

Preliminary Statistical Data on Filing Applications and Requests

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1. Preliminary Statistical Data

(1) The Number of Applications

Year/Month	2019 12	2020 1	2	3	4	5	2020 1 - 5	2019/4 - 2020/3 Cum Sum of FY2019	2019 1 - 5	2018/4 - 2019/3 Total of FY2018
Patents & Utility Models	29,291 (1.2)	21,437 (▲ 2.1)	24,213 (▲ 6.8)	37,540 (▲ 3.3)	21,303 (▲ 11.0)	19,988 (▲ 9.9)	124,481 (▲ 6.3)	309,709 (▲ 2.7)	132,795 (▲ 0.9)	318,371 (▲ 0.9)
Patents	28,812 (1.3)	21,052 (▲ 2.1)	23,809 (▲ 6.9)	37,056 (▲ 3.4)	20,819 (▲ 11.4)	19,579 (▲ 10.0)	122,315 (▲ 6.4)	304,439 (▲ 2.7)	130,700 (▲ 0.9)	313,028 (▲ 0.8)
Utility Models	479 (▲ 2.8)	385 (▲ 4.2)	404 (▲ 2.4)	484 (13.1)	484 (13.9)	409 (▲ 4.0)	2,166 (3.4)	5,270 (▲ 1.4)	2,095 (▲ 1.9)	5,343 (▲ 8.5)
Designs	2,903 (0.7)	2,306 (6.6)	2,294 (▲ 2.4)	2,514 (▲ 14.1)	2,868 (▲ 2.2)	2,306 (▲ 4.5)	12,288 (▲ 3.9)	31,162 (0.5)	12,787 (▲ 2.0)	31,008 (▲ 3.4)
National Applications	2,624 (▲ 7.1)	2,000 (▲ 3.9)	2,093 (▲ 8.3)	2,291 (▲ 17.0)	2,607 (▲ 6.2)	1,965 (▲ 12.6)	10,956 (▲ 9.8)	28,678 (▲ 1.0)	12,152 (▲ 0.0)	28,969 (▲ 3.1)
Trademarks	20,617 (12.1)	13,741 (▲ 38.8)	12,619 (▲ 11.3)	14,843 (▲ 3.9)	14,274 (▲ 32.1)	20,429 (54.3)	75,906 (▲ 12.1)	179,847 (▲ 5.6)	86,382 (6.9)	190,452 (1.1)
National Applications	19,125 (12.0)	12,137 (▲ 41.1)	10,940 (▲ 11.9)	13,353 (▲ 3.1)	12,624 (▲ 35.5)	19,000 (65.6)	68,054 (▲ 12.6)	160,959 (▲ 6.0)	77,853 (5.0)	171,160 (0.4)
Total Number	52,811 (5.2)	37,484 (▲ 19.5)	39,126 (▲ 8.0)	54,897 (▲ 4.0)	38,445 (▲ 19.7)	42,723 (12.9)	212,675 (▲ 8.3)	520,718 (▲ 3.5)	231,964 (1.8)	539,831 (▲ 0.4)
Trademarks Class Counts	85,339 (29.8)	28,604 (▲ 74.2)	21,130 (▲ 12.4)	26,437 (▲ 6.1)	31,072 (▲ 60.3)	94,322 (336.2)	201,565 (▲ 23.4)	419,406 (▲ 15.5)	263,278 (6.9)	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 12	2020 1	2	3	4	5	2020 1 - 5	2019/4 - 2020/3 Cum Sum of FY2019	2019 1 - 5	2018/4 - 2019/3 Total of FY2018
Patents	RO	4,722 (9.8)	3,844 (8.2)	4,723 (6.7)	6,412 (▲ 0.3)	3,386 (▲ 10.3)	3,145 (▲ 15.4)	21,510 (▲ 1.8)	52,223 (6.6)	21,900 (3.8)	48,984 (2.9)
	DO	6,201 (9.9)	5,038 (4.8)	5,136 (1.7)	6,077 (5.3)	5,356 (▲ 9.3)	5,163 (▲ 5.9)	26,770 (▲ 0.9)	67,780 (5.0)	27,025 (4.5)	64,560 (3.4)
Designs	OO	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (0.0)	5 (▲ 28.6)	2 (0.0)	1 (▲ 50.0)	9 (▲ 35.7)	21 (▲ 48.8)	14 (27.3)	41 (46.4)
	DO	279 (372.9)	306 (277.8)	201 (195.6)	223 (32.0)	261 (71.7)	341 (106.7)	1,332 (109.8)	2,484 (21.8)	635 (▲ 29.1)	2,039 (▲ 8.1)
Trademarks	OO	298 (▲ 6.6)	271 (45.7)	231 (▲ 8.0)	301 (▲ 2.0)	205 (▲ 14.6)	174 (▲ 20.5)	1,182 (▲ 1.7)	3,198 (▲ 0.1)	1,203 (▲ 0.9)	3,200 (22.8)
	DO	1,492 (13.5)	1,604 (▲ 13.8)	1,679 (▲ 7.2)	1,490 (▲ 10.5)	1,650 (15.5)	1,429 (▲ 19.1)	7,852 (▲ 7.9)	18,888 (▲ 2.1)	8,529 (28.1)	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 12	2020 1	2	3	4	5	2020 1 - 5	2019/4 - 2020/3 Cum Sum of FY2019	2019 1 - 5	2018/4 - 2019/3 Total of FY2018
Request for Patent Examination		20,797 (5.6)	18,620 (▲ 1.4)	20,627 (3.3)	22,843 (2.4)	16,696 (▲ 16.2)	16,255 (▲ 11.7)	95,041 (▲ 4.5)	236,136 (2.3)	99,468 (▲ 0.0)	230,922 (▲ 1.8)
	Year-on-Year	19,693 (▲ 1.7)	18,877 (3.4)	19,962 (▲ 7.6)	22,297 (▲ 9.7)	19,915 (19.0)	18,417 (1.0)	- -	- -	- -	- -
Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion		27 (▲ 18.2)	22 (▲ 26.7)	20 (▲ 16.7)	13 (▲ 50.0)	21 (10.5)	10 (▲ 37.5)	86 (▲ 25.2)	264 (▲ 13.2)	115 (13.9)	304 (1.3)

