

Statistical Report (Overview)

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(1) The Number of Applications

Year/ Month	2020 11	12	2020/1-12 (Cum Sum of 2020)	2019/1-12 (Year-on-Year)	2020/4 - 12 (Cum Sum of FY2020)	2019/4 - 12 (Year-on-Year)	Q1 of FY2020	Q2 of FY2020	Q3 of FY2020
Patents & Utility Models	21,890 (▲10.5)	27,500 (▲6.1)	294,366 (▲6.0)	313,210 (▲1.8)	211,175 (▲6.8)	226,519 (▲2.2)	67,297 (▲6.4)	71,407 (▲7.0)	72,471 (▲6.9)
Patents	21,429 (▲10.9)	26,975 (▲6.4)	288,405 (▲6.4)	307,969 (▲1.8)	206,487 (▲7.2)	222,522 (▲2.2)	65,729 (▲6.9)	69,763 (▲7.5)	70,995 (▲7.2)
Utility Models	461 (14.7)	525 (9.6)	5,961 (13.7)	5,241 (▲2.8)	4,688 (17.3)	3,997 (▲2.5)	1,568 (21.6)	1,644 (19.5)	1,476 (10.8)
Designs	2,341 (▲8.3)	3,023 (4.1)	31,747 (0.8)	31,489 (0.3)	24,633 (2.4)	24,048 (2.0)	8,049 (▲2.3)	8,319 (6.8)	8,265 (3.0)
National Applications	2,179 (▲3.9)	2,830 (7.9)	28,761 (▲2.2)	29,417 (0.9)	22,377 (0.4)	22,294 (2.1)	7,228 (▲5.9)	7,536 (3.3)	7,613 (4.1)
Trademarks	13,945 (10.1)	15,646 (▲24.1)	180,989 (▲5.1)	190,773 (3.4)	139,786 (0.8)	138,644 (0.2)	50,104 (0.3)	44,434 (6.9)	45,248 (▲4.0)
National Applications	12,695 (13.2)	13,918 (▲27.2)	163,062 (▲4.8)	171,323 (2.8)	126,632 (1.7)	124,529 (0.1)	45,658 (0.8)	40,367 (9.3)	40,607 (▲3.9)
Total Number	38,176 (▲3.8)	46,169 (▲12.6)	507,102 (▲5.3)	535,472 (0.1)	375,594 (▲3.5)	389,211 (▲1.1)	125,450 (▲3.6)	124,160 (▲1.6)	125,984 (▲5.3)
Trademark Class Counts	23,644 (10.1)	21,223 (▲75.1)	377,750 (▲25.4)	506,597 (7.2)	301,579 (▲12.1)	343,235 (3.0)	155,715 (11.1)	73,947 (0.7)	71,917 (▲44.5)

(2) The Number of International Applications

Year/ Month	2020 11	12	2020/1-12 (Cum Sum of 2020)	2019/1-12 (Year-on-Year)	2020/4 - 12 (Cum Sum of FY2020)	2019/4 - 12 (Year-on-Year)	Q1 of FY2020	Q2 of FY2020	Q3 of FY2020	
PCT	RO	3,576 (▲9.9)	4,736 (0.3)	49,314 (▲4.5)	51,652 (6.2)	34,335 (▲7.8)	37,244 (7.7)	10,772 (▲7.1)	11,647 (▲8.1)	11,916 (▲8.2)
	DO	5,517 (▲5.5)	6,217 (0.3)	67,877 (1.1)	67,159 (4.6)	51,627 (0.2)	51,529 (5.3)	17,288 (▲0.7)	16,785 (0.2)	17,554 (1.1)
Hague Agreement	OO	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	17 (▲37.0)	27 (▲12.9)	11 (▲26.7)	15 (▲48.3)	5 (150.0)	5 (▲50.0)	1 (▲66.7)
	DO	162 (▲43.2)	193 (▲30.8)	2,986 (44.1)	2,072 (▲8.4)	2,256 (28.6)	1,754 (1.9)	821 (48.5)	783 (58.5)	652 (▲7.8)
Madrid Protocol	OO	241 (▲14.8)	285 (▲4.4)	3,033 (▲3.4)	3,139 (▲0.8)	2,230 (▲6.9)	2,395 (▲2.5)	612 (▲14.9)	811 (▲1.9)	807 (▲4.9)
	DO	1,250 (▲14.0)	1,728 (15.8)	17,927 (▲7.8)	19,450 (9.3)	13,154 (▲6.8)	14,115 (1.1)	4,446 (▲4.3)	4,067 (▲12.0)	4,641 (▲4.3)

