

Preliminary Statistical Data on Filing Applications and Requests

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1. Preliminary Statistical Data

(1) The Number of Applications

Year/Month	2020 12	2021 1	2	3	4	5	2021 1 - 5	2020/4 - 2021/3 Cum Sum of FY2020	2020 1 - 5	2019/4 - 2020/3 Total of FY2019
Patents & Utility Models	27,616 (▲ 5.7)	19,746 (▲ 7.9)	23,049 (▲ 4.8)	38,374 (2.2)	22,544 (5.8)	19,623 (▲ 2.2)	123,336 (▲ 1.0)	292,469 (▲ 5.6)	124,561 (▲ 6.2)	309,709 (▲ 2.7)
Patents	27,035 (▲ 6.2)	19,340 (▲ 8.1)	22,610 (▲ 5.0)	37,825 (2.1)	22,127 (6.2)	19,257 (▲ 1.7)	121,159 (▲ 1.0)	286,331 (▲ 5.9)	122,328 (▲ 6.4)	304,438 (▲ 2.7)
Utility Models	581 (21.3)	406 (5.2)	439 (8.7)	549 (13.4)	417 (▲ 14.2)	366 (▲ 22.6)	2,177 (▲ 2.5)	6,138 (16.4)	2,233 (6.6)	5,271 (▲ 1.3)
Designs	3,028 (4.3)	2,609 (13.1)	2,477 (8.0)	2,909 (15.7)	2,582 (▲ 10.0)	2,245 (▲ 2.8)	12,822 (4.3)	32,633 (4.7)	12,294 (▲ 3.9)	31,162 (0.5)
National Applications	2,835 (8.0)	2,286 (14.3)	2,274 (8.6)	2,790 (21.8)	2,328 (▲ 10.8)	2,104 (6.9)	11,782 (7.5)	29,732 (3.7)	10,962 (▲ 9.8)	28,678 (▲ 1.0)
Trademarks	15,729 (▲ 23.7)	13,158 (▲ 4.2)	14,051 (11.3)	17,749 (19.6)	16,756 (17.4)	13,635 (▲ 33.4)	75,349 (▲ 0.8)	184,827 (2.8)	75,950 (▲ 12.1)	179,847 (▲ 5.6)
National Applications	14,004 (▲ 26.8)	11,840 (▲ 2.4)	12,513 (14.4)	16,135 (20.8)	15,069 (19.4)	12,274 (▲ 35.6)	67,831 (▲ 0.4)	167,206 (3.9)	68,101 (▲ 12.5)	160,959 (▲ 6.0)
Total Number	46,373 (▲ 12.2)	35,513 (▲ 5.3)	39,577 (1.2)	59,032 (7.5)	41,882 (8.9)	35,503 (▲ 17.1)	211,507 (▲ 0.6)	509,929 (▲ 2.1)	212,805 (▲ 8.3)	520,718 (▲ 3.5)
Trademarks Class Counts	26,063 (▲ 69.5)	21,442 (▲ 25.0)	23,475 (11.1)	31,030 (17.4)	28,681 (▲ 7.7)	19,348 (▲ 80.3)	123,976 (▲ 39.7)	382,366 (▲ 8.8)	205,535 (▲ 21.9)	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 12	2021 1	2	3	4	5	2021 1 - 5	2020/4 - 2021/3 Cum Sum of FY2020	2020 1 - 5	2019/4 - 2020/3 Total of FY2019
Patents	RO	4,736 (0.3)	3,447 (▲ 10.3)	4,146 (▲ 12.2)	6,519 (1.7)	3,210 (▲ 5.2)	3,448 (9.6)	20,770 (▲ 3.4)	48,447 (▲ 7.2)	21,510 (▲ 1.8)	52,223 (6.6)
	DO	6,226 (0.4)	5,113 (1.5)	5,049 (▲ 1.7)	6,516 (7.2)	6,476 (20.9)	5,471 (6.0)	28,625 (6.9)	68,317 (0.8)	26,766 (▲ 1.0)	67,777 (5.0)
Designs	OO	1 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (▲ 80.0)	2 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	5 (▲ 44.4)	13 (▲ 38.1)	9 (▲ 35.7)	21 (▲ 48.8)
	DO	193 (▲ 30.8)	323 (5.6)	203 (1.0)	119 (▲ 46.6)	254 (▲ 2.7)	141 (▲ 58.7)	1,040 (▲ 21.9)	2,901 (16.8)	1,332 (109.8)	2,484 (21.8)
Trademarks	OO	285 (▲ 4.4)	155 (▲ 42.8)	258 (11.7)	329 (9.3)	221 (7.8)	215 (23.6)	1,178 (▲ 0.3)	2,972 (▲ 7.1)	1,182 (▲ 1.7)	3,198 (▲ 0.1)
	DO	1,725 (15.6)	1,318 (▲ 17.8)	1,538 (▲ 8.4)	1,614 (8.3)	1,686 (2.4)	1,361 (▲ 4.8)	7,517 (▲ 4.2)	17,621 (▲ 6.7)	7,849 (▲ 8.0)	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 12	2021 1	2	3	4	5	2021 1 - 5	2020/4 - 2021/3 Cum Sum of FY2020	2020 1 - 5	2019/4 - 2020/3 Total of FY2019
Request for Patent Examination		21,021 (1.1)	18,212 (▲ 2.3)	19,970 (▲ 3.5)	24,447 (6.6)	18,539 (11.0)	17,325 (6.2)	98,493 (3.4)	232,585 (▲ 1.6)	95,280 (▲ 4.2)	236,305 (2.3)
	Year-on-Year	20,797 (5.6)	18,650 (▲ 1.2)	20,685 (3.6)	22,924 (2.8)	16,703 (▲ 16.1)	16,318 (▲ 11.4)	— —	236,305 (2.3)	— —	— —
Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion		18 (▲ 33.3)	17 (▲ 19.0)	16 (▲ 20.0)	28 (115.4)	21 (10.5)	15 (15.4)	97 (12.8)	228 (▲ 13.3)	86 (▲ 25.2)	263 (▲ 13.5)

