

Preliminary Statistical Data on Filing Applications and Requests

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1. Preliminary Statistical Data

(1) The Number of Applications

Year/Month	2020 8	9	10	11	12	2021 1	2020 1 - 12	2020/4 - 2021/1 Cum Sum of FY2020	2019 1 - 12	2019/4 - 2020/3 Total of FY2019
Patents & Utility Models	20,660 (▲ 10.4)	27,122 (▲ 4.9)	23,079 (▲ 4.3)	21,897 (▲ 10.5)	27,612 (▲ 5.7)	19,719 (▲ 8.0)	294,483 (▲ 6.0)	231,011 (▲ 6.8)	313,210 (▲ 1.8)	309,710 (▲ 2.7)
Patents	20,178 (▲ 10.7)	26,546 (▲ 5.5)	22,589 (▲ 4.6)	21,436 (▲ 10.9)	27,032 (▲ 6.2)	19,390 (▲ 7.9)	288,467 (▲ 6.3)	225,939 (▲ 7.2)	307,969 (▲ 1.8)	304,440 (▲ 2.7)
Utility Models	482 (4.1)	576 (34.0)	490 (8.6)	461 (14.7)	580 (21.1)	329 (▲ 14.5)	6,016 (14.8)	5,072 (15.7)	5,241 (▲ 2.8)	5,270 (▲ 1.4)
Designs	2,473 (0.3)	2,782 (4.0)	2,901 (13.0)	2,341 (▲ 8.3)	2,994 (3.1)	2,640 (14.5)	31,718 (0.7)	27,244 (3.4)	31,489 (0.3)	31,162 (0.5)
National Applications	2,266 (0.1)	2,535 (▲ 0.2)	2,604 (7.4)	2,179 (▲ 3.9)	2,801 (6.7)	2,317 (15.9)	28,732 (▲ 2.3)	24,665 (1.5)	29,417 (0.9)	28,678 (▲ 1.0)
Trademarks	13,700 (▲ 2.0)	14,691 (15.0)	15,657 (13.2)	13,945 (10.1)	15,732 (▲ 23.7)	13,084 (▲ 4.8)	181,075 (▲ 5.1)	152,956 (0.4)	190,773 (3.4)	179,847 (▲ 5.6)
National Applications	12,489 (2.5)	13,394 (16.6)	13,994 (17.3)	12,695 (13.2)	14,004 (▲ 26.8)	11,766 (▲ 3.1)	163,148 (▲ 4.8)	138,484 (1.3)	171,323 (2.8)	160,959 (▲ 6.0)
Total Number	36,833 (▲ 6.8)	44,595 (1.4)	41,637 (2.7)	38,183 (▲ 3.8)	46,338 (▲ 12.3)	35,443 (▲ 5.4)	507,276 (▲ 5.3)	411,211 (▲ 3.6)	535,472 (0.1)	520,719 (▲ 3.5)
Trademarks Class Counts	22,799 (▲ 6.5)	24,222 (6.8)	27,050 (18.6)	23,644 (10.1)	26,040 (▲ 69.5)	16,217 (▲ 43.3)	382,567 (▲ 24.5)	322,613 (▲ 13.2)	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 8	9	10	11	12	2021 1	2020 1 - 12	2020/4 - 2021/1 Cum Sum of FY2020	2019 1 - 12	2019/4 - 2020/3 Total of FY2019
Patents	RO	3,369 (▲ 20.0)	4,425 (1.7)	3,604 (▲ 15.9)	3,576 (▲ 9.9)	4,736 (0.3)	3,447 (▲ 10.3)	49,314 (▲ 4.5)	37,782 (▲ 8.0)	51,652 (6.2)	52,223 (6.6)
	DO	5,017 (▲ 3.9)	6,306 (4.5)	5,818 (9.2)	5,517 (▲ 5.5)	6,226 (0.4)	5,113 (1.5)	67,884 (1.1)	56,747 (0.3)	67,159 (4.6)	67,779 (5.0)
Designs	OO	0 (▲ 100.0)	5 (▲ 16.7)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	17 (▲ 37.0)	12 (▲ 20.0)	27 (▲ 12.9)	21 (▲ 48.8)
	DO	207 (2.5)	247 (81.6)	297 (107.7)	162 (▲ 43.2)	193 (▲ 30.8)	323 (5.6)	2,986 (44.1)	2,579 (25.2)	2,072 (▲ 8.4)	2,484 (21.8)
Trademarks	OO	291 (0.7)	262 (▲ 3.0)	281 (4.9)	241 (▲ 14.8)	285 (▲ 4.4)	155 (▲ 42.8)	3,033 (▲ 3.4)	2,385 (▲ 10.5)	3,139 (▲ 0.8)	3,198 (▲ 0.1)
	DO	1,211 (▲ 32.9)	1,297 (0.5)	1,663 (▲ 12.7)	1,250 (▲ 14.0)	1,725 (15.6)	1,318 (▲ 17.8)	17,924 (▲ 7.8)	14,469 (▲ 8.0)	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 applications for designs.

