

Statistical Report (Overview)

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(1) The Number of Applications

Year/ Month	2021 1	2	2020/1-12 (Cum Sum of 2020)	2019/1-12 (Year-on-Year)	2020/4 - 2021/2 (Cum Sum of FY2020)	2019/4 - 2020/2 (Year-on-Year)	Q1 of FY2020	Q2 of FY2020	Q3 of FY2020
Patents & Utility Models	19,626 (▲8.4)	22,807 (▲5.8)	294,490 (▲6.0)	313,210 (▲1.8)	253,733 (▲6.8)	272,168 (▲2.6)	67,295 (▲6.4)	71,410 (▲7.0)	72,595 (▲6.8)
Patents	19,263 (▲8.5)	22,469 (▲5.6)	288,472 (▲6.3)	307,969 (▲1.8)	248,288 (▲7.1)	267,381 (▲2.6)	65,727 (▲6.9)	69,766 (▲7.5)	71,063 (▲7.1)
Utility Models	363 (▲6.0)	338 (▲16.3)	6,018 (14.8)	5,241 (▲2.8)	5,445 (13.7)	4,787 (▲2.6)	1,568 (21.6)	1,644 (19.5)	1,532 (15.0)
Designs	2,434 (5.6)	2,456 (7.1)	31,752 (0.8)	31,489 (0.3)	29,528 (3.1)	28,648 (2.0)	8,049 (▲2.3)	8,319 (6.8)	8,270 (3.1)
National Applications	2,111 (5.6)	2,253 (7.6)	28,766 (▲2.2)	29,417 (0.9)	26,746 (1.4)	26,387 (0.7)	7,228 (▲5.9)	7,536 (3.3)	7,618 (4.1)
Trademarks	13,158 (▲4.2)	14,100 (11.7)	181,072 (▲5.1)	190,773 (3.4)	167,127 (1.3)	165,004 (▲5.7)	50,104 (0.3)	44,434 (6.9)	45,331 (▲3.8)
National Applications	11,840 (▲2.4)	12,561 (14.8)	163,148 (▲4.8)	171,323 (2.8)	151,119 (2.4)	147,606 (▲6.2)	45,658 (0.8)	40,367 (9.3)	40,693 (▲3.7)
Total Number	35,218 (▲6.0)	39,363 (0.6)	507,314 (▲5.3)	535,472 (0.1)	450,388 (▲3.3)	465,820 (▲3.5)	125,448 (▲3.6)	124,163 (▲1.5)	126,196 (▲5.1)
Trademark Class Counts	21,434 (▲25.1)	17,887 (▲15.3)	382,590 (▲24.5)	506,597 (7.2)	345,740 (▲12.0)	392,969 (▲16.1)	155,715 (11.1)	73,947 (0.7)	76,757 (▲40.8)

(2) The Number of International Applications

Year/ Month	2021 1	2	2020/1-12 (Cum Sum of 2020)	2019/1-12 (Year-on-Year)	2020/4 - 2021/2 (Cum Sum of FY2020)	2019/4 - 2020/2 (Year-on-Year)	Q1 of FY2020	Q2 of FY2020	Q3 of FY2020	
P C T	RO	3,447 (▲10.3)	4,146 (▲12.2)	49,314 (▲4.5)	51,652 (6.2)	41,928 (▲8.5)	45,811 (7.7)	10,772 (▲7.1)	11,647 (▲8.1)	11,916 (▲8.2)
	DO	5,113 (1.5)	5,048 (▲1.7)	67,887 (1.1)	67,159 (4.6)	61,800 (0.2)	61,701 (5.0)	17,287 (▲0.7)	16,789 (0.2)	17,563 (1.1)
Hague Agreement	OO	1 (0.0)	0 (▲100.0)	17 (▲37.0)	27 (▲12.9)	12 (▲25.0)	16 (▲52.9)	5 (150.0)	5 (▲50.0)	1 (▲66.7)
	DO	323 (5.6)	203 (1.0)	2,986 (44.1)	2,072 (▲8.4)	2,782 (23.0)	2,261 (20.9)	821 (48.5)	783 (58.5)	652 (▲7.8)
Madrid Protocol	OO	155 (▲42.8)	258 (11.7)	3,033 (▲3.4)	3,139 (▲0.8)	2,643 (▲8.8)	2,897 (0.1)	612 (▲14.9)	811 (▲1.9)	807 (▲4.9)
	DO	1,318 (▲17.8)	1,539 (▲8.3)	17,924 (▲7.8)	19,450 (9.3)	16,008 (▲8.0)	17,398 (▲1.3)	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	2021 1	2	2020/1-12 (Cum Sum of 2020)	2019/1-12 (Year-on-Year)	2020/4 - 2021/2 (Cum Sum of FY2020)	2019/4 - 2020/2 (Year-on-Year)	Q1 of FY2020	Q2 of FY2020	Q3 of FY2020
Request for Patent Examination	18,212 (▲2.3)	19,851 (▲4.0)	232,215 (▲1.3)	235,182 (0.4)	208,019 (▲2.5)	213,381 (13.1)	53,231 (▲8.4)	57,695 (▲2.0)	59,030 (3.5)
Year-on-Year	18,650 (▲1.2)	20,685 (3.6)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion	16 (▲23.8)	14 (▲30.0)	221 (▲23.5)	289 (▲1.4)	197 (▲21.2)	250 (▲1.6)	60 (▲9.1)	48 (▲34.2)	59 (▲15.7)

