

# Preliminary Statistical Data on Filing Applications and Requests

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# 1. Preliminary Statistical Data

## (1) The Number of Applications

Year/Month	2022 12	2023 1	2	3	4	5	2023 1 - 5	2022/4 - 2023/3 Cum Sum of FY2022	2022 1 - 5	2021/4 - 2022/3 Total of FY2021
Patents & Utility Models	27,527 (▲ 1.0)	19,636 (▲ 1.0)	23,268 (3.8)	36,279 (▲ 5.1)	22,417 (7.8)	21,733 (7.5)	123,333 (1.5)	292,748 (▲ 0.3)	121,504 (▲ 1.6)	293,746 (0.4)
Patents	27,160 (▲ 0.8)	19,324 (▲ 0.9)	22,911 (3.8)	35,804 (▲ 5.2)	21,968 (7.8)	21,311 (7.4)	121,318 (1.5)	288,217 (▲ 0.2)	119,582 (▲ 1.3)	288,775 (0.9)
Utility Models	367 (▲ 15.4)	312 (▲ 6.3)	357 (5.6)	475 (4.4)	449 (6.1)	422 (13.1)	2,015 (4.8)	4,531 (▲ 8.9)	1,922 (▲ 15.7)	4,971 (▲ 19.0)
Designs	2,598 (▲ 17.5)	2,129 (▲ 8.2)	2,511 (▲ 0.4)	3,187 (▲ 5.7)	2,366 (▲ 9.0)	2,421 (▲ 7.4)	12,614 (▲ 6.1)	31,318 (▲ 4.4)	13,433 (3.5)	32,748 (0.2)
National Applications	2,312 (▲ 13.2)	1,833 (▲ 10.3)	2,261 (4.7)	2,831 (▲ 8.3)	2,178 (▲ 4.2)	2,125 (▲ 7.8)	11,228 (▲ 5.4)	27,991 (▲ 4.0)	11,871 (▲ 0.6)	29,162 (▲ 2.1)
Trademarks	14,462 (▲ 11.0)	11,176 (▲ 13.3)	13,716 (▲ 1.1)	16,021 (▲ 5.0)	13,635 (▲ 3.6)	13,537 (1.1)	68,085 (▲ 4.3)	167,561 (▲ 8.6)	71,164 (▲ 5.6)	183,300 (▲ 0.8)
National Applications	12,318 (▲ 12.9)	9,969 (▲ 14.6)	11,992 (▲ 0.7)	14,174 (▲ 4.8)	12,364 (▲ 1.8)	12,180 (2.2)	60,679 (▲ 3.9)	148,003 (▲ 9.0)	63,141 (▲ 7.0)	162,687 (▲ 2.7)
Total Number	44,587 (▲ 5.5)	32,941 (▲ 6.0)	39,495 (1.8)	55,487 (▲ 5.1)	38,418 (2.3)	37,691 (4.0)	204,032 (▲ 1.0)	491,627 (▲ 3.6)	206,101 (▲ 2.7)	509,794 (▲ 0.0)
Trademarks Class Counts	26,065 (▲ 6.7)	20,977 (▲ 8.3)	24,306 (▲ 0.8)	28,760 (▲ 3.2)	24,087 (▲ 0.7)	24,056 (3.4)	122,186 (▲ 2.0)	295,882 (▲ 6.5)	124,636 (▲ 2.7)	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 12	2023 1	2	3	4	5	2023 1 - 5	2022/4 - 2023/3 Cum Sum of FY2022	2022 1 - 5	2021/4 - 2022/3 Total of FY2021
Patents	RO	4,410 (▲ 12.2)	3,137 (▲ 15.4)	4,313 (▲ 9.6)	6,299 (▲ 26.0)	3,251 (30.4)	3,399 (23.2)	20,399 (▲ 8.3)	45,481 (▲ 12.4)	22,240 (7.1)	51,915 (7.2)
	DO	6,693 (▲ 1.8)	5,586 (▲ 0.0)	5,988 (12.0)	6,690 (▲ 1.6)	6,304 (2.4)	6,069 (▲ 1.5)	30,637 (2.0)	76,599 (3.5)	30,046 (5.0)	74,013 (8.3)
Designs	OO	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (100.0)	9 (▲ 30.8)	1 (▲ 80.0)	13 (0.0)
	DO	286 (▲ 40.9)	296 (7.2)	250 (▲ 30.9)	356 (22.8)	188 (▲ 42.3)	296 (▲ 3.9)	1,386 (▲ 11.3)	3,327 (▲ 7.2)	1,562 (50.3)	3,586 (23.6)
Trademarks	OO	270 (▲ 24.4)	185 (▲ 22.3)	235 (▲ 6.0)	267 (▲ 19.8)	172 (▲ 27.1)	193 (▲ 4.9)	1,052 (▲ 16.5)	2,960 (▲ 9.6)	1,260 (7.0)	3,275 (10.2)
	DO	2,144 (1.6)	1,207 (▲ 1.4)	1,724 (▲ 3.1)	1,847 (▲ 7.0)	1,271 (▲ 18.6)	1,357 (▲ 7.8)	7,406 (▲ 7.7)	19,558 (▲ 5.1)	8,023 (6.7)	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 12	2023 1	2	3	4	5	2023 1 - 5	2022/4 - 2023/3 Cum Sum of FY2022	2022 1 - 5	2021/4 - 2022/3 Total of FY2021
Request for Patent Examination		19,408 (▲ 3.9)	18,292 (0.5)	20,869 (6.2)	22,187 (▲ 3.6)	17,054 (▲ 5.0)	18,464 (2.6)	96,866 (0.0)	234,262 (▲ 1.1)	96,826 (▲ 1.9)	236,769 (1.8)
	Year-on-Year	20,186 (▲ 4.0)	18,198 (0.0)	19,648 (▲ 1.5)	23,020 (▲ 6.1)	17,960 (▲ 3.8)	18,000 (3.9)	- -	- -	- -	- -
Report of Utility Model Technical Opinion		17 (▲ 34.6)	11 (▲ 60.7)	23 (4.5)	19 (▲ 20.8)	13 (▲ 27.8)	17 (▲ 15.0)	83 (▲ 25.9)	210 (▲ 24.7)	112 (10.9)	279 (22.4)

