

# Preliminary Statistical Data on Filing Applications and Requests

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# 1. Preliminary Statistical Data

## (1) The Number of Applications

Year/Month	2022 11	12	2023 1	2	3	4	2023 1 - 4	2022/4 - 2023/3 Cum Sum of FY2022	2022 1 - 4	2021/4 - 2022/3 Total of FY2021
Patents & Utility Models	24,258 (3.7)	27,527 (▲ 1.0)	19,636 (▲ 1.0)	23,268 (3.8)	36,279 (▲ 5.1)	22,416 (7.8)	101,599 (0.3)	292,748 (▲ 0.3)	101,280 (▲ 2.4)	293,746 (0.4)
Patents	23,898 (3.8)	27,160 (▲ 0.8)	19,324 (▲ 0.9)	22,911 (3.8)	35,804 (▲ 5.2)	21,967 (7.8)	100,006 (0.3)	288,217 (▲ 0.2)	99,731 (▲ 2.2)	288,775 (0.9)
Utility Models	360 (▲ 5.0)	367 (▲ 15.4)	312 (▲ 6.3)	357 (5.6)	475 (4.4)	449 (6.1)	1,593 (2.8)	4,531 (▲ 8.9)	1,549 (▲ 15.9)	4,971 (▲ 19.0)
Designs	2,490 (▲ 12.1)	2,598 (▲ 17.5)	2,129 (▲ 8.2)	2,511 (▲ 0.4)	3,187 (▲ 5.7)	2,366 (▲ 9.0)	10,193 (▲ 5.8)	31,318 (▲ 4.4)	10,819 (1.1)	32,748 (0.2)
National Applications	2,251 (▲ 10.6)	2,312 (▲ 13.2)	1,833 (▲ 10.3)	2,261 (4.7)	2,831 (▲ 8.3)	2,178 (▲ 4.2)	9,103 (▲ 4.8)	27,991 (▲ 4.0)	9,565 (▲ 2.5)	29,162 (▲ 2.1)
Trademarks	13,731 (▲ 9.8)	14,462 (▲ 11.0)	11,176 (▲ 13.3)	13,716 (▲ 1.1)	16,021 (▲ 5.0)	13,635 (▲ 3.6)	54,548 (▲ 5.6)	167,561 (▲ 8.6)	57,775 (▲ 6.4)	183,300 (▲ 0.8)
National Applications	12,353 (▲ 9.3)	12,318 (▲ 12.9)	9,969 (▲ 14.6)	11,992 (▲ 0.7)	14,174 (▲ 4.8)	12,364 (▲ 1.8)	48,499 (▲ 5.3)	148,003 (▲ 9.0)	51,224 (▲ 7.8)	162,687 (▲ 2.7)
Total Number	40,479 (▲ 2.4)	44,587 (▲ 5.5)	32,941 (▲ 6.0)	39,495 (1.8)	55,487 (▲ 5.1)	38,417 (2.3)	166,340 (▲ 2.1)	491,627 (▲ 3.6)	169,874 (▲ 3.6)	509,794 (▲ 0.0)
Trademarks Class Counts	24,548 (▲ 9.7)	26,065 (▲ 6.7)	20,977 (▲ 8.3)	24,306 (▲ 0.8)	28,759 (▲ 3.2)	20,755 (▲ 14.4)	94,797 (▲ 6.5)	295,881 (▲ 6.5)	101,361 (▲ 3.1)	316,349 (▲ 17.3)