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

Year/Month		2020 12	2021 1	2	3	4	5	2021 1 - 5	2020/4 - 2021/3 Cum Sum of FY2020	2020 1 - 5	2019/4 - 2020/3 Total of FY2019
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,394 (▲ 12.2)	1,281 (▲ 1.8)	1,180 (▲ 11.6)	1,473 (5.7)	1,421 (▲ 9.8)	1,227 (▲ 10.4)	6,582 (▲ 5.7)	16,803 (0.1)	6,979 (3.9)	16,793 (2.1)
	Trials for Invalidation	6 (▲ 33.3)	5 (▲ 37.5)	10 (▲ 23.1)	14 (7.7)	11 (22.2)	7 (▲ 41.7)	47 (▲ 14.5)	116 (▲ 4.9)	55 (34.1)	122 (▲ 17.6)
	Trials for Correction	11 (10.0)	24 (166.7)	17 (70.0)	13 (116.7)	16 (128.6)	14 (40.0)	84 (100.0)	149 (33.0)	42 (▲ 32.3)	112 (▲ 38.5)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (▲ 66.7)	2 (▲ 33.3)	5 (150.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	5 (400.0)	1 (0.0)	13 (0.0)	22 (▲ 15.4)	13 (62.5)	26 (4.0)
	Oppositions	117 (8.3)	122 (90.6)	113 (34.5)	115 (30.7)	121 (12.0)	113 (101.8)	584 (46.0)	1,241 (9.4)	400 (▲ 17.4)	1,134 (▲ 1.8)
	Total	1,529 (▲ 10.9)	1,434 (3.2)	1,325 (▲ 8.2)	1,615 (7.1)	1,574 (▲ 7.5)	1,362 (▲ 5.9)	7,310 (▲ 2.4)	18,331 (0.8)	7,489 (2.4)	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	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	4 (300.0)	5 (150.0)	6 (500.0)	2 (0.0)	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 (0.0)	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	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	4 (300.0)	5 (150.0)	6 (100.0)	2 (0.0)	3 (▲ 25.0)
Designs	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	26 (▲ 31.6)	26 (▲ 35.0)	11 (▲ 63.3)	24 (4.3)	19 (▲ 42.4)	19 (35.7)	99 (▲ 29.3)	335 (▲ 17.1)	140 (6.9)	404 (45.8)
	Trials for Invalidation	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	2 (▲ 33.3)	7 (16.7)	10 (66.7)	6 (500.0)	6 (▲ 53.8)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (▲ 75.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (▲ 50.0)	2 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	3 (0.0)	4 (▲ 75.0)	3 (▲ 40.0)	16 (300.0)
	Total	27 (▲ 37.2)	26 (▲ 36.6)	12 (▲ 61.3)	27 (8.0)	23 (▲ 34.3)	21 (23.5)	109 (▲ 26.8)	349 (▲ 18.1)	149 (8.8)	426 (44.9)