The number of international applications for trademark registration filed with the JPO as a designated office 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 8	9	10	11	12	2021 1	2020 1 - 12	2020/4 - 2021/1 Cum Sum of FY2020	2019 1 - 12	2019/4 - 2020/3 Total of FY2019
Request for Patent Examination	17,788 (▲ 7.1)	20,526 (2.1)	19,420 (7.8)	19,308 (5.9)	22,096 (6.2)	18,121 (▲ 2.7)	233,769 (▲ 0.6)	189,803 (▲ 1.5)	235,182 (0.4)	236,133 (2.3)	
	19,150 (0.0)	20,097 (5.8)	18,008 (▲ 9.5)	18,231 (▲ 7.6)	20,797 (5.6)	18,620 (▲ 1.4)	-	-	-	-	
Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion	15 (▲ 21.1)	18 (▲ 18.2)	19 (▲ 26.9)	22 (29.4)	19 (▲ 29.6)	14 (▲ 36.4)	224 (▲ 22.5)	183 (▲ 20.8)	289 (▲ 1.4)	264 (▲ 13.2)	

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

Year/Month		2020 8	9	10	11	12	2021 1	2020 1 - 12	2020/4 - 2021/1 Cum Sum of FY2020	2019 1 - 12	2019/4 - 2020/3 Total of FY2019
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,390 (11.2)	1,449 (▲ 1.4)	1,342 (▲ 8.3)	1,230 (▲ 19.3)	1,390 (▲ 12.4)	1,277 (▲ 2.1)	16,899 (1.2)	14,142 (0.6)	16,699 (1.0)	16,793 (2.1)
	Trials for Invalidation	5 (▲ 66.7)	11 (▲ 15.4)	17 (0.0)	12 (▲ 7.7)	6 (▲ 33.3)	5 (▲ 37.5)	121 (8.0)	92 (▲ 4.2)	112 (▲ 29.6)	122 (▲ 17.6)
	Trials for Correction	13 (0.0)	9 (28.6)	13 (225.0)	7 (40.0)	11 (10.0)	24 (166.7)	120 (▲ 7.0)	119 (24.0)	129 (▲ 36.5)	112 (▲ 38.5)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	2 (100.0)	9 (350.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (▲ 66.7)	2 (▲ 33.3)	27 (28.6)	17 (0.0)	21 (▲ 16.0)	26 (4.0)
	Oppositions	115 (47.4)	112 (6.7)	110 (22.2)	83 (▲ 33.1)	117 (8.3)	122 (90.6)	1,127 (▲ 3.2)	1,013 (5.3)	1,164 (▲ 0.7)	1,134 (▲ 1.8)
	Total	1,525 (12.4)	1,590 (▲ 0.4)	1,482 (▲ 6.0)	1,332 (▲ 20.3)	1,525 (▲ 11.2)	1,430 (3.0)	18,294 (0.9)	15,383 (1.0)	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	3 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (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 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	2 (0.0)	2 (0.0)
	Total	3 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	6 (20.0)	6 (100.0)	5 (150.0)	3 (▲ 25.0)
Designs	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	37 (48.0)	23 (▲ 58.9)	38 (▲ 17.4)	29 (0.0)	26 (▲ 31.6)	26 (▲ 35.0)	367 (▲ 5.7)	300 (▲ 14.5)	389 (32.8)	404 (45.8)
	Trials for Invalidation	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	8 (33.3)	7 (16.7)	6 (▲ 60.0)	6 (▲ 53.8)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (▲ 50.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (▲ 75.0)	0 (0.0)	6 (▲ 57.1)	3 (▲ 76.9)	14 (180.0)	16 (300.0)
	Total	37 (42.3)	24 (▲ 59.3)	38 (▲ 17.4)	31 (6.9)	27 (▲ 37.2)	26 (▲ 36.6)	381 (▲ 6.8)	310 (▲ 16.2)	409 (30.7)	426 (44.9)