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

Year/Month		2022 12	2023 1	2	3	4	5	2023 1 - 5	2022/4 - 2023/3 Cum Sum of FY2022	2022 1 - 5	2021/4 - 2022/3 Total of FY2021
Patents	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	1,891 (8.7)	1,520 (13.8)	1,662 (13.1)	1,672 (5.4)	1,783 (6.8)	1,748 (15.2)	8,385 (10.6)	20,108 (15.9)	7,580 (15.2)	17,353 (3.3)
	Trials for Invalidation	3 (▲ 62.5)	7 (133.3)	7 (▲ 53.3)	7 (▲ 50.0)	4 (▲ 42.9)	8 (14.3)	33 (▲ 28.3)	86 (▲ 21.1)	46 (▲ 2.1)	109 (▲ 6.0)
	Trials for Correction	6 (▲ 53.8)	13 (44.4)	16 (0.0)	6 (▲ 71.4)	15 (36.4)	24 (▲ 17.2)	74 (▲ 14.0)	202 (7.4)	86 (2.4)	188 (26.2)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	4 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	6 (500.0)	4 (33.3)	4 (100.0)	1 (▲ 66.7)	15 (36.4)	34 (47.8)	11 (▲ 15.4)	23 (4.5)
	Oppositions	136 (▲ 15.5)	104 (22.4)	157 (51.0)	107 (0.0)	125 (8.7)	120 (22.4)	613 (20.4)	1,520 (13.0)	509 (▲ 12.8)	1,345 (8.4)
	Total	2,040 (6.1)	1,644 (14.6)	1,848 (15.1)	1,796 (3.7)	1,931 (7.0)	1,901 (14.9)	9,120 (10.8)	21,950 (15.4)	8,232 (12.6)	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 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	2 (▲ 71.4)	2 (▲ 60.0)	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 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	2 (▲ 71.4)	2 (▲ 60.0)	7 (16.7)
Designs	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	22 (37.5)	36 (89.5)	20 (▲ 16.7)	26 (▲ 16.1)	39 (200.0)	14 (▲ 6.7)	135 (32.4)	348 (6.4)	102 (2.0)	327 (▲ 2.4)
	Trials for Invalidation	4 (300.0)	3 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	0 (0.0)	5 (▲ 28.6)	13 (▲ 23.5)	7 (0.0)	17 (70.0)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (0.0)	2 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	4 (100.0)	6 (▲ 25.0)	2 (▲ 33.3)	8 (100.0)
	Total	26 (36.8)	40 (81.8)	22 (▲ 15.4)	27 (▲ 18.2)	41 (173.3)	14 (▲ 6.7)	144 (29.7)	367 (4.3)	111 (0.9)	352 (0.9)