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

Year/ Month	2020 11	12	2020/1-12 (Cum Sum of 2020)	2019/1-12 (Year-on-Year)	2020/4 - 12 (Cum Sum of FY2020)	2019/4 - 12 (Year-on-Year)	Q1 of FY2020	Q2 of FY2020	Q3 of FY2020
Request for Patent Examination	19,309 (5.9)	22,088 (6.2)	233,762 (▲0.6)	235,182 (0.4)	171,675 (▲1.4)	174,046 (2.5)	53,143 (▲8.6)	57,715 (▲2.0)	60,817 (6.6)
Year-on-Year	18,231 (▲7.6)	20,797 (5.6)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion	22 (29.4)	17 (▲37.0)	222 (▲23.2)	289 (▲1.4)	167 (▲20.1)	209 (▲6.7)	61 (▲7.6)	48 (▲34.2)	58 (▲17.1)

(4) The Number of Requests for Trials and Appeals

Year/ Month		2020 11	12	2020/1-12 (Cum Sum of 2020)	2019/1-12 (Year-on-Year)	2020/4 - 12 (Cum Sum of FY2020)	2019/4 - 12 (Year-on-Year)	Q1 of FY2020	Q2 of FY2020	Q3 of FY2020
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,229 (▲19.4)	1,389 (▲12.5)	16,897 (1.2)	16,699 (1.0)	12,863 (0.8)	12,759 (2.0)	4,561 (9.1)	4,342 (8.4)	3,960 (▲13.5)
	Trials for Invalidation	12 (▲7.7)	6 (▲33.3)	121 (8.0)	112 (▲29.6)	87 (▲1.1)	88 (▲29.0)	27 (50.0)	25 (▲19.4)	35 (▲10.3)
	Trials for Correction	7 (40.0)	11 (10.0)	120 (▲7.0)	129 (▲36.5)	95 (9.2)	87 (▲37.9)	28 (▲17.6)	36 (5.9)	31 (63.2)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (▲100.0)	1 (▲66.7)	27 (28.6)	21 (▲16.0)	15 (7.1)	14 (▲22.2)	2 (0.0)	12 (200.0)	1 (▲87.5)
	oppositions	83 (▲33.1)	117 (8.3)	1,127 (▲3.2)	1,164 (▲0.7)	891 (▲0.8)	898 (1.0)	258 (▲12.5)	323 (14.9)	310 (▲3.7)
	Total	1,331 (▲20.3)	1,524 (▲11.2)	18,292 (0.9)	18,125 (0.2)	13,951 (0.8)	13,846 (1.2)	4,876 (7.7)	4,738 (8.8)	4,337 (▲12.6)

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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)
	Trials for Invalidation	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	6 (100.0)	3 (50.0)	6 (500.0)	1 (▲50.0)	2 (0.0)	3 (0.0)	1 (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)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (▲100.0)	0 (▲100.0)	0 (▲100.0)	2 (0.0)	0 (▲100.0)	2 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲100.0)
	Total	0 (▲100.0)	1 (0.0)	6 (20.0)	5 (150.0)	6 (100.0)	3 (50.0)	2 (0.0)	3 (0.0)	1 (▲66.7)

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Designs	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	29 (0.0)	26 (▲31.6)	367 (▲5.7)	389 (32.8)	274 (▲11.9)	311 (56.3)	92 (▲5.2)	89 (▲11.9)	93 (▲17.7)
	Trials for Invalidation	1 (0.0)	0 (▲100.0)	8 (33.3)	6 (▲60.0)	7 (40.0)	5 (▲58.3)	6 (500.0)	0 (▲100.0)	1 (0.0)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (0.0)	1 (▲75.0)	6 (▲57.1)	14 (180.0)	3 (▲76.9)	13 (333.3)	0 (▲100.0)	1 (▲75.0)	2 (▲50.0)
	Total	31 (6.9)	27 (▲37.2)	381 (▲6.8)	409 (30.7)	284 (▲13.7)	329 (53.7)	98 (▲4.9)	90 (▲16.7)	96 (▲18.6)

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Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	47 (34.3)	67 (45.7)	743 (▲8.5)	812 (▲3.1)	598 (▲6.7)	641 (6.1)	246 (▲17.7)	172 (▲20.0)	180 (41.7)
	Trials for Invalidation	5 (▲58.3)	2 (▲84.6)	87 (▲1.1)	88 (▲10.2)	49 (▲29.0)	69 (▲12.7)	16 (0.0)	18 (▲30.8)	15 (▲44.4)
	Trials for Cancellation	85 (63.5)	88 (10.0)	1,011 (1.5)	996 (▲4.7)	769 (2.7)	749 (▲12.8)	250 (▲8.1)	230 (▲12.9)	289 (35.7)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	5 (400.0)	0 (0.0)	9 (28.6)	7 (▲12.5)	9 (50.0)	6 (20.0)	1 (0.0)	3 (200.0)	5 (25.0)
	Oppositions	31 (▲6.1)	38 (46.2)	370 (▲4.9)	389 (▲7.6)	274 (▲1.8)	279 (▲17.7)	83 (1.2)	85 (▲15.0)	106 (9.3)
	Total	173 (30.1)	195 (18.2)	2,220 (▲3.1)	2,292 (▲4.9)	1,699 (▲2.6)	1,744 (▲7.5)	596 (▲11.0)	508 (▲16.2)	595 (27.1)