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

Year/Month		2020 8	9	10	11	12	2021 1	2020 1 - 12	2020/4 - 2021/1 Cum Sum of FY2020	2019 1 - 12	2019/4 - 2020/3 Total of FY2019
Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	55 (▲ 30.4)	64 (▲ 13.5)	66 (43.5)	47 (34.3)	67 (45.7)	54 (45.9)	743 (▲ 8.5)	652 (▲ 3.8)	812 (▲ 3.1)	786 (1.4)
	Trials for Invalidation	4 (▲ 42.9)	10 (▲ 23.1)	8 (300.0)	5 (▲ 58.3)	2 (▲ 84.6)	4 (▲ 55.6)	87 (▲ 1.1)	53 (▲ 32.1)	88 (▲ 10.2)	107 (9.2)
	Trials for Cancellation	76 (15.2)	86 (▲ 16.5)	116 (43.2)	85 (63.5)	88 (10.0)	65 (▲ 30.9)	1,011 (1.5)	834 (▲ 1.1)	996 (▲ 4.7)	991 (▲ 10.4)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (0.0)	3 (200.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	5 (400.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	9 (28.6)	10 (66.7)	7 (▲ 12.5)	6 (0.0)
	Oppositions	28 (▲ 17.6)	38 (▲ 2.6)	37 (▲ 2.6)	31 (▲ 6.1)	38 (46.2)	38 (31.0)	370 (▲ 4.9)	312 (1.3)	389 (▲ 7.6)	375 (▲ 16.5)
	Total	163 (▲ 12.4)	201 (▲ 12.6)	227 (33.5)	173 (30.1)	195 (18.2)	162 (▲ 4.1)	2,220 (▲ 3.1)	1,861 (▲ 2.7)	2,292 (▲ 4.9)	2,265 (▲ 6.9)
Total	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,482 (9.5)	1,536 (▲ 4.0)	1,446 (▲ 7.1)	1,306 (▲ 17.8)	1,483 (▲ 11.3)	1,357 (▲ 1.8)	18,009 (0.6)	15,094 (0.0)	17,900 (1.3)	17,983 (2.7)
	Trials for Invalidation	12 (▲ 45.5)	21 (▲ 22.2)	25 (25.0)	18 (▲ 28.0)	9 (▲ 60.9)	9 (▲ 50.0)	222 (6.2)	158 (▲ 12.7)	209 (▲ 23.7)	236 (▲ 10.3)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	2 (0.0)	13 (160.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	6 (0.0)	2 (▲ 75.0)	3 (0.0)	42 (▲ 4.5)	30 (▲ 21.1)	44 (15.8)	50 (42.9)
	Trials for Correction (Patents & Utility Models)	13 (0.0)	9 (28.6)	13 (225.0)	7 (40.0)	11 (10.0)	24 (166.7)	120 (▲ 7.0)	119 (24.0)	129 (▲ 36.5)	112 (▲ 38.5)
	Trials for Cancellation (Trademarks)	76 (15.2)	86 (▲ 16.5)	116 (43.2)	85 (63.5)	88 (10.0)	65 (▲ 30.9)	1,011 (1.5)	834 (▲ 1.1)	996 (▲ 4.7)	991 (▲ 10.4)
