

# Statistical Report (Overview)

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## (1) The Number of Applications

Year/ Month	2021 2	3	2021/1-3 (Cum Sum of 2020)	2020/1-3 (Year-on-Year)	2020/4 - 2021/3 (Cum Sum of FY2019)	2019/4 - 2020/3 (Year-on-Year)	Q1 of FY2020	Q2 of FY2020	Q3 of FY2020	Q4 of FY2020	2020/1-12 (Total of 2019)
Patents & Utility Models	22,912 (▲5.4)	38,302 (2.0)	80,955 (▲2.7)	83,190 (▲4.0)	292,255 (▲5.6)	309,709 (▲2.7)	67,295 (▲6.4)	71,410 (▲7.0)	72,595 (▲6.8)	80,955 (▲2.7)	294,490 (▲6.0)
Patents	22,506 (▲5.5)	37,855 (2.2)	79,697 (▲2.7)	81,916 (▲4.1)	286,253 (▲6.0)	304,438 (▲2.7)	65,727 (▲6.9)	69,766 (▲7.5)	71,063 (▲7.1)	79,697 (▲2.7)	288,472 (▲6.3)
Utility Models	406 (0.5)	447 (▲7.6)	1,258 (▲1.3)	1,274 (2.4)	6,002 (13.9)	5,271 (▲1.3)	1,568 (21.6)	1,644 (19.5)	1,532 (15.0)	1,258 (▲1.3)	6,018 (14.8)
Designs	2,318 (1.0)	2,907 (15.6)	7,833 (10.1)	7,114 (▲4.4)	32,471 (4.2)	31,162 (0.5)	8,049 (▲2.3)	8,319 (6.8)	8,270 (3.1)	7,833 (10.1)	31,752 (0.8)
National Applications	2,115 (1.1)	2,788 (21.7)	7,188 (12.6)	6,384 (▲10.4)	29,570 (3.1)	28,678 (▲1.0)	7,228 (▲5.9)	7,536 (3.3)	7,618 (4.1)	7,188 (12.6)	28,766 (▲2.2)
Trademarks	14,052 (11.4)	17,648 (18.9)	44,858 (8.9)	41,203 (▲21.0)	184,727 (2.7)	179,847 (▲5.6)	50,104 (0.3)	44,434 (6.9)	45,331 (▲3.8)	44,858 (8.9)	181,072 (▲5.1)
National Applications	12,513 (14.4)	16,034 (20.1)	40,387 (10.9)	36,430 (▲22.1)	167,105 (3.8)	160,959 (▲6.0)	45,658 (0.8)	40,367 (9.3)	40,693 (▲3.7)	40,387 (10.9)	163,148 (▲4.8)
Total Number	39,282 (0.4)	58,857 (7.2)	133,646 (1.6)	131,507 (▲10.1)	509,453 (▲2.2)	520,718 (▲3.5)	125,448 (▲3.6)	124,163 (▲1.5)	126,196 (▲5.1)	133,646 (1.6)	507,314 (▲5.3)
Trademark Class Counts	23,473 (11.1)	26,726 (1.1)	71,641 (▲5.9)	76,171 (▲53.4)	378,060 (▲9.9)	419,406 (▲15.5)	155,715 (11.1)	73,947 (0.7)	76,757 (▲40.8)	71,641 (▲5.9)	382,590 (▲24.5)

