

Preliminary Statistical Data on Filing Applications and Requests

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1. Preliminary Statistical Data

(1) The Number of Applications

Year/Month	2020 7	8	9	10	11	12	2020 1 - 12	2020/4 - 12 Cum Sum of FY2020	2019 1 - 12	2019/4 - 2020/3 Total of FY2019
Patents & Utility Models	23,625 (▲ 6.2)	20,660 (▲ 10.4)	27,122 (▲ 4.9)	23,081 (▲ 4.3)	21,890 (▲ 10.5)	27,500 (▲ 6.1)	294,366 (▲ 6.0)	211,175 (▲ 6.8)	313,210 (▲ 1.8)	309,710 (▲ 2.7)
Patents	23,039 (▲ 6.7)	20,178 (▲ 10.7)	26,546 (▲ 5.5)	22,591 (▲ 4.6)	21,429 (▲ 10.9)	26,975 (▲ 6.4)	288,405 (▲ 6.4)	206,487 (▲ 7.2)	307,969 (▲ 1.8)	304,440 (▲ 2.7)
Utility Models	586 (21.3)	482 (4.1)	576 (34.0)	490 (8.6)	461 (14.7)	525 (9.6)	5,961 (13.7)	4,688 (17.3)	5,241 (▲ 2.8)	5,270 (▲ 1.4)
Designs	3,064 (15.7)	2,473 (0.3)	2,782 (4.0)	2,901 (13.0)	2,341 (▲ 8.3)	3,023 (4.1)	31,747 (0.8)	24,633 (2.4)	31,489 (0.3)	31,162 (0.5)
National Applications	2,735 (9.8)	2,266 (0.1)	2,535 (▲ 0.2)	2,604 (7.4)	2,179 (▲ 3.9)	2,830 (7.9)	28,761 (▲ 2.2)	22,377 (0.4)	29,417 (0.9)	28,678 (▲ 1.0)
Trademarks	16,043 (8.3)	13,700 (▲ 2.0)	14,691 (15.0)	15,657 (13.2)	13,945 (10.1)	15,646 (▲ 24.1)	180,989 (▲ 5.1)	139,786 (0.8)	190,773 (3.4)	179,847 (▲ 5.6)
National Applications	14,484 (9.1)	12,489 (2.5)	13,394 (16.6)	13,994 (17.3)	12,695 (13.2)	13,918 (▲ 27.2)	163,062 (▲ 4.8)	126,632 (1.7)	171,323 (2.8)	160,959 (▲ 6.0)
Total Number	42,732 (0.2)	36,833 (▲ 6.8)	44,595 (1.4)	41,639 (2.8)	38,176 (▲ 3.8)	46,169 (▲ 12.6)	507,102 (▲ 5.3)	375,594 (▲ 3.5)	535,472 (0.1)	520,719 (▲ 3.5)
Trademarks Class Counts	26,926 (2.0)	22,799 (▲ 6.5)	24,222 (6.8)	27,050 (18.6)	23,644 (10.1)	21,223 (▲ 75.1)	377,750 (▲ 25.4)	301,579 (▲ 12.1)	506,597 (7.2)	419,406 (▲ 15.5)

