

Preliminary Statistical Data on Filing Applications and Requests

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1. Preliminary Statistical Data

(1) The Number of Applications

Year/Month	2020 11	12	2021 1	2	3	4	2021 1 - 4	2020/4 - 2021/3 Cum Sum of FY2020	2020 1 - 4	2019/4 - 2020/3 Total of FY2019
Patents & Utility Models	21,896 (▲ 10.5)	27,616 (▲ 5.7)	19,746 (▲ 7.9)	23,047 (▲ 4.8)	38,196 (1.7)	22,502 (5.6)	103,491 (▲ 1.0)	292,289 (▲ 5.6)	104,506 (▲ 5.5)	309,709 (▲ 2.7)
Patents	21,435 (▲ 10.9)	27,035 (▲ 6.2)	19,340 (▲ 8.1)	22,608 (▲ 5.0)	37,689 (1.7)	22,142 (6.3)	101,779 (▲ 0.9)	286,193 (▲ 6.0)	102,746 (▲ 5.7)	304,438 (▲ 2.7)
Utility Models	461 (14.7)	581 (21.3)	406 (5.2)	439 (8.7)	507 (4.8)	360 (▲ 25.9)	1,712 (▲ 2.7)	6,096 (15.7)	1,760 (5.5)	5,271 (▲ 1.3)
Designs	2,341 (▲ 8.3)	3,028 (4.3)	2,609 (13.1)	2,477 (8.0)	2,750 (9.4)	2,672 (▲ 6.9)	10,508 (5.2)	32,474 (4.2)	9,984 (▲ 3.8)	31,162 (0.5)
National Applications	2,179 (▲ 3.9)	2,835 (8.0)	2,286 (14.3)	2,274 (8.6)	2,631 (14.8)	2,418 (▲ 7.3)	9,609 (6.8)	29,573 (3.1)	8,993 (▲ 9.2)	28,678 (▲ 1.0)
Trademarks	13,945 (10.1)	15,729 (▲ 23.7)	13,158 (▲ 4.2)	14,051 (11.3)	17,749 (19.6)	16,743 (17.3)	61,701 (11.2)	184,827 (2.8)	55,472 (▲ 24.2)	179,847 (▲ 5.6)
National Applications	12,695 (13.2)	14,004 (▲ 26.8)	11,840 (▲ 2.4)	12,513 (14.4)	16,135 (20.8)	15,056 (19.3)	55,544 (13.2)	167,206 (3.9)	49,053 (▲ 26.1)	160,959 (▲ 6.0)
Total Number	38,182 (▲ 3.8)	46,373 (▲ 12.2)	35,513 (▲ 5.3)	39,575 (1.2)	58,695 (6.9)	41,917 (9.0)	175,700 (3.4)	509,590 (▲ 2.1)	169,962 (▲ 12.5)	520,718 (▲ 3.5)
Trademarks Class Counts	23,644 (10.1)	26,063 (▲ 69.5)	21,442 (▲ 25.0)	23,475 (11.1)	31,030 (17.4)	23,868 (▲ 23.2)	99,815 (▲ 6.9)	382,366 (▲ 8.8)	107,253 (▲ 55.6)	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 11	12	2021 1	2	3	4	2021 1 - 4	2020/4 - 2021/3 Cum Sum of FY2020	2020 1 - 4	2019/4 - 2020/3 Total of FY2019
Patents	RO	3,576 (▲ 9.9)	4,736 (0.3)	3,447 (▲ 10.3)	4,146 (▲ 12.2)	6,519 (1.7)	3,210 (▲ 5.2)	17,322 (▲ 5.7)	48,447 (▲ 7.2)	18,365 (1.0)	52,223 (6.6)
	DO	5,516 (▲ 5.5)	6,226 (0.4)	5,113 (1.5)	5,049 (▲ 1.7)	6,516 (7.2)	6,476 (20.9)	23,154 (7.2)	68,317 (0.8)	21,604 (0.3)	67,777 (5.0)
Designs	OO	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (▲ 80.0)	2 (0.0)	4 (▲ 50.0)	13 (▲ 38.1)	8 (▲ 33.3)	21 (▲ 48.8)
	DO	162 (▲ 43.2)	193 (▲ 30.8)	323 (5.6)	203 (1.0)	119 (▲ 46.6)	254 (▲ 2.7)	899 (▲ 9.3)	2,901 (16.8)	991 (110.9)	2,484 (21.8)
Trademarks	OO	241 (▲ 14.8)	285 (▲ 4.4)	155 (▲ 42.8)	258 (11.7)	329 (9.3)	221 (7.8)	963 (▲ 4.5)	2,972 (▲ 7.1)	1,008 (2.4)	3,198 (▲ 0.1)
	DO	1,250 (▲ 14.0)	1,725 (15.6)	1,318 (▲ 17.8)	1,538 (▲ 8.4)	1,614 (8.3)	1,686 (2.4)	6,156 (▲ 4.1)	17,621 (▲ 6.7)	6,419 (▲ 5.1)	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 11	12	2021 1	2	3	4	2021 1 - 4	2020/4 - 2021/3 Cum Sum of FY2020	2020 1 - 4	2019/4 - 2020/3 Total of FY2019
Request for Patent Examination		18,641 (2.2)	21,021 (1.1)	18,212 (▲ 2.3)	19,972 (▲ 3.4)	24,447 (6.6)	18,539 (11.0)	81,170 (2.8)	232,587 (▲ 1.6)	78,962 (▲ 2.6)	236,305 (2.3)
	Year-on-Year	18,231 (▲ 7.6)	20,797 (5.6)	18,650 (▲ 1.2)	20,685 (3.6)	22,924 (2.8)	16,703 (▲ 16.1)	-	236,305 (2.3)	-	-
Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion		22 (29.4)	18 (▲ 33.3)	17 (▲ 19.0)	16 (▲ 20.0)	28 (115.4)	15 (▲ 21.1)	76 (4.1)	228 (▲ 13.3)	73 (▲ 26.3)	263 (▲ 13.5)