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

Year/Month		2019 12	2020 1	2	3	4	5	2020 1 - 5	2019/4 - 2020/3 Cum Sum of FY2019	2019 1 - 5	2018/4 - 2019/3 Total of FY2018
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,587 (4.1)	1,305 (1.3)	1,335 (▲ 3.7)	1,394 (10.1)	1,576 (5.3)	1,368 (6.6)	6,978 (3.9)	16,793 (2.1)	6,719 (▲ 3.8)	16,452 (▲ 9.7)
	Trials for Invalidation	9 (▲ 62.5)	8 (14.3)	13 (85.7)	13 (30.0)	9 (▲ 25.0)	12 (140.0)	55 (34.1)	122 (▲ 17.6)	41 (▲ 41.4)	148 (▲ 2.6)
	Trials for Correction	10 (▲ 16.7)	9 (▲ 30.8)	10 (▲ 52.4)	6 (▲ 25.0)	7 (▲ 36.4)	10 (11.1)	42 (▲ 32.3)	112 (▲ 38.5)	62 (▲ 31.1)	182 (▲ 7.6)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	3 (▲ 50.0)	3 (0.0)	2 (▲ 50.0)	7 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	13 (62.5)	26 (4.0)	8 (▲ 33.3)	25 (▲ 24.2)
	Oppositions	108 (▲ 7.7)	64 (▲ 22.9)	84 (▲ 20.8)	88 (14.3)	108 (▲ 16.9)	56 (▲ 36.4)	400 (▲ 17.4)	1,134 (▲ 1.8)	484 (3.2)	1,155 (▲ 10.9)
	Total	1,717 (2.0)	1,389 (▲ 0.4)	1,444 (▲ 5.2)	1,508 (10.8)	1,701 (3.2)	1,446 (4.3)	7,488 (2.4)	18,187 (1.3)	7,314 (▲ 4.1)	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)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	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)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (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)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	3 (▲ 25.0)	2 (0.0)	4 (▲ 20.0)
Designs	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	38 (90.0)	40 (150.0)	30 (▲ 18.9)	23 (▲ 8.0)	33 (37.5)	14 (▲ 51.7)	140 (6.9)	404 (45.8)	131 (▲ 7.7)	277 (▲ 31.4)
	Trials for Invalidation	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	3 (0.0)	6 (500.0)	6 (▲ 53.8)	1 (▲ 85.7)	13 (▲ 13.3)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	4 (300.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	3 (▲ 40.0)	16 (300.0)	5 (150.0)	4 (▲ 63.6)
	Total	43 (95.5)	41 (141.2)	31 (▲ 18.4)	25 (0.0)	35 (25.0)	17 (▲ 41.4)	149 (8.8)	426 (44.9)	137 (▲ 9.3)	294 (▲ 31.6)