## (2) The Number of International Applications

Year/ Month	2021 2	3	2021/1-3 (Cum Sum of 2020)	2020/1-3 (Year-on-Year)	2020/4 - 2021/3 (Cum Sum of FY2019)	2019/4 - 2020/3 (Year-on-Year)	Q1 of FY2020	Q2 of FY2020	Q3 of FY2020	Q4 of FY2020	2020/1-12 (Total of 2019)	
P C T	RO	4,146 (▲12.2)	6,519 (1.7)	14,112 (▲5.8)	14,979 (4.0)	48,447 (▲7.2)	52,223 (6.6)	10,772 (▲7.1)	11,647 (▲8.1)	11,916 (▲8.2)	14,112 (▲5.8)	49,314 (▲4.5)
	DO	5,049 (▲1.7)	6,516 (7.2)	16,678 (2.6)	16,248 (4.0)	68,317 (0.8)	67,777 (5.0)	17,287 (▲0.7)	16,789 (0.2)	17,563 (1.1)	16,678 (2.6)	67,887 (1.1)
Hague Agreement	OO	0 (▲100.0)	1 (▲80.0)	2 (▲66.7)	6 (▲50.0)	13 (▲38.1)	21 (▲48.8)	5 (150.0)	5 (▲50.0)	1 (▲66.7)	2 (▲66.7)	17 (▲37.0)
	DO	203 (1.0)	119 (▲46.6)	645 (▲11.6)	730 (129.6)	2,901 (16.8)	2,484 (21.8)	821 (48.5)	783 (58.5)	652 (▲7.8)	645 (▲11.6)	2,986 (44.1)
Madrid Protocol	OO	258 (11.7)	329 (9.3)	742 (▲7.6)	803 (7.9)	2,972 (▲7.1)	3,198 (▲0.1)	612 (▲14.9)	811 (▲1.9)	807 (▲4.9)	742 (▲7.6)	3,033 (▲3.4)
	DO	1,538 (▲8.4)	1,614 (8.3)	4,470 (▲6.3)	4,773 (▲10.5)	17,621 (▲6.7)	18,888 (▲2.1)	4,446 (▲4.3)	4,067 (▲12.0)	4,638 (▲4.4)	4,470 (▲6.3)	17,924 (▲7.8)

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

Year/ Month	2021 2	3	2021/1-3 (Cum Sum of 2020)	2020/1-3 (Year-on-Year)	2020/4 - 2021/3 (Cum Sum of FY2019)	2019/4 - 2020/3 (Year-on-Year)	Q1 of FY2020	Q2 of FY2020	Q3 of FY2020	Q4 of FY2020	2020/1-12 (Total of 2019)
Request for Patent Examination	19,961 (▲3.5)	24,335 (6.2)	62,518 (0.4)	62,259 (1.8)	232,474 (▲1.6)	236,305 (2.3)	53,231 (▲8.4)	57,695 (▲2.0)	59,030 (3.5)	62,518 (0.4)	232,215 (▲1.3)
Year-on-Year	20,685 (3.6)	22,924 (2.8)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion	16 (▲20.0)	23 (76.9)	56 (3.7)	54 (▲32.5)	223 (▲15.2)	263 (▲13.5)	60 (▲9.1)	48 (▲34.2)	59 (▲15.7)	56 (3.7)	221 (▲23.5)

**(4) The Number of Requests for Trials and Appeals**

Year/ Month		2021 2	3	2021/1-3 (Cum Sum of 2020)	2020/1-3 (Year-on-Year)	2020/4 - 2021/3 (Cum Sum of FY2019)	2019/4 -2020/3 (Year-on-Year)	Q1 of FY2020	Q2 of FY2020	Q3 of FY2020	Q4 of FY2020	2020/1-12 (Total of 2019)
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,180 (▲11.6)	1,466 (5.2)	3,927 (▲2.7)	4,034 (2.4)	16,796 (0.0)	16,793 (2.1)	4,561 (9.1)	4,342 (8.4)	3,966 (▲13.3)	3,927 (▲2.7)	16,903 (1.2)
	Trials for Invalidation	10 (▲23.1)	14 (7.7)	29 (▲14.7)	34 (41.7)	116 (▲4.9)	122 (▲17.6)	27 (50.0)	25 (▲19.4)	35 (▲10.3)	29 (▲14.7)	121 (8.0)
	Trials for Correction	17 (70.0)	13 (116.7)	54 (116.0)	25 (▲40.5)	149 (33.0)	112 (▲38.5)	28 (▲17.6)	36 (5.9)	31 (63.2)	54 (116.0)	120 (▲7.0)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	5 (150.0)	0 (▲100.0)	7 (▲41.7)	12 (71.4)	22 (▲15.4)	26 (4.0)	2 (0.0)	12 (200.0)	1 (▲87.5)	7 (▲41.7)	27 (28.6)
	oppositions	113 (34.5)	115 (30.7)	350 (48.3)	236 (▲11.3)	1,241 (9.4)	1,134 (▲1.8)	258 (▲12.5)	323 (14.9)	310 (▲3.7)	350 (48.3)	1,127 (▲3.2)
	Total	1,325 (▲8.2)	1,608 (6.6)	4,367 (0.6)	4,341 (1.4)	18,324 (0.8)	18,187 (1.3)	4,876 (7.7)	4,738 (8.8)	4,343 (▲12.5)	4,367 (0.6)	18,298 (1.0)