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

Year/Month		2020 11	12	2021 1	2	3	4	2021 1 - 4	2020/4 - 2021/3 Cum Sum of FY2020	2020 1 - 4	2019/4 - 2020/3 Total of FY2019
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,230 (▲ 19.3)	1,394 (▲ 12.2)	1,281 (▲ 1.8)	1,180 (▲ 11.6)	1,472 (5.6)	1,420 (▲ 9.9)	5,353 (▲ 4.6)	16,802 (0.1)	5,610 (3.2)	16,793 (2.1)
	Trials for Invalidation	12 (▲ 7.7)	6 (▲ 33.3)	5 (▲ 37.5)	10 (▲ 23.1)	14 (7.7)	11 (22.2)	40 (▲ 7.0)	116 (▲ 4.9)	43 (19.4)	122 (▲ 17.6)
	Trials for Correction	7 (40.0)	11 (10.0)	24 (166.7)	17 (70.0)	13 (116.7)	16 (128.6)	70 (118.8)	149 (33.0)	32 (▲ 39.6)	112 (▲ 38.5)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (▲ 66.7)	2 (▲ 33.3)	5 (150.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	5 (400.0)	12 (▲ 7.7)	22 (▲ 15.4)	13 (85.7)	26 (4.0)
	Oppositions	83 (▲ 33.1)	117 (8.3)	122 (90.6)	113 (34.5)	115 (30.7)	121 (12.0)	471 (36.9)	1,241 (9.4)	344 (▲ 13.1)	1,134 (▲ 1.8)
	Total	1,332 (▲ 20.3)	1,529 (▲ 10.9)	1,434 (3.2)	1,325 (▲ 8.2)	1,614 (7.0)	1,573 (▲ 7.5)	5,946 (▲ 1.6)	18,330 (0.8)	6,042 (1.9)	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)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	6 (500.0)	1 (▲ 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 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (0.0)
	Total	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	6 (100.0)	1 (▲ 50.0)	3 (▲ 25.0)
Designs	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	29 (0.0)	26 (▲ 31.6)	26 (▲ 35.0)	11 (▲ 63.3)	24 (4.3)	19 (▲ 42.4)	80 (▲ 36.5)	335 (▲ 17.1)	126 (23.5)	404 (45.8)
	Trials for Invalidation	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	5 (66.7)	10 (66.7)	3 (200.0)	6 (▲ 53.8)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (0.0)	1 (▲ 75.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (▲ 50.0)	2 (0.0)	3 (0.0)	4 (▲ 75.0)	3 (▲ 40.0)	16 (300.0)
	Total	31 (6.9)	27 (▲ 37.2)	26 (▲ 36.6)	12 (▲ 61.3)	27 (8.0)	23 (▲ 34.3)	88 (▲ 33.3)	349 (▲ 18.1)	132 (22.2)	426 (44.9)