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

Year/Month		2019 12	2020 1	2	3	4	5	2020 1 - 5	2019/4 - 2020/3 Cum Sum of FY2019	2019 1 - 5	2018/4 - 2019/3 Total of FY2018
Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	46 (▲ 31.3)	37 (▲ 22.9)	46 (▲ 19.3)	62 (▲ 6.1)	69 (▲ 25.8)	54 (▲ 43.8)	268 (▲ 25.6)	786 (1.4)	360 (▲ 5.3)	775 (▲ 3.2)
	Trials for Invalidation	13 (116.7)	9 (80.0)	18 (100.0)	11 (120.0)	1 (▲ 88.9)	5 (25.0)	44 (37.5)	107 (9.2)	32 (▲ 20.0)	98 (6.5)
	Trials for Cancellation	80 (▲ 23.8)	94 (40.3)	65 (▲ 20.7)	83 (▲ 15.3)	71 (▲ 31.1)	65 (0.0)	378 (▲ 8.9)	991 (▲ 10.4)	415 (13.1)	1,106 (16.4)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	6 (0.0)	1 (▲ 75.0)	6 (▲ 25.0)
	Oppositions	26 (▲ 35.0)	29 (▲ 23.7)	31 (▲ 20.5)	36 (9.1)	31 (▲ 8.8)	33 (22.2)	160 (▲ 6.4)	375 (▲ 16.5)	171 (25.7)	449 (13.4)
	Total	165 (▲ 24.3)	169 (7.0)	160 (▲ 14.4)	192 (▲ 5.4)	172 (▲ 28.0)	158 (▲ 17.7)	851 (▲ 13.1)	2,265 (▲ 6.9)	979 (5.6)	2,434 (8.3)
Total	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,671 (3.7)	1,382 (2.2)	1,411 (▲ 4.7)	1,479 (9.0)	1,678 (4.0)	1,436 (2.0)	7,386 (2.4)	17,983 (2.7)	7,210 (▲ 3.9)	17,504 (▲ 9.9)
	Trials for Invalidation	23 (▲ 25.8)	18 (38.5)	31 (72.2)	24 (60.0)	13 (▲ 38.1)	21 (133.3)	107 (40.8)	236 (▲ 10.3)	76 (▲ 35.0)	263 (0.0)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	8 (14.3)	3 (0.0)	3 (▲ 40.0)	9 (800.0)	1 (▲ 75.0)	1 (0.0)	17 (21.4)	50 (42.9)	14 (▲ 22.2)	35 (▲ 34.0)
	Trials for Correction (Patents & Utility Models)	10 (▲ 16.7)	9 (▲ 30.8)	10 (▲ 52.4)	6 (▲ 25.0)	7 (▲ 36.4)	10 (11.1)	42 (▲ 32.3)	112 (▲ 38.5)	62 (▲ 31.1)	182 (▲ 7.6)
	Trials for Cancellation (Trademarks)	80 (▲ 23.8)	94 (40.3)	65 (▲ 20.7)	83 (▲ 15.3)	71 (▲ 31.1)	65 (0.0)	378 (▲ 8.9)	991 (▲ 10.4)	415 (13.1)	1,106 (16.4)