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

Year/Month		2020 12	2021 1	2	3	4	5	2021 1 - 5	2020/4 - 2021/3 Cum Sum of FY2020	2020 1 - 5	2019/4 - 2020/3 Total of FY2019
Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	68 (47.8)	57 (54.1)	55 (19.6)	73 (17.7)	95 (37.7)	77 (40.0)	357 (32.7)	784 (▲ 0.3)	269 (▲ 25.3)	786 (1.4)
	Trials for Invalidation	2 (▲ 84.6)	4 (▲ 55.6)	4 (▲ 77.8)	4 (▲ 63.6)	11 (1000.0)	3 (▲ 40.0)	26 (▲ 40.9)	61 (▲ 43.0)	44 (37.5)	107 (9.2)
	Trials for Cancellation	88 (10.0)	65 (▲ 30.9)	85 (30.8)	113 (36.1)	96 (35.2)	77 (18.5)	436 (15.3)	1,032 (4.1)	378 (▲ 8.9)	991 (▲ 10.4)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	4 (300.0)	12 (100.0)	1 (0.0)	6 (0.0)
	Oppositions	38 (46.2)	38 (31.0)	41 (32.3)	55 (52.8)	45 (45.2)	37 (12.1)	216 (35.0)	408 (8.8)	160 (▲ 6.4)	375 (▲ 16.5)
	Total	196 (18.8)	165 (▲ 2.4)	185 (15.6)	247 (28.6)	248 (44.2)	194 (22.0)	1,039 (21.9)	2,297 (1.4)	852 (▲ 13.0)	2,265 (▲ 6.9)
Total	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,488 (▲ 11.0)	1,364 (▲ 1.3)	1,246 (▲ 11.7)	1,570 (6.2)	1,535 (▲ 8.5)	1,323 (▲ 8.0)	7,038 (▲ 4.7)	17,922 (▲ 0.3)	7,388 (2.5)	17,983 (2.7)
	Trials for Invalidation	9 (▲ 60.9)	9 (▲ 50.0)	15 (▲ 51.6)	20 (▲ 16.7)	25 (92.3)	16 (▲ 23.8)	85 (▲ 20.6)	193 (▲ 18.2)	107 (40.8)	236 (▲ 10.3)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	2 (▲ 75.0)	3 (0.0)	5 (66.7)	3 (▲ 66.7)	8 (700.0)	1 (0.0)	20 (17.6)	38 (▲ 24.0)	17 (21.4)	50 (42.9)
	Trials for Correction (Patents & Utility Models)	11 (10.0)	24 (166.7)	17 (70.0)	13 (116.7)	16 (128.6)	14 (40.0)	84 (100.0)	149 (33.0)	42 (▲ 32.3)	112 (▲ 38.5)
	Trials for Cancellation (Trademarks)	88 (10.0)	65 (▲ 30.9)	85 (30.8)	113 (36.1)	96 (35.2)	77 (18.5)	436 (15.3)	1,032 (4.1)	378 (▲ 8.9)	991 (▲ 10.4)
