

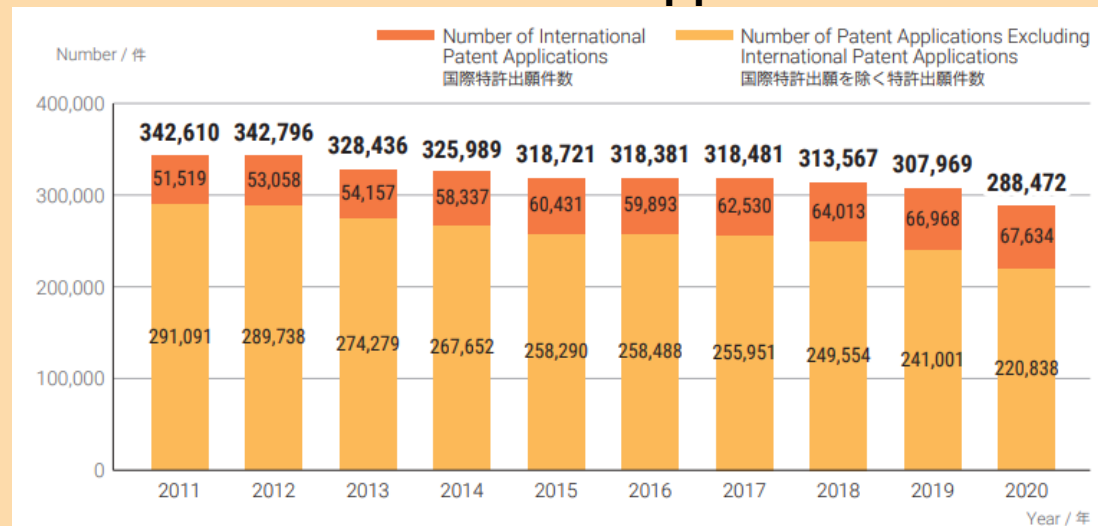
The JPO released Status Report 2021

The JPO has released its Status Report 2021, which summarizes statistics and demonstrates the progress they make in their promoted measures, for example, shortening the examination period and increasing the level of user satisfaction. The Status Report is written in Japanese and English, and is available on [the JPO website](#). In this newsletter, we introduce a brief description of it.

Statistics

Various statistics allow you to get a grasp of IP trends in Japan. On the right is a graph showing the number of patent applications filed at the JPO each year.

Number of Patent Applications

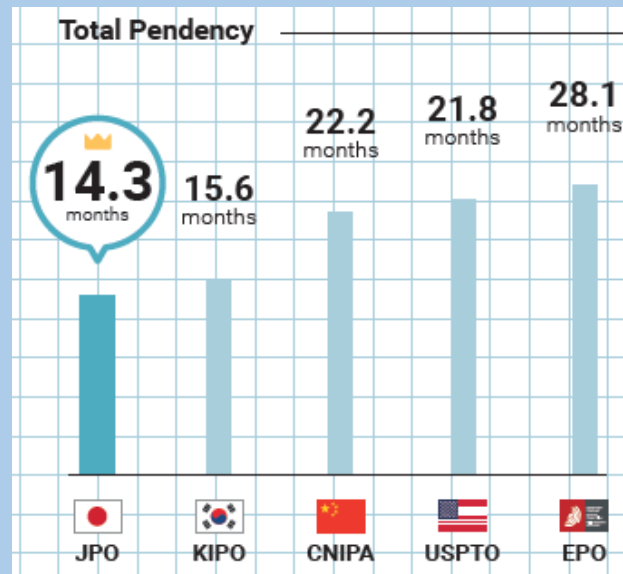


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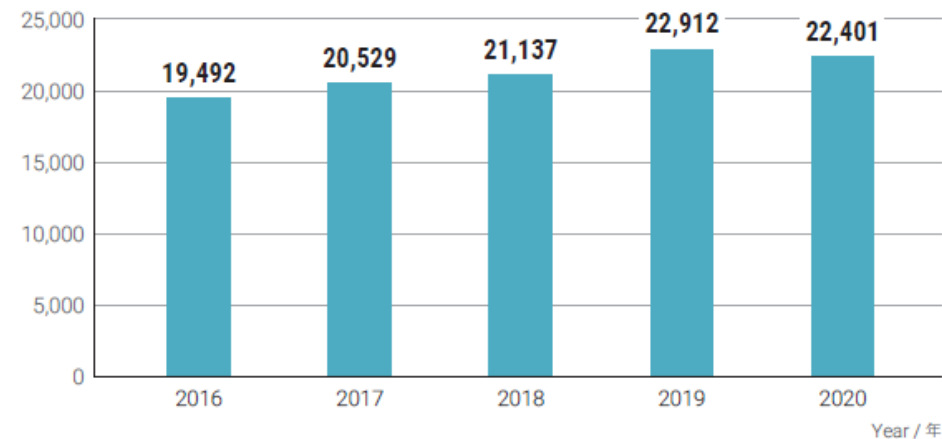
- The number of patent applications includes the number of applications for registration of extension of the duration of a right.
- An international patent application is an international application under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) that includes Japan as one of the designated countries and for which documents to enter the national phase were submitted to the JPO (patent applications only). The number of the applications was counted by the date when documents to enter the national phase were filed.