▪ 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		2020 7	8	9	10	11	12	2020 1 - 12	2020/4 - 12 Cum Sum of FY2020	2019 1 - 12	2019/4 - 2020/3 Total of FY2019
Patents	RO	3,853 (▲ 6.1)	3,369 (▲ 20.0)	4,425 (1.7)	3,604 (▲ 15.9)	3,576 (▲ 9.9)	4,736 (0.3)	49,314 (▲ 4.5)	34,335 (▲ 7.8)	51,652 (6.2)	52,223 (6.6)
	DO	5,462 (▲ 0.7)	5,017 (▲ 3.9)	6,306 (4.5)	5,820 (9.3)	5,517 (▲ 5.5)	6,217 (0.3)	67,877 (1.1)	51,627 (0.2)	67,159 (4.6)	67,779 (5.0)
Designs	OO	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	5 (▲ 16.7)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	17 (▲ 37.0)	11 (▲ 26.7)	27 (▲ 12.9)	21 (▲ 48.8)
	DO	329 (110.9)	207 (2.5)	247 (81.6)	297 (107.7)	162 (▲ 43.2)	193 (▲ 30.8)	2,986 (44.1)	2,256 (28.6)	2,072 (▲ 8.4)	2,484 (21.8)
Trademarks	OO	258 (▲ 3.7)	291 (0.7)	262 (▲ 3.0)	281 (4.9)	241 (▲ 14.8)	285 (▲ 4.4)	3,033 (▲ 3.4)	2,230 (▲ 6.9)	3,139 (▲ 0.8)	3,198 (▲ 0.1)
	DO	1,559 (2.1)	1,211 (▲ 32.9)	1,297 (0.5)	1,663 (▲ 12.7)	1,250 (▲ 14.0)	1,728 (15.8)	17,927 (▲ 7.8)	13,154 (▲ 6.8)	19,450 (9.3)	18,888 (▲ 2.1)

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		2020 7	8	9	10	11	12	2020 1 - 12	2020/4 - 12 Cum Sum of FY2020	2019 1 - 12	2019/4 - 2020/3 Total of FY2019
Request for Patent Examination		19,401 (▲ 1.2)	17,788 (▲ 7.1)	20,526 (2.1)	19,420 (7.8)	19,309 (5.9)	22,088 (6.2)	233,762 (▲ 0.6)	171,675 (▲ 1.4)	235,182 (0.4)	236,133 (2.3)
	Year-on-Year	19,633 (6.1)	19,150 (0.0)	20,097 (5.8)	18,008 (▲ 9.5)	18,231 (▲ 7.6)	20,797 (5.6)	- -	- -	- -	- -
Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion		15 (▲ 53.1)	15 (▲ 21.1)	18 (▲ 18.2)	19 (▲ 26.9)	22 (29.4)	17 (▲ 37.0)	222 (▲ 23.2)	167 (▲ 20.1)	289 (▲ 1.4)	264 (▲ 13.2)

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

Year/Month		2020 7	8	9	10	11	12	2020 1 - 12	2020/4 - 12 Cum Sum of FY2020	2019 1 - 12	2019/4 - 2020/3 Total of FY2019
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,503 (17.1)	1,390 (11.2)	1,449 (▲ 1.4)	1,342 (▲ 8.3)	1,229 (▲ 19.4)	1,389 (▲ 12.5)	16,897 (1.2)	12,863 (0.8)	16,699 (1.0)	16,793 (2.1)
	Trials for Invalidation	9 (200.0)	5 (▲ 66.7)	11 (▲ 15.4)	17 (0.0)	12 (▲ 7.7)	6 (▲ 33.3)	121 (8.0)	87 (▲ 1.1)	112 (▲ 29.6)	122 (▲ 17.6)
	Trials for Correction	14 (0.0)	13 (0.0)	9 (28.6)	13 (225.0)	7 (40.0)	11 (10.0)	120 (▲ 7.0)	95 (9.2)	129 (▲ 36.5)	112 (▲ 38.5)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (0.0)	2 (100.0)	9 (350.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (▲ 66.7)	27 (28.6)	15 (7.1)	21 (▲ 16.0)	26 (4.0)
	Oppositions	96 (▲ 2.0)	115 (47.4)	112 (6.7)	110 (22.2)	83 (▲ 33.1)	117 (8.3)	1,127 (▲ 3.2)	891 (▲ 0.8)	1,164 (▲ 0.7)	1,134 (▲ 1.8)
	Total	1,623 (15.9)	1,525 (12.4)	1,590 (▲ 0.4)	1,482 (▲ 6.0)	1,331 (▲ 20.3)	1,524 (▲ 11.2)	18,292 (0.9)	13,951 (0.8)	18,125 (0.2)	18,187 (1.3)
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)	3 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	6 (100.0)	6 (500.0)	3 (50.0)	1 (▲ 75.0)
	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)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	2 (0.0)	2 (0.0)
	Total	0 (0.0)	3 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (0.0)	6 (20.0)	6 (100.0)	5 (150.0)	3 (▲ 25.0)
Designs	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	29 (45.0)	37 (48.0)	23 (▲ 58.9)	38 (▲ 17.4)	29 (0.0)	26 (▲ 31.6)	367 (▲ 5.7)	274 (▲ 11.9)	389 (32.8)	404 (45.8)
	Trials for Invalidation	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	8 (33.3)	7 (40.0)	6 (▲ 60.0)	6 (▲ 53.8)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (▲ 50.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (▲ 75.0)	6 (▲ 57.1)	3 (▲ 76.9)	14 (180.0)	16 (300.0)
	Total	29 (26.1)	37 (42.3)	24 (▲ 59.3)	38 (▲ 17.4)	31 (6.9)	27 (▲ 37.2)	381 (▲ 6.8)	284 (▲ 13.7)	409 (30.7)	426 (44.9)