	Oppositions (Patents & Trademarks)	155 (15.7)	160 (72.0)	154 (33.9)	170 (37.1)	166 (19.4)	150 (68.5)	800 (42.9)	1,649 (9.3)	560 (▲ 14.5)	1,509 (▲ 5.9)
	Total	1,753 (▲ 9.0)	1,625 (1.6)	1,522 (▲ 6.9)	1,889 (9.5)	1,846 (▲ 3.3)	1,581 (▲ 2.6)	8,463 (▲ 0.3)	20,983 (0.5)	8,492 (0.7)	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 12	2021 1	2	3	4	5	2021 1 - 5	2020/4 - 2021/3 Cum Sum of FY2020	2020 1 - 5	2019/4 - 2020/3 Total of FY2019
The Number of Registrations	Patents	15,087 (1.9)	13,538 (▲ 16.2)	13,034 (▲ 8.8)	17,252 (9.0)	16,344 (18.1)	14,895 (18.4)	75,063 (3.3)	176,933 (▲ 2.2)	72,700 (▲ 3.9)	180,859 (▲ 4.4)
	Utility Models	533 (47.2)	429 (6.5)	405 (4.7)	555 (59.5)	344 (17.4)	440 (587.5)	2,173 (45.4)	5,769 (15.9)	1,495 (▲ 26.2)	4,977 (▲ 2.7)
	Designs	2,275 (9.0)	2,180 (▲ 4.8)	1,793 (▲ 14.1)	2,433 (▲ 5.4)	2,206 (▲ 5.4)	2,072 (22.0)	10,684 (▲ 2.7)	25,873 (▲ 6.4)	10,982 (▲ 6.0)	27,644 (1.0)
	Trademarks	14,245 (51.2)	12,223 (18.4)	11,277 (9.3)	15,562 (40.3)	14,841 (68.1)	12,569 (75.0)	66,472 (39.2)	142,643 (22.7)	47,742 (14.3)	116,260 (2.3)
	National Applications	13,195 (48.8)	10,991 (15.4)	10,115 (6.8)	14,406 (40.1)	13,389 (68.5)	11,199 (75.3)	60,100 (37.8)	130,410 (22.0)	43,600 (15.5)	106,858 (4.0)
	International Applications	1,050 (89.2)	1,232 (53.6)	1,162 (37.0)	1,156 (42.0)	1,452 (64.4)	1,370 (72.3)	6,372 (53.8)	12,233 (30.1)	4,142 (2.6)	9,402 (▲ 13.6)
	Total	32,140 (20.5)	28,370 (▲ 2.7)	26,509 (▲ 2.1)	35,802 (20.0)	33,735 (33.4)	29,976 (39.2)	154,392 (16.2)	351,218 (6.5)	132,919 (1.3)	329,740 (▲ 1.7)
Class Counts of Trademark Registration	25,056 (48.2)	21,155 (16.7)	19,043 (5.5)	27,591 (34.1)	25,857 (72.7)	20,681 (72.6)	114,327 (36.6)	243,938 (22.6)	83,707 (15.6)	198,919 (4.4)	
Trademark Application for Renewal	7,562 (5.7)	6,964 (▲ 27.7)	6,062 (▲ 20.1)	8,941 (▲ 2.6)	8,022 (2.8)	7,129 (10.2)	37,118 (▲ 8.7)	91,333 (▲ 12.4)	40,655 (▲ 13.0)	104,307 (▲ 3.9)	