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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)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
	Trials for Invalidation	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲100.0)	6 (500.0)	1 (▲75.0)	2 (0.0)	3 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	6 (100.0)
	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)	0 (0.0)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲100.0)	2 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲100.0)
	Total	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲100.0)	6 (100.0)	3 (▲25.0)	2 (0.0)	3 (0.0)	1 (▲66.7)	0 (0.0)	6 (20.0)

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Designs	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	11 (▲63.3)	23 (0.0)	60 (▲35.5)	93 (19.2)	334 (▲17.3)	404 (45.8)	92 (▲5.2)	89 (▲11.9)	93 (▲17.7)	60 (▲35.5)	367 (▲5.7)
	Trials for Invalidation	1 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	3 (200.0)	1 (0.0)	10 (66.7)	6 (▲53.8)	6 (500.0)	0 (▲100.0)	1 (0.0)	3 (200.0)	8 (33.3)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (▲100.0)	1 (▲50.0)	1 (▲66.7)	3 (200.0)	4 (▲75.0)	16 (300.0)	0 (▲100.0)	1 (▲75.0)	2 (▲50.0)	1 (▲66.7)	6 (▲57.1)
	Total	12 (▲61.3)	26 (4.0)	64 (▲34.0)	97 (21.3)	348 (▲18.3)	426 (44.9)	98 (▲4.9)	90 (▲16.7)	96 (▲18.6)	64 (▲34.0)	381 (▲6.8)

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Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	54 (17.4)	70 (12.9)	181 (24.8)	145 (▲15.2)	780 (▲0.8)	786 (1.4)	246 (▲17.7)	172 (▲20.0)	181 (42.5)	181 (24.8)	744 (▲8.4)
	Trials for Invalidation	4 (▲77.8)	4 (▲63.6)	12 (▲68.4)	38 (100.0)	61 (▲43.0)	107 (9.2)	16 (0.0)	18 (▲30.8)	15 (▲44.4)	12 (▲68.4)	87 (▲1.1)
	Trials for Cancellation	85 (30.8)	112 (34.9)	262 (8.3)	242 (▲2.0)	1,031 (4.0)	991 (▲10.4)	250 (▲8.1)	230 (▲12.9)	289 (35.7)	262 (8.3)	1,011 (1.5)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	3 (0.0)	0 (▲100.0)	12 (100.0)	6 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	3 (200.0)	5 (25.0)	3 (0.0)	9 (28.6)
	Oppositions	41 (32.3)	54 (50.0)	133 (38.5)	96 (▲12.7)	407 (8.5)	375 (▲16.5)	83 (1.2)	85 (▲15.0)	106 (9.3)	133 (38.5)	370 (▲4.9)
	Total	184 (15.0)	242 (26.0)	591 (13.4)	521 (▲4.9)	2,291 (1.1)	2,265 (▲6.9)	596 (▲11.0)	508 (▲16.2)	596 (27.4)	591 (13.4)	2,221 (▲3.1)