

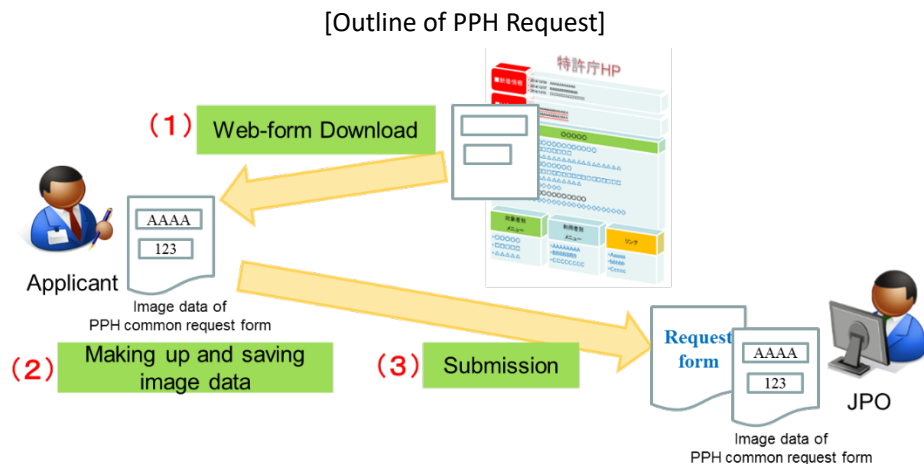
How to Use a Web Form for PPH Request Form

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1. Outline of PPH request using PPH Request Form

When filing a Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) request with the JPO, the applicant has to submit an “Explanation of Circumstances Concerning Accelerated Examination” by attaching a “PPH Request Form” thereto. When submitting the PPH Request Form, please use a web form for the PPH Request Form which is downloadable from the JPO web site (hereinafter, the “web form”). The following figure outlines a brief chart for the PPH request using the web form.



- i. Download a web form from the JPO website to your device.
- ii. Open the downloaded web form in an Internet browser, enter the required information in Japanese, and generate and save the image data of a PPH Request Form using web form's functions.
- iii. Attach the saved image data to an "Explanation of Circumstances Concerning Accelerated Examination" and submit the compiled data to the JPO via the electronic filing software.
If the applicant files a request in paper, print the image data of the PPH Request Form to attach to the "Explanation of Circumstances Concerning Accelerated Examination," and submit.

This document explains how to use the web form when preparing the PPH request and how to submit the PPH request using the prepared PPH Request Form.

When the applicant cannot prepare the PPH request form (an image file or a text file) using the web form, please refer to the JPO website¹ to write the necessary items for the PPH request in the "Explanation of Circumstances Concerning Accelerated Examination" and submit it.

¹ https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/system/patent/shinsa/soki/pph/jijou_setsumeisho_jurai.html

2. Preparation of the PPH Request Form using the web form

(1) Operating environment

Operations were tested and confirmed for the following internet browsers (hereinafter, the “browser”) as of July, 2021.

- Windows 10
 - Chrome, Edge, Firefox
- macOS
 - Chrome, Edge, Firefox, Safari

(2) Acquisition and startup of the web form

First, download the web form for the PPH Request Form which is available on the JPO website² and save the web form onto your device.

Then, open the downloaded web form on your browser. The following web form with the function column and the input fields is displayed. When you open the web form on a non-compliant browser, an error message appears. Thus, please use any one of above-mentioned browsers under 2.(1).

[Screen layout of the downloaded web form for the PPH Request Form]

The screenshot shows the 'PPH Form V1.4版' web interface. It is divided into two main sections:

- Function column (Image generation, etc.):** This section on the left contains instructions for using the form, buttons for 'イメージ生成・保存' (Image generation and save), '一時保存' (Temporary save), '呼び出し' (Call), '入カクリア' (Clear input), and 'テキスト生成・保存' (Text generation and save).
- Input field:** This section on the right contains the main form fields:
 - PPH申請書 (REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY (PPH) (PILOT) PROGRAM)**
 - A. 書誌事項 ※必須 (Bibliographic Data):** Includes a field for '出願番号 (Application Number)' with the example '特願2015-000001'.
 - B. 必要事項 ※必須 (Request):** Includes a section for '出願人による以下に基づく特許審査ハイウェイの申請' (Applicant requests participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) (pilot) program based on). It contains fields for '先行庁' (Office of Earlier Examination) and '先行庁の審査書類形式' (OEE Work Products Type).
 - C. 必要書類 (Required Documents):** Includes a section for '先行庁のオフィスアクションの写し、及び、その翻訳文' (OEE Work Products and, if required, Translations).