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

Year/Month		2022 12	2023 1	2	3	4	5	2023 1 - 5	2022/4 - 2023/3 Cum Sum of FY2022	2022 1 - 5	2021/4 - 2022/3 Total of FY2021
Trademarks	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	145 (46.5)	116 (16.0)	106 (2.9)	108 (▲ 15.0)	84 (▲ 48.5)	81 (▲ 35.2)	495 (▲ 19.9)	1,536 (22.7)	618 (71.2)	1,252 (59.7)
	Trials for Invalidation	6 (▲ 45.5)	7 (16.7)	7 (▲ 12.5)	19 (111.1)	4 (▲ 33.3)	4 (▲ 63.6)	41 (2.5)	106 (1.9)	40 (53.8)	104 (70.5)
	Trials for Cancellation	101 (▲ 8.2)	76 (▲ 14.6)	79 (▲ 20.2)	80 (▲ 42.9)	62 (▲ 36.7)	93 (5.7)	390 (▲ 24.1)	1,108 (▲ 7.1)	514 (17.6)	1,193 (15.6)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	0 (0.0)	0 (▲ 100.0)	1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	4 (300.0)	1 (0.0)	6 (200.0)	4 (▲ 33.3)	2 (▲ 50.0)	6 (▲ 50.0)
	Oppositions	45 (▲ 2.2)	28 (▲ 24.3)	27 (▲ 27.0)	20 (▲ 70.6)	22 (▲ 58.5)	35 (▲ 30.0)	132 (▲ 46.1)	506 (0.6)	245 (13.4)	503 (23.3)
	<b>Total</b>	297 (11.7)	227 (▲ 2.6)	220 (▲ 10.9)	227 (▲ 34.0)	176 (▲ 45.2)	214 (▲ 21.9)	1,064 (▲ 25.0)	3,260 (6.6)	1,419 (35.9)	3,058 (33.1)
Total	Appeals against Examiner's Decision of Refusal	2,058 (10.9)	1,672 (14.9)	1,788 (12.0)	1,806 (3.5)	1,906 (3.3)	1,843 (11.2)	9,015 (8.6)	21,992 (16.2)	8,300 (17.8)	18,932 (5.6)
	Trials for Invalidation	13 (▲ 35.0)	17 (41.7)	16 (▲ 30.4)	26 (0.0)	8 (▲ 46.7)	12 (▲ 36.8)	79 (▲ 16.8)	207 (▲ 12.7)	95 (11.8)	237 (22.8)
	Hantei (Advisory Opinion)	4 (100.0)	1 (▲ 66.7)	7 (133.3)	5 (66.7)	10 (233.3)	2 (▲ 33.3)	25 (66.7)	44 (18.9)	15 (▲ 25.0)	37 (▲ 2.6)
	Trials for Correction (Patents & Utility Models)	6 (▲ 53.8)	13 (44.4)	16 (0.0)	6 (▲ 71.4)	15 (36.4)	24 (▲ 17.2)	74 (▲ 14.0)	202 (7.4)	86 (2.4)	188 (26.2)
	Trials for Cancellation (Trademarks)	101 (▲ 8.2)	76 (▲ 14.6)	79 (▲ 20.2)	80 (▲ 42.9)	62 (▲ 36.7)	93 (5.7)	390 (▲ 24.1)	1,108 (▲ 7.1)	514 (17.6)	1,193 (15.6)
