

Statistical Report (Overview)

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(1) The Number of Applications

Year/ Month	2020 12	2021 1	2020/1-12 (Cum Sum of 2020)	2019/1-12 (Year-on-Year)	2020/4 - 2021/1 (Cum Sum of FY2020)	2019/4 - 12 (Year-on-Year)	Q1 of FY2020	Q2 of FY2020	Q3 of FY2020
Patents & Utility Models	27,612 (▲5.7)	19,719 (▲8.0)	294,483 (▲6.0)	313,210 (▲1.8)	231,011 (▲6.8)	247,956 (▲2.2)	67,297 (▲6.4)	71,407 (▲7.0)	72,588 (▲6.8)
Patents	27,032 (▲6.2)	19,390 (▲7.9)	288,467 (▲6.3)	307,969 (▲1.8)	225,939 (▲7.2)	243,574 (▲2.2)	65,729 (▲6.9)	69,763 (▲7.5)	71,057 (▲7.2)
Utility Models	580 (21.1)	329 (▲14.5)	6,016 (14.8)	5,241 (▲2.8)	5,072 (15.7)	4,382 (▲2.6)	1,568 (21.6)	1,644 (19.5)	1,531 (14.9)
Designs	2,994 (3.1)	2,640 (14.5)	31,718 (0.7)	31,489 (0.3)	27,244 (3.4)	26,354 (2.4)	8,049 (▲2.3)	8,319 (6.8)	8,236 (2.7)
National Applications	2,801 (6.7)	2,317 (15.9)	28,732 (▲2.3)	29,417 (0.9)	24,665 (1.5)	24,294 (1.5)	7,228 (▲5.9)	7,536 (3.3)	7,584 (3.7)
Trademarks	15,732 (▲23.7)	13,084 (▲4.8)	181,075 (▲5.1)	190,773 (3.4)	152,956 (0.4)	152,385 (▲5.2)	50,104 (0.3)	44,434 (6.9)	45,334 (▲3.8)
National Applications	14,004 (▲26.8)	11,766 (▲3.1)	163,148 (▲4.8)	171,323 (2.8)	138,484 (1.3)	136,666 (▲5.7)	45,658 (0.8)	40,367 (9.3)	40,693 (▲3.7)
Total Number	46,338 (▲12.3)	35,443 (▲5.4)	507,276 (▲5.3)	535,472 (0.1)	411,211 (▲3.6)	426,695 (▲3.0)	125,450 (▲3.6)	124,160 (▲1.6)	126,158 (▲5.1)
Trademark Class Counts	26,040 (▲69.5)	16,217 (▲43.3)	382,567 (▲24.5)	506,597 (7.2)	322,613 (▲13.2)	371,839 (▲16.3)	155,715 (11.1)	73,947 (0.7)	76,734 (▲40.8)

(2) The Number of International Applications

Year/ Month	2020 12	2021 1	2020/1-12 (Cum Sum of 2020)	2019/1-12 (Year-on-Year)	2020/4 - 2021/1 (Cum Sum of FY2020)	2019/4 - 12 (Year-on-Year)	Q1 of FY2020	Q2 of FY2020	Q3 of FY2020	
PCT	RO	4,736 (0.3)	3,447 (▲10.3)	49,314 (▲4.5)	51,652 (6.2)	37,782 (▲8.0)	41,088 (7.8)	10,772 (▲7.1)	11,647 (▲8.1)	11,916 (▲8.2)
	DO	6,226 (0.4)	5,113 (1.5)	67,884 (1.1)	67,159 (4.6)	56,747 (0.3)	56,567 (5.3)	17,288 (▲0.7)	16,785 (0.2)	17,561 (1.1)
Hague Agreement	OO	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	17 (▲37.0)	27 (▲12.9)	12 (▲20.0)	15 (▲54.5)	5 (150.0)	5 (▲50.0)	1 (▲66.7)
	DO	193 (▲30.8)	323 (5.6)	2,986 (44.1)	2,072 (▲8.4)	2,579 (25.2)	2,060 (14.3)	821 (48.5)	783 (58.5)	652 (▲7.8)
Madrid Protocol	OO	285 (▲4.4)	155 (▲42.8)	3,033 (▲3.4)	3,139 (▲0.8)	2,385 (▲10.5)	2,666 (0.9)	612 (▲14.9)	811 (▲1.9)	807 (▲4.9)
	DO	1,725 (15.6)	1,318 (▲17.8)	17,924 (▲7.8)	19,450 (9.3)	14,469 (▲8.0)	15,719 (▲0.6)	4,446 (▲4.3)	4,067 (▲12.0)	4,638 (▲4.4)