² https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/system/patent/shinsa/soki/pph/jijou_setsumeisho_270801.html

Use the zoom option, when necessary, to change the display size of the web form.

(3) Input onto the web form

Enter the required information for a PPH request in Japanese onto the input field³.

▶ Input items

PPH申請書 (REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY (PPH))	
A. 書誌事項 ※必須 (Bibliographic Data)	
出願番号* (Application Number)	<input type="text"/>
B. 必要事項 ※必須 (Request)	
出願人による以下に基づく特許審査 (Applicant requests participation in PPH based on the following)	<input type="checkbox"/> 国内出願の審査結果を利用 (PPH又はPPH MOTTAINAI) (National/Regional Office Action(s))
先行庁 (Office of Earlier Examination (OEE)) (国際調査機関又は国際予備審査機関を含む) (Including International Searching Authority or International Preliminary Examination Authority)	先行庁の審査書類形式 (OEE Work Products Type) <input type="checkbox"/> PCT国際段階成果物を利用 (PCT-PPH) (WO-ISA, WO-IPER, etc.)
先行庁の対応出願番号 (国際出願番号を含む) (Incl. PCT Application Number)	<input type="text" value="例) PCT/US2013/000001"/>
C. 必要書類 (Required Documents)	
I. 先行庁のオフィスアクションの写し、及び、その翻訳文 ※必須 (OEEが日本国特許庁の場合除く) (OEE Work Products)	
1. <input type="checkbox"/> 先行庁のオフィスアクション (A copy of OEE work products) <input type="checkbox"/> デシジョン照会又はPAT (The office is requested to issue a decision) <input type="checkbox"/> 先行庁の審査書類 (A copy of OEE work products)	(iii) When attaching the required documents to the "Explanation of Circumstances Concerning Accelerated Examination" for submission, check the top box. When the documents are omitted to be submitted, check the bottom box.
2. <input type="checkbox"/> 上記1. の日本語訳 (A translation of the above 1.) <input type="checkbox"/> デシジョン照会又はPAT (The office is requested to issue a decision)	
II. 先行庁に引用された非特許文献 (Patent Documents and Non-patent Documents)	
3. <input type="checkbox"/> 先行庁に引用された非特許文献 (A copy of non-patent documents cited in OEE work products)	(iv) When attaching cited non-patent documents to the "Explanation of Circumstances Concerning Accelerated Examination," check the top box. When there are no cited documents, check the bottom box (checking is unnecessary when cited documents are patent documents only).
4. <input type="checkbox"/> 上記3. の日本語訳 (A translation of the above 3.) <input type="checkbox"/> デシジョン照会又はPAT (The office is requested to issue a decision)	
III. 引用文献 (Documents Cited in OEE Work Products (if required))	
5. <input type="checkbox"/> 引用非特許文献を添付する (A copy of all documents cited in OEE work products is attached (excluding patent documents); or) <input type="checkbox"/> 引用非特許文献も引用特許文献もなし (No references cited)	

³ Note that English provided alongside Japanese is intended to facilitate comparison with the common forms used at overseas offices.

IV. 先の提出書類の援用の表示 (Previously submitted documents)

6. 上記において、
(If any of the above mentioned documents have been submitted before, please)

+ - (先行庁のオフィリアクションの写し、及び、その翻訳文) 入力例

+ -

+ - (先行庁における特許可能な請求項、及び、その翻訳文) 入力例

+ -

+ - (引用非特許文献) 入力例

+ -

**V. 提出物件(援用する物件は除く)(List of names of documents submitted)
早期審査に関する事情説明書に記載のとおり。**

VI. 提出を省略する物件 (List of names of documents omitted for submission)

+ - (先行庁のオフィリアクションの写し、及び、その翻訳文) 入力例

+ -

+ - (先行庁における特許可能な請求項、及び、その翻訳文) 入力例

+ -

+ - (引用特許文献) 入力例

+ -

D. 請求項の対応関係 (Claims Correspondence)

先行庁の特許可能請求項の削除 (A) (viii) When all the claims sufficiently correspond to the patentable/allowable claims in the OEE application, check the top box. Otherwise, check the bottom box.