(4) The Number of Requests for Trials and Appeals

Year/ Month		2021 1	2	2020/1-12 (Cum Sum of 2020)	2019/1-12 (Year-on-Year)	2020/4 - 2021/2 (Cum Sum of FY2020)	2019/4 - 2020/2 (Year-on-Year)	Q1 of FY2020	Q2 of FY2020	Q3 of FY2020
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,279 (▲2.0)	1,176 (▲11.9)	16,903 (1.2)	16,699 (1.0)	15,324 (▲0.5)	15,399 (1.4)	4,561 (9.1)	4,342 (8.4)	3,966 (▲13.3)
	Trials for Invalidation	5 (▲37.5)	10 (▲23.1)	121 (8.0)	112 (▲29.6)	102 (▲6.4)	109 (▲21.0)	27 (50.0)	25 (▲19.4)	35 (▲10.3)
	Trials for Correction	24 (166.7)	17 (70.0)	120 (▲7.0)	129 (▲36.5)	136 (28.3)	106 (▲39.1)	28 (▲17.6)	36 (5.9)	31 (63.2)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	2 (▲33.3)	5 (150.0)	27 (28.6)	21 (▲16.0)	22 (15.8)	19 (▲24.0)	2 (0.0)	12 (200.0)	1 (▲87.5)
	oppositions	122 (90.6)	113 (34.5)	1,127 (▲3.2)	1,164 (▲0.7)	1,126 (7.6)	1,046 (▲3.0)	258 (▲12.5)	323 (14.9)	310 (▲3.7)
	Total	1,432 (3.1)	1,321 (▲8.5)	18,298 (1.0)	18,125 (0.2)	16,710 (0.2)	16,679 (0.5)	4,876 (7.7)	4,738 (8.8)	4,343 (▲12.5)

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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)	0 (0.0)	6 (100.0)	3 (50.0)	6 (500.0)	1 (▲75.0)	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 (0.0)	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	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	6 (20.0)	5 (150.0)	6 (100.0)	3 (▲25.0)	2 (0.0)	3 (0.0)	1 (▲66.7)

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Designs	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	26 (▲35.0)	11 (▲63.3)	367 (▲5.7)	389 (32.8)	311 (▲18.4)	381 (51.2)	92 (▲5.2)	89 (▲11.9)	93 (▲17.7)
	Trials for Invalidation	0 (▲100.0)	1 (0.0)	8 (33.3)	6 (▲60.0)	8 (33.3)	6 (▲53.8)	6 (500.0)	0 (▲100.0)	1 (0.0)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲100.0)	6 (▲57.1)	14 (180.0)	3 (▲78.6)	14 (250.0)	0 (▲100.0)	1 (▲75.0)	2 (▲50.0)
	Total	26 (▲36.6)	12 (▲61.3)	381 (▲6.8)	409 (30.7)	322 (▲19.7)	401 (49.1)	98 (▲4.9)	90 (▲16.7)	96 (▲18.6)

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Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	54 (45.9)	52 (13.0)	744 (▲8.4)	812 (▲3.1)	705 (▲2.6)	724 (2.1)	246 (▲17.7)	172 (▲20.0)	181 (42.5)
	Trials for Invalidation	4 (▲55.6)	4 (▲77.8)	87 (▲1.1)	88 (▲10.2)	57 (▲40.6)	96 (3.2)	16 (0.0)	18 (▲30.8)	15 (▲44.4)
	Trials for Cancellation	65 (▲30.9)	85 (30.8)	1,011 (1.5)	996 (▲4.7)	919 (1.2)	908 (▲9.9)	250 (▲8.1)	230 (▲12.9)	289 (35.7)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (0.0)	0 (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 (31.0)	41 (32.3)	370 (▲4.9)	389 (▲7.6)	353 (4.1)	339 (▲18.5)	83 (1.2)	85 (▲15.0)	106 (9.3)
	Total	162 (▲4.1)	182 (13.8)	2,221 (▲3.1)	2,292 (▲4.9)	2,044 (▲1.4)	2,073 (▲7.1)	596 (▲11.0)	508 (▲16.2)	596 (27.4)