▪ 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		2022 11	12	2023 1	2	3	4	2023 1 - 4	2022/4 - 2023/3 Cum Sum of FY2022	2022 1 - 4	2021/4 - 2022/3 Total of FY2021
Patents	RO	3,453 (▲ 9.7)	4,410 (▲ 12.2)	3,137 (▲ 15.4)	4,313 (▲ 9.6)	6,299 (▲ 26.0)	3,251 (30.4)	17,000 (▲ 12.7)	45,481 (▲ 12.4)	19,480 (12.5)	51,915 (7.2)
	DO	6,503 (1.9)	6,693 (▲ 1.8)	5,586 (▲ 0.0)	5,988 (12.0)	6,690 (▲ 1.6)	6,304 (2.4)	24,568 (2.9)	76,599 (3.5)	23,887 (3.2)	74,013 (8.3)
Designs	OO	2 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	2 (100.0)	9 (▲ 30.8)	1 (▲ 75.0)	13 (0.0)
	DO	239 (▲ 24.4)	286 (▲ 40.9)	296 (7.2)	250 (▲ 30.9)	356 (22.8)	188 (▲ 42.3)	1,090 (▲ 13.1)	3,327 (▲ 7.2)	1,254 (39.6)	3,586 (23.6)
Trademarks	OO	279 (▲ 6.4)	270 (▲ 24.4)	185 (▲ 22.3)	235 (▲ 6.0)	267 (▲ 19.8)	172 (▲ 27.1)	859 (▲ 18.7)	2,960 (▲ 9.6)	1,057 (9.8)	3,275 (10.2)
	DO	1,378 (▲ 14.5)	2,144 (1.6)	1,207 (▲ 1.4)	1,724 (▲ 3.1)	1,847 (▲ 7.0)	1,271 (▲ 18.6)	6,049 (▲ 7.7)	19,558 (▲ 5.1)	6,551 (6.4)	20,613 (17.0)

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		2022 11	12	2023 1	2	3	4	2023 1 - 4	2022/4 - 2023/3 Cum Sum of FY2022	2022 1 - 4	2021/4 - 2022/3 Total of FY2021
Request for Patent Examination		19,639 (▲ 0.8)	19,408 (▲ 3.9)	18,292 (0.5)	20,869 (6.2)	22,188 (▲ 3.6)	17,053 (▲ 5.1)	78,402 (▲ 0.5)	234,263 (▲ 1.1)	78,826 (▲ 3.1)	236,769 (1.8)
	Year-on-Year	19,796 (6.2)	20,186 (▲ 4.0)	18,198 (0.0)	19,648 (▲ 1.5)	23,020 (▲ 6.1)	17,960 (▲ 3.8)	- -	- -	- -	- -
Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion		26 (18.2)	17 (▲ 34.6)	11 (▲ 60.7)	23 (4.5)	19 (▲ 20.8)	13 (▲ 27.8)	66 (▲ 28.3)	210 (▲ 24.7)	92 (9.5)	279 (22.4)

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

Year/Month		2022 11	12	2023 1	2	3	4	2023 1 - 4	2022/4 - 2023/3 Cum Sum of FY2022	2022 1 - 4	2021/4 - 2022/3 Total of FY2021
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,733 (13.8)	1,891 (8.7)	1,520 (13.8)	1,662 (13.1)	1,672 (5.4)	1,783 (6.8)	6,637 (9.5)	20,108 (15.9)	6,062 (13.2)	17,353 (3.3)
	Trials for Invalidation	10 (66.7)	3 (▲ 62.5)	7 (133.3)	7 (▲ 53.3)	7 (▲ 50.0)	4 (▲ 42.9)	25 (▲ 35.9)	86 (▲ 21.1)	39 (▲ 2.5)	109 (▲ 6.0)
	Trials for Correction	12 (20.0)	6 (▲ 53.8)	13 (44.4)	16 (0.0)	6 (▲ 71.4)	15 (36.4)	50 (▲ 12.3)	202 (7.4)	57 (▲ 18.6)	188 (26.2)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	3 (200.0)	4 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	6 (500.0)	4 (33.3)	4 (100.0)	14 (75.0)	34 (47.8)	8 (▲ 33.3)	23 (4.5)
	Oppositions	134 (48.9)	136 (▲ 15.5)	104 (22.4)	157 (51.0)	107 (0.0)	125 (8.7)	493 (20.0)	1,520 (13.0)	411 (▲ 12.7)	1,345 (8.4)
	Total	1,892 (16.1)	2,040 (6.1)	1,644 (14.6)	1,848 (15.1)	1,796 (3.7)	1,931 (7.0)	7,219 (9.8)	21,950 (15.4)	6,577 (10.6)	19,018 (3.7)
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 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	2 (▲ 71.4)	1 (0.0)	7 (16.7)
	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 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
	Total	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	2 (▲ 71.4)	1 (0.0)	7 (16.7)
Designs	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	40 (135.3)	22 (37.5)	36 (89.5)	20 (▲ 16.7)	26 (▲ 16.1)	39 (200.0)	121 (39.1)	348 (6.4)	87 (8.7)	327 (▲ 2.4)
	Trials for Invalidation	0 (▲ 100.0)	4 (300.0)	3 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	5 (▲ 28.6)	13 (▲ 23.5)	7 (40.0)	17 (70.0)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	4 (100.0)	6 (▲ 25.0)	2 (▲ 33.3)	8 (100.0)
	Total	41 (127.8)	26 (36.8)	40 (81.8)	22 (▲ 15.4)	27 (▲ 18.2)	41 (173.3)	130 (35.4)	367 (4.3)	96 (9.1)	352 (0.9)