請求項の対応関係は、以下の表に記載 (Claims correspondence is explained in the following table)

+	-	本出願の請求項 (Application Claims)	先行庁の対応請求項 (Corresponding OEE claims)	対応関係に関するコメント(複数の出願と対応する場合は、コメント欄に対応する出願番号も記載して下さい。) (Explanation regarding the correspondence)
+ -				
+ -				

**E. 見解書、予備審査報告の第VIII欄(国際出願に対する意見)に対する釈明*
(explaining any Box VIII observations of WO/ISA, WO/IPEA or IPER)**

(viii) If the bottom box has been checked, enter specific correspondence in this field.

出願人又は代理人 (Name(s) of applicant(s) or representative(s))
早期審査に関する事情説明書に記載のとおり。

(v) Check only when referring to the documents, and enter their application numbers and document names.

(vi) The names of the documents concerned should be directly provided in the "Explanation of Circumstances Concerning Accelerated Examination."

(vii) Enter the submission dates, names, and numbers, etc. of the documents omitted to be submitted.

(viii) When all the claims sufficiently correspond to the patentable/allowable claims in the OEE application, check the top box. Otherwise, check the bottom box.

(viii) If the bottom box has been checked, enter specific correspondence in this field.

(ix) When using PCT-PPH, always provide an explanation if "Observations on the international application" are stated in Box VIII of the latest work product for the international phase of a PCT application.

▶ **Important points regarding input items**

➤ A. Bibliographic data

Enter the number of the application concerned. If a Japanese application number has not been assigned, enter the international application number.

➤ B. The fields for OEE in the “Request” section

Select the OEE from the pull-down menu, check the box according to the OEE work products type, and enter the corresponding OEE application number. When filing a request for PPH based on multiple corresponding applications, enter all the corresponding application numbers. You will be able to add more input fields for the corresponding OEE application number by clicking “+”.

➤ C. The fields of I.1. to II.4. in the “Required Documents” section

Check the corresponding check box. When the examiner can browse documents in Dossier Access System or PATENTSCOPE, check the bottom check box. Otherwise, check the top check box.

NOTE: The default checking of the check boxes can be inappropriate depending on the combination of OEE and OEE Work Products Type. Be sure to confirm and make suitable adjustments.

➤ C. The field of “III. Documents Cited” in the “Required Documents” section

In the 5th item under “III. Documents Cited,” check the corresponding check box. When attaching cited non-patent documents, check the top box. When not attaching neither cited non-patent documents or cited patent documents, check the bottom box.

When only patent documents are cited in the OEE’s office action, do not check this field. Instead, enter the numbers of the cited patent documents in the “VI. List of names of documents omitted to be submitted” section.

➤ C. The field of “IV. Previously submitted documents”

When referring to previously submitted documents, check the 6th field and input information of such documents. You will be able to add more input fields by clicking “+”.

Please refer to the following input examples.

Entry example 1: when referring to previously submitted “copy of OEE work products”

2013年8月9日付拒絶理由通知の写し及びその翻訳文

(援用) 特願 2011-999999 平成 24 年 5 月 14 日付提出の早期審査に関する事情説明書

[English Translation as reference]

A copy of notice of reasons for refusal and its translation, dated August 9th, 2013

Reference: Japanese Patent Application No. 2011-999999; Explanation of Circumstances Concerning Accelerated Examination, submitted on May 14th, 2012

Entry example 2: when referring to previously submitted “patentable/allowable claims determined by OEE”

2014年12月1日付け提出の条約第34条による補正書の翻訳文

(援用) 特願 2015-123456 平成 27 年 3 月 9 日付特許協力条約第 34 条補正の翻訳文提出書

[English Translation as reference]

Translation of Written Amendment based on Article 34 of the PCT submitted on December 1st, 2014

Reference: Japanese Patent Application No. 2015-123456; Translation of Written Amendment based on Article 34 of the PCT, submitted on March 9th, 2015

Entry example 3: when referring to previously submitted “cited non-patent documents”

村岡洋一著、「コンピュータサイエンス大学講座 (第 11 巻) コンピュータ・アーキテクチャ」、第 2 版、株式会社近代科学者、1985 年 11 月、p. 123 - 127

(援用) 特願 2014-888888 平成 26 年 3 月 21 日付け提出の早期審査に関する事情説明書

[English Translation as reference]

“Computer Science University Course (Vol. 11): Computer Architecture,” 2nd Edition, by Youichi Muraoka, Kindai kagaku sha Co., Ltd., November 1985, pages 123-127.