	Oppositions (Patents & Trademarks)	181 (▲ 12.6)	132 (8.2)	184 (30.5)	127 (▲ 27.4)	147 (▲ 12.5)	155 (4.7)	745 (▲ 1.2)	2,026 (9.6)	754 (▲ 5.8)	1,848 (12.1)
	<b>Total</b>	2,363 (7.1)	1,911 (13.1)	2,090 (11.2)	2,050 (▲ 2.8)	2,148 (0.4)	2,129 (9.5)	10,328 (5.8)	25,579 (14.0)	9,764 (15.3)	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 12	2023 1	2	3	4	5	2023 1 - 5	2022/4 - 2023/3 Cum Sum of FY2022	2022 1 - 5	2021/4 - 2022/3 Total of FY2021
The Number of Registrations	Patents	16,958 (8.1)	16,560 (4.8)	16,081 (7.6)	19,100 (3.7)	16,774 (11.5)	17,212 (3.4)	85,727 (6.0)	204,004 (7.5)	80,850 (7.7)	189,705 (7.2)
	Utility Models	358 (▲ 20.4)	360 (▲ 11.1)	311 (▲ 20.5)	378 (▲ 7.1)	349 (3.3)	450 (9.8)	1,848 (▲ 5.3)	4,461 (▲ 16.0)	1,951 (▲ 10.2)	5,313 (▲ 7.9)
	Designs	2,588 (19.0)	2,027 (▲ 12.9)	2,210 (1.2)	2,879 (0.6)	2,457 (▲ 2.9)	2,001 (▲ 10.8)	11,574 (▲ 4.7)	29,283 (2.9)	12,147 (13.7)	28,457 (10.0)
	Trademarks	12,853 (▲ 21.9)	10,679 (▲ 28.3)	9,804 (▲ 34.3)	11,470 (▲ 44.1)	10,052 (▲ 26.3)	9,100 (▲ 37.9)	51,105 (▲ 35.0)	165,415 (▲ 10.7)	78,628 (18.1)	185,329 (29.9)
	National Applications	11,483 (▲ 23.2)	9,297 (▲ 29.1)	8,495 (▲ 36.2)	9,903 (▲ 47.7)	8,894 (▲ 24.7)	8,489 (▲ 36.5)	45,078 (▲ 36.1)	147,039 (▲ 12.4)	70,542 (17.2)	167,879 (28.7)
	International Applications	1,370 (▲ 8.8)	1,382 (▲ 22.7)	1,309 (▲ 18.2)	1,567 (▲ 0.8)	1,158 (▲ 36.5)	611 (▲ 52.8)	6,027 (▲ 25.5)	18,376 (5.3)	8,086 (26.9)	17,450 (42.6)
	Total	32,757 (▲ 5.8)	29,626 (▲ 11.4)	28,406 (▲ 12.4)	33,827 (▲ 19.9)	29,632 (▲ 6.1)	28,763 (▲ 15.3)	150,254 (▲ 13.4)	403,163 (▲ 1.4)	173,576 (12.4)	408,804 (16.4)
Class Counts of Trademark Registration	23,126 (▲ 19.8)	18,404 (▲ 27.8)	16,322 (▲ 37.2)	20,101 (▲ 46.8)	17,583 (▲ 24.3)	17,302 (▲ 34.3)	89,712 (▲ 35.4)	289,714 (▲ 9.6)	138,863 (21.5)	320,470 (31.4)	
Trademark Application for Renewal	8,692 (9.5)	9,334 (4.7)	9,007 (▲ 2.4)	11,058 (▲ 41.4)	10,257 (54.5)	9,292 (63.6)	48,948 (▲ 0.8)	96,284 (▲ 9.9)	49,344 (32.9)	106,922 (17.1)	