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

Year/Month		2022 11	12	2023 1	2	3	4	2023 1 - 4	2022/4 - 2023/3 Cum Sum of FY2022	2022 1 - 4	2021/4 - 2022/3 Total of FY2021
Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	126 (17.8)	145 (46.5)	116 (16.0)	106 (2.9)	108 (▲ 15.0)	84 (▲ 48.5)	414 (▲ 16.0)	1,536 (22.7)	493 (76.1)	1,252 (59.7)
	Trials for Invalidation	4 (▲ 84.6)	6 (▲ 45.5)	7 (16.7)	7 (▲ 12.5)	19 (111.1)	4 (▲ 33.3)	37 (27.6)	106 (1.9)	29 (26.1)	104 (70.5)
	Trials for Cancellation	74 (▲ 28.2)	101 (▲ 8.2)	76 (▲ 14.6)	79 (▲ 20.2)	80 (▲ 42.9)	62 (▲ 36.7)	297 (▲ 30.3)	1,108 (▲ 7.1)	426 (18.7)	1,193 (15.6)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	4 (300.0)	5 (150.0)	4 (▲ 33.3)	2 (▲ 50.0)	6 (▲ 50.0)
	Oppositions	43 (10.3)	45 (▲ 2.2)	28 (▲ 24.3)	27 (▲ 27.0)	20 (▲ 70.6)	22 (▲ 58.5)	97 (▲ 50.3)	506 (0.6)	195 (8.9)	503 (23.3)
	<b>Total</b>	247 (▲ 10.2)	297 (11.7)	227 (▲ 2.6)	220 (▲ 10.9)	227 (▲ 34.0)	176 (▲ 45.2)	850 (▲ 25.8)	3,260 (6.6)	1,145 (35.5)	3,058 (33.1)
Total	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,899 (15.3)	2,058 (10.9)	1,672 (14.9)	1,788 (12.0)	1,806 (3.5)	1,906 (3.3)	7,172 (8.0)	21,992 (16.2)	6,642 (16.2)	18,932 (5.6)
	Trials for Invalidation	14 (▲ 58.8)	13 (▲ 35.0)	17 (41.7)	16 (▲ 30.4)	26 (0.0)	8 (▲ 46.7)	67 (▲ 11.8)	207 (▲ 12.7)	76 (10.1)	237 (22.8)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	4 (300.0)	4 (100.0)	1 (▲ 66.7)	7 (133.3)	5 (66.7)	10 (233.3)	23 (91.7)	44 (18.9)	12 (▲ 36.8)	37 (▲ 2.6)
	Trials for Correction (Patents & Utility Models)	12 (20.0)	6 (▲ 53.8)	13 (44.4)	16 (0.0)	6 (▲ 71.4)	15 (36.4)	50 (▲ 12.3)	202 (7.4)	57 (▲ 18.6)	188 (26.2)
	Trials for Cancellation (Trademarks)	74 (▲ 28.2)	101 (▲ 8.2)	76 (▲ 14.6)	79 (▲ 20.2)	80 (▲ 42.9)	62 (▲ 36.7)	297 (▲ 30.3)	1,108 (▲ 7.1)	426 (18.7)	1,193 (15.6)
	Oppositions (Patents & Trademarks)	177 (37.2)	181 (▲ 12.6)	132 (8.2)	184 (30.5)	127 (▲ 27.4)	147 (▲ 12.5)	590 (▲ 2.6)	2,026 (9.6)	606 (▲ 6.8)	1,848 (12.1)
	<b>Total</b>	2,180 (13.3)	2,363 (7.1)	1,911 (13.1)	2,090 (11.2)	2,050 (▲ 2.8)	2,148 (0.4)	8,199 (4.9)	25,579 (14.0)	7,819 (13.6)	22,435 (6.9)