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

Year/Month		2020 7	8	9	10	11	12	2020 1 - 12	2020/4 - 12 Cum Sum of FY2020	2019 1 - 12	2019/4 - 2020/3 Total of FY2019
Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	53 (▲ 14.5)	55 (▲ 30.4)	64 (▲ 13.5)	66 (43.5)	47 (34.3)	67 (45.7)	743 (▲ 8.5)	598 (▲ 6.7)	812 (▲ 3.1)	786 (1.4)
	Trials for Invalidation	4 (▲ 33.3)	4 (▲ 42.9)	10 (▲ 23.1)	8 (300.0)	5 (▲ 58.3)	2 (▲ 84.6)	87 (▲ 1.1)	49 (▲ 29.0)	88 (▲ 10.2)	107 (9.2)
	Trials for Cancellation	68 (▲ 28.4)	76 (15.2)	86 (▲ 16.5)	116 (43.2)	85 (63.5)	88 (10.0)	1,011 (1.5)	769 (2.7)	996 (▲ 4.7)	991 (▲ 10.4)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	3 (200.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	5 (400.0)	0 (0.0)	9 (28.6)	9 (50.0)	7 (▲ 12.5)	6 (0.0)
	Oppositions	19 (▲ 29.6)	28 (▲ 17.6)	38 (▲ 2.6)	37 (▲ 2.6)	31 (▲ 6.1)	38 (46.2)	370 (▲ 4.9)	274 (▲ 1.8)	389 (▲ 7.6)	375 (▲ 16.5)
	Total	144 (▲ 24.2)	163 (▲ 12.4)	201 (▲ 12.6)	227 (33.5)	173 (30.1)	195 (18.2)	2,220 (▲ 3.1)	1,699 (▲ 2.6)	2,292 (▲ 4.9)	2,265 (▲ 6.9)
Total	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,585 (16.0)	1,482 (9.5)	1,536 (▲ 4.0)	1,446 (▲ 7.1)	1,305 (▲ 17.9)	1,482 (▲ 11.3)	18,007 (0.6)	13,735 (0.2)	17,900 (1.3)	17,983 (2.7)
	Trials for Invalidation	13 (18.2)	12 (▲ 45.5)	21 (▲ 22.2)	25 (25.0)	18 (▲ 28.0)	9 (▲ 60.9)	222 (6.2)	149 (▲ 8.6)	209 (▲ 23.7)	236 (▲ 10.3)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (▲ 50.0)	2 (0.0)	13 (160.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	6 (0.0)	2 (▲ 75.0)	42 (▲ 4.5)	27 (▲ 22.9)	44 (15.8)	50 (42.9)
	Trials for Correction (Patents & Utility Models)	14 (0.0)	13 (0.0)	9 (28.6)	13 (225.0)	7 (40.0)	11 (10.0)	120 (▲ 7.0)	95 (9.2)	129 (▲ 36.5)	112 (▲ 38.5)
	Trials for Cancellation (Trademarks)	68 (▲ 28.4)	76 (15.2)	86 (▲ 16.5)	116 (43.2)	85 (63.5)	88 (10.0)	1,011 (1.5)	769 (2.7)	996 (▲ 4.7)	991 (▲ 10.4)
	Oppositions (Patents & Trademarks)	115 (▲ 8.0)	143 (27.7)	150 (4.2)	147 (14.8)	114 (▲ 27.4)	155 (15.7)	1,497 (▲ 3.6)	1,165 (▲ 1.0)	1,553 (▲ 2.5)	1,509 (▲ 5.9)
	Total	1,796 (11.3)	1,728 (10.1)	1,815 (▲ 3.8)	1,747 (▲ 2.6)	1,535 (▲ 16.3)	1,747 (▲ 9.3)	20,899 (0.3)	15,940 (0.1)	20,831 (0.0)	20,881 (0.9)