Reference: Japanese Patent Application No. 2014-888888; Explanation of Circumstances Concerning Accelerated Examination, submitted on March 21st, 2014

➤ C. The field of “V. List of names of documents for submitted”

When documents are to be submitted, instead of entering the document numbers and relevant data in the “V. List of names of documents submitted” section of the web form, indicate the list of documents to be submitted in the “Explanation of Circumstances Concerning Accelerated Examination”, and then submit them as attached documents.

➤ C. The field of “VI. List of names of documents omitted for submission”

When there are documents omitted to be submitted, including office actions, cited patent documents and other related documents, enter the document numbers and other relevant information in the “VI. List of names of documents omitted to be submitted” field. You will be able to add more input fields by clicking “+”.

➤ D. The field of “Claims Correspondence”

When all the claims in the application for which the PPH request is filed sufficiently correspond to the patentable/allowable claims in the OEE application, check the box, “All the claims in the application sufficiently correspond to the patentable /allowable in the OEE application”.

Otherwise, check the box, “Claims correspondence is explained in the following table” and enter the specific correspondence relationship between the claims in the application and the corresponding claims in the OEE application. You will be able to add more input fields by clicking “+”

Moreover, when filing the PPH request based on multiple corresponding applications, enter the corresponding application number in the bracket at the top of the comment field as follows. Any notes in the remarks column should be brief. If notes cannot be condensed into a single line, insert extra lines as appropriate.

Claims correspondence when there are multiple corresponding numbers

Entry example:

D. 請求項の対応関係 (Claims Correspondence)				
<input type="checkbox"/> 先行庁の特許可能な全請求項と完全に一致する (請求項の削除、追加、並び替えが無く、請求項の文言が完全に一致する) (All the claims in the application sufficiently correspond to the patentable/allowable claims in the OEE application; or)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 請求項の対応関係は、以下の表に記載 (Claims correspondence is explained in the following table)				
+	-	本出願の請求項 (Application Claims)	先行庁の対応請求項 (Corresponding OEE claims)	対応関係に関するコメント (複数の出願と対応する場合は、コメント欄に対応する出願番号も記載して下さい。) (Explanation regarding the correspondence)
+	-	1-5	1-5	(13/000000)両クレームは記載形式を除いて同一である
+	-	6	1	(14/000000)両クレームは同一である
+	-	7	3	(14/000000)両クレームは引用する請求番号を除き同一である
+	-	8	5	(14/000000)両クレームは引用する請求番号を除き同一である
+	-	9	7	(14/000000)両クレームは同一である
+	-	10	8	(14/000000)両クレームは同一である

- E. The field of “explaining any Box VIII observations of WO/ISA, WO/IPEA or IPER” (opinions on the international application)

When the PCT international phase product is used and an opinion is stated in Box VIII of the Written Opinion or the International Preliminary Examination Report, [be sure to input an explanation for the opinion in the field of E.](#)

(4) How to generate image data

After entering the required information for the PPH request, please generate image data for the PPH Request Form.

Since image data generation and saving methods vary depending on the browser you use, please refer to the methods which are explained by the browser.

▶ Chrome, Edge, Firefox

- Click “Generate and Save image” which is displayed in the function column.