## (6) The Number of Registrations

The percentages in the brackets ( ) indicate the increase/decrease from the previous year.

Year/Month		2022 11	12	2023 1	2	3	4	2023 1 - 4	2022/4 - 2023/3 Cum Sum of FY2022	2022 1 - 4	2021/4 - 2022/3 Total of FY2021
The Number of Registrations	Patents	17,514 (2.1)	16,958 (8.1)	16,560 (4.8)	16,081 (7.6)	19,100 (3.7)	16,774 (11.5)	68,515 (6.7)	204,004 (7.5)	64,207 (6.7)	189,705 (7.2)
	Utility Models	359 (▲ 6.8)	358 (▲ 20.4)	360 (▲ 11.1)	311 (▲ 20.5)	378 (▲ 7.1)	349 (3.3)	1,398 (▲ 9.3)	4,461 (▲ 16.0)	1,541 (▲ 11.1)	5,313 (▲ 7.9)
	Designs	2,237 (▲ 16.2)	2,588 (19.0)	2,027 (▲ 12.9)	2,210 (1.2)	2,879 (0.6)	2,457 (▲ 2.9)	9,573 (▲ 3.3)	29,283 (2.9)	9,903 (15.0)	28,457 (10.0)
	Trademarks	13,278 (▲ 17.0)	12,853 (▲ 21.9)	10,679 (▲ 28.3)	9,804 (▲ 34.3)	11,470 (▲ 44.1)	10,052 (▲ 26.3)	42,005 (▲ 34.3)	165,415 (▲ 10.7)	63,974 (18.5)	185,329 (29.9)
	National Applications	12,021 (▲ 19.0)	11,483 (▲ 23.2)	9,297 (▲ 29.1)	8,495 (▲ 36.2)	9,903 (▲ 47.7)	8,894 (▲ 24.7)	36,589 (▲ 36.0)	147,039 (▲ 12.4)	57,182 (16.8)	167,879 (28.7)
	International Applications	1,257 (9.8)	1,370 (▲ 8.8)	1,382 (▲ 22.7)	1,309 (▲ 18.2)	1,567 (▲ 0.8)	1,158 (▲ 36.5)	5,416 (▲ 20.3)	18,376 (5.3)	6,792 (35.8)	17,450 (42.6)
	Total	33,388 (▲ 7.8)	32,757 (▲ 5.8)	29,626 (▲ 11.4)	28,406 (▲ 12.4)	33,827 (▲ 19.9)	29,632 (▲ 6.1)	121,491 (▲ 13.0)	403,163 (▲ 1.4)	139,625 (12.2)	408,804 (16.4)
Class Counts of Trademark Registration	23,144 (▲ 18.6)	23,126 (▲ 19.8)	18,404 (▲ 27.8)	16,322 (▲ 37.2)	20,101 (▲ 46.8)	17,583 (▲ 24.3)	72,410 (▲ 35.6)	289,714 (▲ 9.6)	112,514 (20.1)	320,470 (31.4)	
Trademark Application for Renewal	7,787 (▲ 1.0)	8,692 (9.5)	9,334 (4.7)	9,007 (▲ 2.4)	11,058 (▲ 41.4)	10,257 (54.5)	39,656 (▲ 9.2)	96,284 (▲ 9.9)	43,666 (45.6)	106,922 (17.1)	