(6) The Number of Registrations

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

Year/Month		2020 7	8	9	10	11	12	2020 1 - 12	2020/4 - 12 Cum Sum of FY2020	2019 1 - 12	2019/4 - 2020/3 Total of FY2019
The Number of Registrations	Patents	16,948 (20.0)	13,621 (▲ 21.0)	14,174 (▲ 0.1)	15,626 (11.7)	15,670 (▲ 6.1)	15,087 (1.9)	179,383 (▲ 0.3)	133,109 (▲ 1.1)	179,910 (▲ 7.5)	180,859 (▲ 4.4)
	Utility Models	524 (▲ 2.4)	481 (22.4)	486 (13.6)	692 (38.4)	812 (108.7)	533 (47.2)	5,518 (9.6)	4,380 (14.1)	5,033 (▲ 5.1)	4,977 (▲ 2.7)
	Designs	2,228 (▲ 6.7)	1,910 (▲ 20.0)	1,779 (▲ 8.0)	2,186 (1.8)	1,884 (▲ 29.5)	2,100 (0.6)	25,147 (▲ 8.7)	18,197 (▲ 12.1)	27,556 (▲ 0.2)	27,644 (1.0)
	Trademarks	11,954 (21.0)	11,721 (10.0)	13,243 (47.9)	13,640 (54.9)	13,070 (16.8)	14,245 (51.2)	135,314 (23.2)	103,581 (22.5)	109,859 (▲ 5.7)	116,260 (2.3)
	National Applications	10,993 (22.9)	10,711 (9.3)	12,331 (48.4)	12,195 (53.0)	11,958 (16.5)	13,195 (48.8)	124,167 (23.4)	94,898 (22.3)	100,651 (▲ 4.1)	106,858 (4.0)
	International Applications	961 (3.0)	1,010 (18.3)	912 (41.8)	1,445 (72.6)	1,112 (20.5)	1,050 (89.2)	11,147 (21.1)	8,683 (25.2)	9,208 (▲ 20.7)	9,402 (▲ 13.6)
	Total	31,654 (17.5)	27,733 (▲ 9.6)	29,682 (16.4)	32,144 (26.4)	31,436 (1.6)	31,965 (19.8)	345,362 (7.1)	259,267 (6.4)	322,358 (▲ 6.3)	329,740 (▲ 1.7)
Class Counts of Trademark Registration	20,281 (30.0)	19,475 (11.7)	22,490 (47.0)	22,151 (46.4)	22,480 (19.4)	25,056 (48.2)	232,899 (24.5)	176,149 (23.9)	187,062 (▲ 2.9)	198,919 (4.4)	
Trademark Application for Renewal	8,623 (▲ 19.5)	7,387 (▲ 2.1)	7,641 (0.5)	8,573 (▲ 13.6)	6,402 (▲ 3.7)	7,562 (5.7)	95,754 (▲ 9.6)	69,366 (▲ 11.0)	105,868 (▲ 0.7)	104,307 (▲ 3.9)	