	Oppositions (Patents & Trademarks)	143 (27.7)	150 (4.2)	147 (14.8)	114 (▲ 27.4)	155 (15.7)	160 (72.0)	1,497 (▲ 3.6)	1,325 (4.3)	1,553 (▲ 2.5)	1,509 (▲ 5.9)
	Total	1,728 (10.1)	1,815 (▲ 3.8)	1,747 (▲ 2.6)	1,536 (▲ 16.2)	1,748 (▲ 9.2)	1,618 (1.2)	20,901 (0.3)	17,560 (0.2)	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 8	9	10	11	12	2021 1	2020 1 - 12	2020/4 - 2021/1 Cum Sum of FY2020	2019 1 - 12	2019/4 - 2020/3 Total of FY2019
The Number of Registrations	13,621	14,174	15,626	15,670	15,087	13,538	179,383	146,647	179,910	180,859
	(▲ 21.0)	(▲ 0.1)	(11.7)	(▲ 6.1)	(1.9)	(▲ 16.2)	(▲ 0.3)	(▲ 2.7)	(▲ 7.5)	(▲ 4.4)
	481	486	692	812	533	429	5,518	4,809	5,033	4,977
	(22.4)	(13.6)	(38.4)	(108.7)	(47.2)	(6.5)	(9.6)	(13.4)	(▲ 5.1)	(▲ 2.7)
	2,107	2,031	2,437	2,084	2,275	2,180	26,417	21,647	27,556	27,644
	(▲ 11.8)	(5.0)	(13.5)	(▲ 22.0)	(9.0)	(▲ 4.8)	(▲ 4.1)	(▲ 5.8)	(▲ 0.2)	(1.0)
	11,721	13,243	13,640	13,070	14,245	12,223	135,314	115,804	109,859	116,260
	(10.0)	(47.9)	(54.9)	(16.8)	(51.2)	(18.4)	(23.2)	(22.1)	(▲ 5.7)	(2.3)
	10,711	12,331	12,195	11,958	13,195	10,991	124,167	105,889	100,651	106,858
	(9.3)	(48.4)	(53.0)	(16.5)	(48.8)	(15.4)	(23.4)	(21.6)	(▲ 4.1)	(4.0)
	1,010	912	1,445	1,112	1,050	1,232	11,147	9,915	9,208	9,402
	(18.3)	(41.8)	(72.6)	(20.5)	(89.2)	(53.6)	(21.1)	(28.1)	(▲ 20.7)	(▲ 13.6)
	Total	27,930	29,934	32,395	31,636	32,140	28,370	346,632	288,907	322,358
		(▲ 9.0)	(17.4)	(27.4)	(2.3)	(20.5)	(▲ 2.7)	(7.5)	(5.9)	(▲ 6.3)
Class Counts of Trademark Registration	19,475	22,490	22,151	22,480	25,056	21,155	232,899	197,304	187,062	198,919
Trademark Application for Renewal	(11.7)	(47.0)	(46.4)	(19.4)	(48.2)	(16.7)	(24.5)	(23.1)	(▲ 2.9)	(4.4)
	7,387	7,641	8,573	6,402	7,562	6,964	95,754	76,330	105,868	104,307
	(▲ 2.1)	(0.5)	(▲ 13.6)	(▲ 3.7)	(5.7)	(▲ 27.7)	(▲ 9.6)	(▲ 12.8)	(▲ 0.7)	(▲ 3.9)