Accelerated Examination System/Super-accelerated Examination System

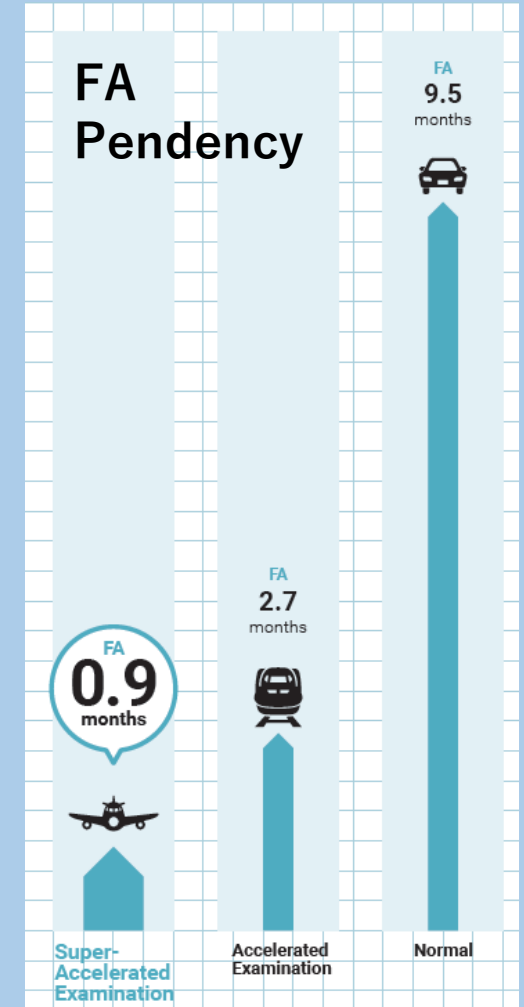
As a result of the JPO's ongoing efforts to expedite examinations, it is reported that examinations are being conducted much expeditiously than in other offices. Since the JPO has been promoting the use of accelerated examination and super-accelerated examination, the number of requests for such examinations has been steadily increasing.



Number of Requests for Accelerated Examinations for Patent



Note: The number of requests for accelerated examinations is the number of "Written Explanation of Circumstances Concerning Accelerated Examination" that were submitted.



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Top 10 companies with the Most Number of Patent Registrations in 2020

Several of the top 10 companies are also ranked in other rankings (for designs or trademarks). This demonstrates their high level of interest in obtaining IP rights and their business appetite in Japan.

Foreign Companies

Rank	Applicant	Number of Registrations
1	QUALCOMM	679
2	LG Chem	650
3	HUAWEI TECHNOLOGIES	569
4	Royal Philips	540
5	Samsung Electronics	341
6	Robert Bosch	335
7	General Electric	327
8	The Boeing	290
9	ALIBABA GROUP	278
10	Google	245

Ranked 10th in Design

Ranked 6th in Design

Domestic Companies

Rank	Applicant	Number of Registrations
1	Canon	3,680
2	Mitsubishi Electric	3,626
3	TOYOTA MOTOR	2,714
4	Panasonic	2,643
5	DENSO	2,049
6	Honda Motor	1,651
7	Ricoh	1,602
8	SANKYO	1,542
9	FUJITSU	1,453
10	NEC	1,370

Ranked 1st in Design

Ranked 2nd in Design and 9th in TM

Ranked 6th in Design

Companies who are ranked in other rankings
Huawei, Google, Mitsubishi Electric and Honda Motor ranked in the top 10 of design registration ranking as well. What is more, Panasonic, a giant Japanese general electric device maker, is ranked in the top 10 of patent, design and trademark registration rankings.

Note:

- Numbers in parentheses are for 2019.
- Each applicant was counted in the case joint applicants filed.

Reference: JPO Status Report 2021

<https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/resources/report/statusreport/2021/index.html>

*English is available