<p>【PPH申請書作成フォーム利用手順】</p> <p>以下の手順でPPH申請書を作成してください。</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 右側のPPH申請書(webフォーム)の各項目を日本語で入力する 2. PPH申請書のイメージデータを生成し、ファイルとして保存する <p>保存したイメージファイルを「早期審査に関する事情説明書」の提出物件「PPH申請書」として添付してください。</p> <p>※各アイコンの使用をご参照ください。</p> <p>【提出資料(イメージデータ)生成・保存】</p> <p>イメージ生成・保存</p>	<p>PPH申請書</p> <p>(REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY (PPH) (PILOT) PROGRAM)</p>	
	<p>A. 書誌事項※必須 (Bibliographic Data)</p> <p>出願番号 (Application Number) <input type="text" value="例) 特願2015-000001"/></p> <p><small>出願番号が付与されていない場合には、国際出願番号を記載</small></p>	
<p>B. 必要事項※必須 (Request)</p> <p>出願人による以下に基づく特許審査ハイウェイの申請： (Applicant requests participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) (pilot) program based on:)</p>		
<p>先行庁 (国際調査機関又は国際予備審査機関を含む) (Office of Earlier Examination (OEE))</p> <p><input type="text" value="先行庁を選択してください"/></p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/> 国内出願の審査結果を利用 (PPH又はPPH MOTTAINAI) (National/Regional Office Action(s))</p>
<p>先行庁の審査書類形式</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/> PCT国際段階成果物を利用 (PCT-PPH) (WO-ISA, WO-IPEA or IPER)</p>

Generate and save image

ii. When a confirmation pop-up appears for file downloading, confirm it and save the data. The data is saved under names of “ap_pph01.jpg”, “ap_pph02.jpg” and “ap_pph03.jpg”, which configure image data of the PPH Request Form. These last numbers of the file names show the order of attachment of images to the “Explanation of Circumstances Concerning Accelerated Examination” to be completed subsequently. Please bear this in mind in case of changing the file names for saving.

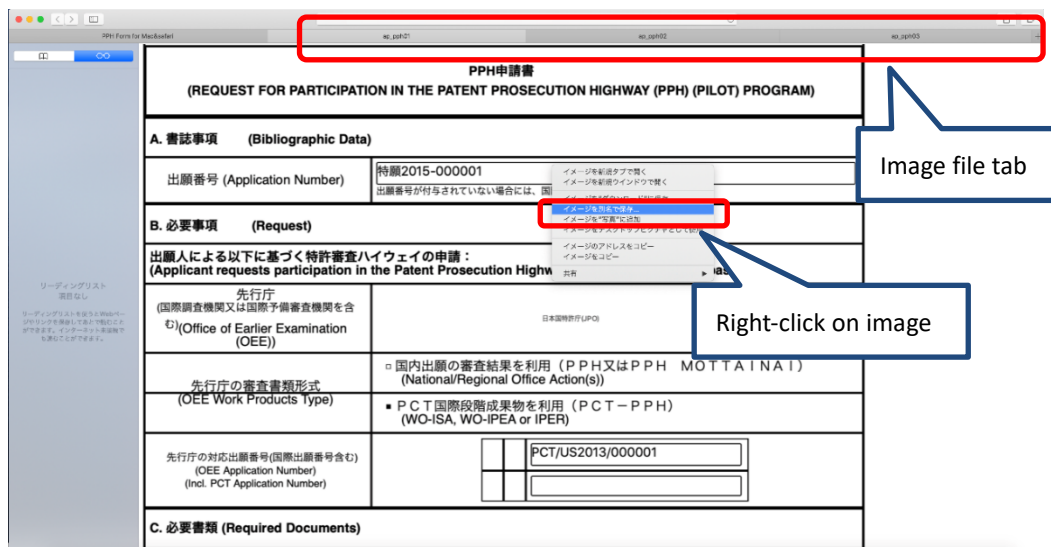
► Safari

i. Click “Generate image” which is displayed in the function column.

<p>【PPH申請書作成フォーム利用手順】</p> <p>以下の手順でPPH申請書を作成してください。</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 右側のPPH申請書 (Webフォーム) の各項目を日本語で入力する 2. PPH申請書のイメージデータを生成する 3. 生成されたイメージを保存する <p>保存したイメージファイルを「早期審査に関する事情説明書」の提出物件「PPH申請書」として添付してください。</p> <p>※各アイコンの使用をご参照ください。</p> <p>【提出資料(イメージデータ)生成】</p> <p>イメージ生成</p>	<p>PPH申請書</p> <p>(REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY (PPH) (PILOT) PROGRAM)</p>	
	<p>A. 書誌事項※必須 (Bibliographic Data)</p> <p>出願番号 (Application Number) <input type="text" value="例) 特願2015-000001"/></p> <p><small>出願番号が付与されていない場合には、国際出願番号を記載</small></p>	
<p>B. 必要事項※必須 (Request)</p> <p>出願人による以下に基づく特許審査ハイウェイの申請： (Applicant requests participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) (pilot) program based on:)</p>		
<p>先行庁 (国際予備審査機関を含む) (Office of Earlier Examination (OEE))</p> <p><input type="text" value="先行庁を選択してください"/></p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/> 国内出願の審査結果を利用 (PPH又はPPH MOTTAINAI) (National/Regional Office Action(s))</p>
<p>先行庁の審査書類形式 (OEE Work Products Type)</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/> PCT国際段階成果物を利用 (PCT-PPH) (WO-ISA, WO-IPEA or IPER)</p>