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

Year/ Month	2020 12	2021 1	2020/1-12 (Cum Sum of 2020)	2019/1-12 (Year-on-Year)	2020/4 - 2021/1 (Cum Sum of FY2020)	2019/4 - 12 (Year-on-Year)	Q1 of FY2020	Q2 of FY2020	Q3 of FY2020
Request for Patent Examination	22,096 (6.2)	18,121 (▲2.7)	233,769 (▲0.6)	235,182 (0.4)	189,803 (▲1.5)	192,666 (2.1)	53,143 (▲8.6)	57,715 (▲2.0)	60,824 (6.6)
Year-on-Year	20,797 (5.6)	18,620 (▲1.4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion	19 (▲29.6)	14 (▲36.4)	224 (▲22.5)	289 (▲1.4)	183 (▲20.8)	231 (▲9.1)	61 (▲7.6)	48 (▲34.2)	60 (▲14.3)

(4) The Number of Requests for Trials and Appeals

Year/ Month		2020 12	2021 1	2020/1-12 (Cum Sum of 2020)	2019/1-12 (Year-on-Year)	2020/4 - 2021/1 (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	1,390 (▲12.4)	1,277 (▲2.1)	16,899 (1.2)	16,699 (1.0)	14,142 (0.6)	14,064 (1.9)	4,561 (9.1)	4,342 (8.4)	3,962 (▲13.4)
	Trials for Invalidation	6 (▲33.3)	5 (▲37.5)	121 (8.0)	112 (▲29.6)	92 (▲4.2)	96 (▲26.7)	27 (50.0)	25 (▲19.4)	35 (▲10.3)
	Trials for Correction	11 (10.0)	24 (166.7)	120 (▲7.0)	129 (▲36.5)	119 (24.0)	96 (▲37.3)	28 (▲17.6)	36 (5.9)	31 (63.2)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (▲66.7)	2 (▲33.3)	27 (28.6)	21 (▲16.0)	17 (0.0)	17 (▲19.0)	2 (0.0)	12 (200.0)	1 (▲87.5)
	oppositions	117 (8.3)	122 (90.6)	1,127 (▲3.2)	1,164 (▲0.7)	1,013 (5.3)	962 (▲1.0)	258 (▲12.5)	323 (14.9)	310 (▲3.7)
	Total	1,525 (▲11.2)	1,430 (3.0)	18,294 (0.9)	18,125 (0.2)	15,383 (1.0)	15,235 (1.0)	4,876 (7.7)	4,738 (8.8)	4,339 (▲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	1 (0.0)	0 (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 (0.0)	0 (▲100.0)	2 (0.0)	0 (▲100.0)	2 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲100.0)
	Total	1 (0.0)	0 (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	26 (▲31.6)	26 (▲35.0)	367 (▲5.7)	389 (32.8)	300 (▲14.5)	351 (63.3)	92 (▲5.2)	89 (▲11.9)	93 (▲17.7)
	Trials for Invalidation	0 (▲100.0)	0 (▲100.0)	8 (33.3)	6 (▲60.0)	7 (16.7)	6 (▲53.8)	6 (500.0)	0 (▲100.0)	1 (0.0)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (▲75.0)	0 (0.0)	6 (▲57.1)	14 (180.0)	3 (▲76.9)	13 (333.3)	0 (▲100.0)	1 (▲75.0)	2 (▲50.0)
	Total	27 (▲37.2)	26 (▲36.6)	381 (▲6.8)	409 (30.7)	310 (▲16.2)	370 (60.2)	98 (▲4.9)	90 (▲16.7)	96 (▲18.6)

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Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	67 (45.7)	54 (45.9)	743 (▲8.5)	812 (▲3.1)	652 (▲3.8)	678 (4.0)	246 (▲17.7)	172 (▲20.0)	180 (41.7)
	Trials for Invalidation	2 (▲84.6)	4 (▲55.6)	87 (▲1.1)	88 (▲10.2)	53 (▲32.1)	78 (▲7.1)	16 (0.0)	18 (▲30.8)	15 (▲44.4)
	Trials for Cancellation	88 (10.0)	65 (▲30.9)	1,011 (1.5)	996 (▲4.7)	834 (▲1.1)	843 (▲9.0)	250 (▲8.1)	230 (▲12.9)	289 (35.7)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	9 (28.6)	7 (▲12.5)	10 (66.7)	6 (20.0)	1 (0.0)	3 (200.0)	5 (25.0)
	Oppositions	38 (46.2)	38 (31.0)	370 (▲4.9)	389 (▲7.6)	312 (1.3)	308 (▲18.3)	83 (1.2)	85 (▲15.0)	106 (9.3)
	Total	195 (18.2)	162 (▲4.1)	2,220 (▲3.1)	2,292 (▲4.9)	1,861 (▲2.7)	1,913 (▲6.4)	596 (▲11.0)	508 (▲16.2)	595 (27.1)