	Oppositions (Patents & Trademarks)	134 (▲ 14.6)	93 (▲ 23.1)	115 (▲ 20.7)	124 (12.7)	139 (▲ 15.2)	89 (▲ 22.6)	560 (▲ 14.5)	1,509 (▲ 5.9)	655 (8.3)	1,604 (▲ 5.2)
	Total	1,926 (0.2)	1,599 (1.9)	1,635 (▲ 6.6)	1,725 (8.6)	1,909 (▲ 0.4)	1,622 (0.9)	8,490 (0.7)	20,881 (0.9)	8,432 (▲ 3.1)	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 12	2020 1	2	3	4	5	2020 1 - 5	2019/4 - 2020/3 Cum Sum of FY2019	2019 1 - 5	2018/4 - 2019/3 Total of FY2018
The Number of Registrations	Patents	14,801 (▲ 4.8)	16,155 (23.6)	14,288 (5.9)	15,831 (▲ 15.6)	13,842 (▲ 9.7)	12,584 (▲ 16.3)	72,700 (▲ 3.9)	180,859 (▲ 4.4)	75,683 (▲ 5.5)	189,241 (▲ 3.1)
	Utility Models	362 (▲ 12.1)	403 (▲ 12.8)	387 (16.2)	348 (▲ 12.8)	293 (▲ 25.6)	64 (▲ 85.4)	1,495 (▲ 26.2)	4,977 (▲ 2.7)	2,025 (▲ 11.4)	5,116 (▲ 12.4)
	Designs	2,087 (0.3)	2,290 (35.3)	2,087 (▲ 1.4)	2,573 (▲ 15.7)	2,333 (▲ 7.5)	1,699 (▲ 26.1)	10,982 (▲ 6.0)	27,644 (1.0)	11,682 (0.6)	27,371 (0.1)
	Trademarks	9,422 (7.1)	10,323 (52.7)	10,315 (28.5)	11,095 (5.2)	8,827 (8.6)	7,182 (▲ 13.5)	47,742 (14.3)	116,260 (2.3)	41,770 (▲ 7.2)	113,649 (5.8)
	National Applications	8,867 (11.9)	9,521 (55.7)	9,467 (30.1)	10,281 (6.3)	7,944 (9.3)	6,387 (▲ 13.7)	43,600 (15.5)	106,858 (4.0)	37,734 (▲ 6.1)	102,761 (7.7)
	International Applications	555 (▲ 36.1)	802 (24.1)	848 (13.7)	814 (▲ 7.3)	883 (2.3)	795 (▲ 12.0)	4,142 (2.6)	9,402 (▲ 13.6)	4,036 (▲ 16.1)	10,888 (▲ 9.6)
	Total	26,672 (▲ 0.6)	29,171 (32.7)	27,077 (13.0)	29,847 (▲ 8.9)	25,295 (▲ 4.1)	21,529 (▲ 17.4)	132,919 (1.3)	329,740 (▲ 1.7)	131,160 (▲ 5.6)	335,377 (▲ 0.2)
Class Counts of Trademark Registration	16,909 (13.2)	18,123 (59.6)	18,053 (25.7)	20,574 (7.3)	14,972 (8.2)	11,985 (▲ 12.3)	83,707 (15.6)	198,919 (4.4)	72,393 (▲ 3.3)	190,514 (8.4)	
Trademark Application for Renewal	7,154 (▲ 13.3)	9,627 (3.6)	7,586 (▲ 14.7)	9,175 (▲ 6.0)	7,800 (▲ 17.0)	6,467 (▲ 31.0)	40,655 (▲ 13.0)	104,307 (▲ 3.9)	46,720 (3.7)	108,518 (▲ 8.1)	