9)	1,635 (▲ 6.6)	1,725 (8.6)	4,959 (1.0)	20,881 (0.9)	4,909 (▲ 2.5)	20,694 (▲ 8.4)

(6) The Number of Registrations

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

Year/Month		2019 10	11	12	2020 1	2	3	2020 1 - 3	2019/4 - 2020/3 Cum Sum of FY2019	2019 1 - 3	2018/4 - 2019/3 Total of FY2018
The Number of Registrations	Patents	13,983 (▲ 7.7)	16,690 (▲ 9.0)	14,801 (▲ 4.8)	16,155 (23.6)	14,288 (5.9)	15,831 (▲ 15.6)	46,274 (2.1)	180,859 (▲ 4.4)	45,325 (▲ 10.4)	189,241 (▲ 3.1)
	Utility Models	500 (▲ 4.0)	389 (7.5)	362 (▲ 12.1)	403 (▲ 12.8)	387 (16.2)	348 (▲ 12.8)	1,138 (▲ 4.7)	4,977 (▲ 2.7)	1,194 (▲ 13.5)	5,116 (▲ 12.4)
	Designs	2,147 (▲ 2.9)	2,673 (3.2)	2,087 (0.3)	2,290 (35.3)	2,087 (▲ 1.4)	2,573 (▲ 15.7)	6,950 (1.3)	27,644 (1.0)	6,862 (▲ 3.5)	27,371 (0.1)
	Trademarks	8,807 (▲ 2.7)	11,186 (▲ 1.4)	9,422 (7.1)	10,323 (52.7)	10,315 (28.5)	11,095 (5.2)	31,733 (25.3)	116,260 (2.3)	25,332 (▲ 10.3)	113,649 (5.8)
	National Applications	7,970 (▲ 1.8)	10,263 (0.8)	8,867 (11.9)	9,521 (55.7)	9,467 (30.1)	10,281 (6.3)	29,269 (26.9)	106,858 (4.0)	23,062 (▲ 8.6)	102,761 (7.7)
	International Applications	837 (▲ 9.8)	923 (▲ 20.2)	555 (▲ 36.1)	802 (24.1)	848 (13.7)	814 (▲ 7.3)	2,464 (8.5)	9,402 (▲ 13.6)	2,270 (▲ 24.1)	10,888 (▲ 9.6)
	Total	25,437 (▲ 5.5)	30,938 (▲ 5.2)	26,672 (▲ 0.6)	29,171 (32.7)	27,077 (13.0)	29,847 (▲ 8.9)	86,095 (9.4)	329,740 (▲ 1.7)	78,713 (▲ 9.9)	335,377 (▲ 0.2)
Class Counts of Trademark Registration	15,135 (4.5)	18,824 (▲ 0.3)	16,909 (13.2)	18,123 (59.6)	18,053 (25.7)	20,574 (7.3)	56,750 (26.4)	198,919 (4.4)	44,893 (▲ 4.4)	190,514 (8.4)	
Trademark Application for Renewal	9,923 (▲ 10.6)	6,646 (▲ 18.9)	7,154 (▲ 13.3)	9,627 (3.6)	7,586 (▲ 14.7)	9,175 (▲ 6.0)	26,388 (▲ 5.6)	104,307 (▲ 3.9)	27,949 (7.1)	108,518 (▲ 8.1)	