Generate image

ii. Image data configuring the PPH Request Form is dividedly displayed into three tabs, “ap_pph01”, “ap_pph02” and “ap_pph03”.



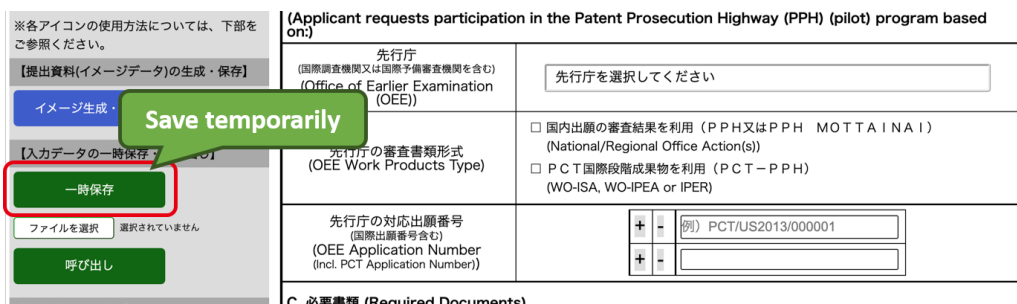
- iii. Right-click on each image on the tab and select “Save Image As...” to save image data into the file. Files can be named freely. However, the last numbers of the tab names “ap_pph01”, “ap_pph02” and “ap_pph03” file show the order of attachment of images to the “Explanation of Circumstances Concerning Accelerated Examination” to be completed subsequently. Please bear this in mind in case of changing the file names for saving.

(5) Other functions

- i. Temporary saving of input data

Use this function to save input data temporarily while completing the form.

Upon clicking “Save temporarily”, the data is saved as a “pph_temp.txt” file in a prescribed folder. When a confirmation pop-up appears for file downloading, confirm it and save the data. Note that the temporarily saved data is saved in text file format.



- ii. Retrieval of input data

Use this function to re-enter the content of the text file saved with the “Save temporarily” function into the web form. Click “Select file” to select the file you need to retrieve, and then click “Retrieve data.” The temporarily saved data will be entered into the web form.

※各アイコンの使用法については、下部をご参照ください。

【提出資料(イメージデータ)の生成・保存】

イメージ生成・保存

Select file

Retrieve data

ファイルを選択 選択を

呼び出し

【提出資料(イメージデータ)の生成・保存】

(Applicant requests participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) (pilot) program based on:)

先行庁 (国際調査機関又は国際予備審査機関を含む) (Office of Earlier Examination (OEE))	先行庁を選択してください
先行庁の審査書類形式 (OEE Work Products Type)	<input type="checkbox"/> 国内出願の審査結果を利用 (PPH又は PPH MOTTAINAI) (National/Regional Office Action(s)) <input type="checkbox"/> PCT国際段階成果物を利用 (PCT - PPH) (WO-ISA, WO-IPEA or IPER)
出願番号 (OEE Application Number Incl. PCT Application Number)	<input type="text" value="例) PCT/US2013/000001"/> <input type="text"/>

C. 必要書類 (Required Documents)

iii. Deletion of input data

Use this function to delete the data in processing, which has been entered into the field. Click "Clear" and the web form will be reset to the initial state without data.

呼び出し

Clear

【入力データの消去】

入力クリア

【提出資料 (テキストデータ) の生成】

テキスト生成・保存

(Incl. PCT Application Number)

C. 必要書類 (Required Documents)

I. 先行庁のオフィスアクションの写し、及び、その翻訳文
(OEE Work Products and, if required, Translations)

1. 先行庁のオフィスアクションの写しを添付する
(A copy of OEE work products is attached; or)
 ドシエ・アクセス・システム又はPATENTSCOPEにおいて、オフィスアクションの情報が提供されている
(The office is requested to retrieve documents via the Dossier Access System or PATENTSCOPE)

iv. Generation of text data

Use this function only when image data cannot be generated.