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

Year/Month		2020 11	12	2021 1	2	3	4	2021 1 - 4	2020/4 - 2021/3 Cum Sum of FY2020	2020 1 - 4	2019/4 - 2020/3 Total of FY2019
Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	47 (34.3)	68 (47.8)	57 (54.1)	55 (19.6)	73 (17.7)	87 (26.1)	272 (27.1)	784 (▲ 0.3)	214 (▲ 18.9)	786 (1.4)
	Trials for Invalidation	5 (▲ 58.3)	2 (▲ 84.6)	4 (▲ 55.6)	4 (▲ 77.8)	4 (▲ 63.6)	11 (1000.0)	23 (▲ 41.0)	61 (▲ 43.0)	39 (39.3)	107 (9.2)
	Trials for Cancellation	85 (63.5)	88 (10.0)	65 (▲ 30.9)	85 (30.8)	112 (34.9)	91 (28.2)	353 (12.8)	1,031 (4.0)	313 (▲ 10.6)	991 (▲ 10.4)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	5 (400.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	4 (0.0)	12 (100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	6 (0.0)
	Oppositions	31 (▲ 6.1)	38 (46.2)	38 (31.0)	41 (32.3)	54 (50.0)	44 (41.9)	177 (39.4)	407 (8.5)	127 (▲ 11.8)	375 (▲ 16.5)
	Total	173 (30.1)	196 (18.8)	165 (▲ 2.4)	185 (15.6)	245 (27.6)	234 (36.0)	829 (19.6)	2,295 (1.3)	693 (▲ 11.9)	2,265 (▲ 6.9)
Total	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,306 (▲ 17.8)	1,488 (▲ 11.0)	1,364 (▲ 1.3)	1,246 (▲ 11.7)	1,569 (6.1)	1,526 (▲ 9.1)	5,705 (▲ 4.1)	17,921 (▲ 0.3)	5,950 (2.6)	17,983 (2.7)
	Trials for Invalidation	18 (▲ 28.0)	9 (▲ 60.9)	9 (▲ 50.0)	15 (▲ 51.6)	20 (▲ 16.7)	25 (92.3)	69 (▲ 19.8)	193 (▲ 18.2)	86 (28.4)	236 (▲ 10.3)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	6 (0.0)	2 (▲ 75.0)	3 (0.0)	5 (66.7)	3 (▲ 66.7)	8 (700.0)	19 (18.8)	38 (▲ 24.0)	16 (23.1)	50 (42.9)
	Trials for Correction (Patents & Utility Models)	7 (40.0)	11 (10.0)	24 (166.7)	17 (70.0)	13 (116.7)	16 (128.6)	70 (118.8)	149 (33.0)	32 (▲ 39.6)	112 (▲ 38.5)
	Trials for Cancellation (Trademarks)	85 (63.5)	88 (10.0)	65 (▲ 30.9)	85 (30.8)	112 (34.9)	91 (28.2)	353 (12.8)	1,031 (4.0)	313 (▲ 10.6)	991 (▲ 10.4)
	Oppositions (Patents & Trademarks)	114 (▲ 27.4)	155 (15.7)	160 (72.0)	154 (33.9)	169 (36.3)	165 (18.7)	648 (37.6)	1,648 (9.2)	471 (▲ 12.8)	1,509 (▲ 5.9)
	Total	1,536 (▲ 16.2)	1,753 (▲ 9.0)	1,625 (1.6)	1,522 (▲ 6.9)	1,886 (9.3)	1,831 (▲ 4.1)	6,864 (▲ 0.1)	20,980 (0.5)	6,868 (0.6)	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 11	12	2021 1	2	3	4	2021 1 - 4	2020/4 - 2021/3 Cum Sum of FY2020	2020 1 - 4	2019/4 - 2020/3 Total of FY2019
The Number of Registrations	Patents	15,670 (▲ 6.1)	15,087 (1.9)	13,538 (▲ 16.2)	13,034 (▲ 8.8)	17,252 (9.0)	16,344 (18.1)	60,168 (0.1)	176,933 (▲ 2.2)	60,116 (▲ 0.9)	180,859 (▲ 4.4)
	Utility Models	812 (108.7)	533 (47.2)	429 (6.5)	405 (4.7)	555 (59.5)	344 (17.4)	1,733 (21.1)	5,769 (15.9)	1,431 (▲ 9.9)	4,977 (▲ 2.7)
	Designs	2,084 (▲ 22.0)	2,275 (9.0)	2,180 (▲ 4.8)	1,793 (▲ 14.1)	2,433 (▲ 5.4)	2,206 (▲ 5.4)	8,612 (▲ 7.2)	25,873 (▲ 6.4)	9,283 (▲ 1.1)	27,644 (1.0)
	Trademarks	13,070 (16.8)	14,245 (51.2)	12,223 (18.4)	11,277 (9.3)	15,562 (40.3)	14,841 (68.1)	53,903 (32.9)	142,643 (22.7)	40,560 (21.2)	116,260 (2.3)
	National Applications	11,958 (16.5)	13,195 (48.8)	10,991 (15.4)	10,115 (6.8)	14,406 (40.1)	13,389 (68.5)	48,901 (31.4)	130,410 (22.0)	37,213 (22.7)	106,858 (4.0)
	International Applications	1,112 (20.5)	1,050 (89.2)	1,232 (53.6)	1,162 (37.0)	1,156 (42.0)	1,452 (64.4)	5,002 (49.4)	12,233 (30.1)	3,347 (6.8)	9,402 (▲ 13.6)
	Total	31,636 (2.3)	32,140 (20.5)	28,370 (▲ 2.7)	26,509 (▲ 2.1)	35,802 (20.0)	33,735 (33.4)	124,416 (11.7)	351,218 (6.5)	111,390 (6.0)	329,740 (▲ 1.7)
Class Counts of Trademark Registration	22,480 (19.4)	25,056 (48.2)	21,155 (16.7)	19,043 (5.5)	27,591 (34.1)	25,857 (72.7)	93,646 (30.6)	243,938 (22.6)	71,722 (22.1)	198,919 (4.4)	
Trademark Application for Renewal	6,402 (▲ 3.7)	7,562 (5.7)	6,964 (▲ 27.7)	6,062 (▲ 20.1)	8,941 (▲ 2.6)	8,022 (2.8)	29,989 (▲ 12.3)	91,333 (▲ 12.4)	34,188 (▲ 8.5)	104,307 (▲ 3.9)	