Upon clicking "Generate and save text," a "PPH_FORM_TEXT.txt" file is saved in a prescribed folder. When a confirmation pop-up appears for file downloading, confirm it and save the data.

呼び出し

Generate and save text

【入力データの消去】

入力クリア

【提出資料 (テキストデータ) の生成】

テキスト生成・保存

(Incl. PCT Application Number)

C. 必要書類 (Required Documents)

I. 先行庁のオフィスアクションの写し、及び、その翻訳文
(OEE Work Products and, if required, Translations)

1. 先行庁のオフィスアクションの写しを添付する
(A copy of OEE work products is attached; or)
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(The office is requested to retrieve documents via the Dossier Access System or PATENTSCOPE)

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1 PPH申請書 (REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY (PPH) (PI
2 LOT) PROGRAM) ↓
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5 出願番号 (Application Number) ↓
6 特願2021-NNNNNN ↓
7 ↓
8 B. 必要事項 (Request) ↓
9 出願人による以下に基づく特許審査ハイウェイの申請 (Applicant requests participa
10 tion in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) (pilot) program based on) ↓
11 先行庁 (Office of Earlier Examination (OEE)) USPTO ↓
12 先行庁の審査書類形式 (OEE Work Products Type) ↓
  
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3. PPH request using the PPH Request Form

(1) Completion of the “Explanation of the Circumstances Concerning Accelerated Examination”

- (i) Enter bibliographic information such as [Indication of the Case] and [Submitter].
- (ii) Describe “Patent Prosecution Highway” in [Types of accelerated examination].
- (iii) In the “1. Circumstances” field of the [Explanation of Circumstances Concerning Accelerated Examination], state that the accelerated examination is requested under the Patent Prosecution Highway program, and explain the relationship between the present application and the corresponding OEE applications.

Entry example 1: When using examination results of an application filed with the USPTO

特許審査ハイウェイに基づく早期審査の申請を行う。

本出願の優先権主張の基礎となる対応米国出願（出願番号 13/705***）に対して、米国特許商標庁により特許可能との判断がなされている。

[English Translation as reference]

An accelerated examination under the Patent Prosecution Highway program is requested.

This application is an application claiming priority under the Paris Convention based on the corresponding application filed with the USPTO (the application number is 13/705***). The USPTO found the invention in this corresponding application patentable.

Entry Example 2: When using a work product in the international phase of a PCT application

特許審査ハイウェイに基づく早期審査の申請を行う。

本出願は、国際出願（PCT/XX0000/000000）の国内移行案件であり、当該国際出願の〇〇特許庁が作成した最新国際段階成果物において、特許請求の範囲に対し特許性有りとの判断が明示されている。

[English Translation as reference]

An accelerated examination under the Patent Prosecution Highway program is requested.

This application is a PCT international application (PCT/XX0000/000000) that entered into the national phase, and the latest work product in the international phase of the PCT application established by the xx Patent Office clearly states that the invention within the scope of the claims in the PCT international application is patentable.

- (iv) Provide information for the documents to be submitted in the “List of submitted documents” field.

Since the PPH Request Form completed under the above 2.4 is to be attached as a document to be submitted, write “PPH Request Form” in the “Document name” field of the “List of attached documents”, and attach the image data of the PPH Request Form to the “Content” field.

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Entry example:

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[English Translation as reference]

[List of submitted documents]

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[List of attached documents]

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[Content] (three image files are attached)

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[Example of completion: Explanation of Circumstances Concerning Accelerated Examination (image file)]

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[Example of completion: Explanation of Circumstances Concerning Accelerated Examination (text file)]

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Insert text files

(2) How to submit the “Explanation of Circumstances Concerning Accelerated Examination”

(When submitting online with the electronic filing software)

- (i) Save the completed “Explanation of Circumstances Concerning Accelerated Examination” in html format, and submit the file to the JPO using the electronic filing software.
- (ii) Before submitting the file, make sure that the image data is not too small, the attached image files are in the correct order and other relevant conditions.

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(When submitting documents in paper)

Print the image file of the completed PPH Request Form on A4 paper in vertical orientation, and submit it to the JPO by attaching it to the “Explanation of Circumstances Concerning Accelerated Examination.”

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