

# Patent News of Japan

## January, 2017

### **1. World's most innovative corporations, Japan with 34 companies outstanding in Asia.**

Clarivate Analytics, Inc., former Thomson Reuters IP & Science, an international information service provider, announced the "2016 Top 100 Global Innovator report" selecting the world's most innovative corporations and institutions on January 11th. Of 100 companies, Japan ranked second with 34 companies.

Clarivate Analytics analyzed corporations and institutions based on "patent volume", "patent-grant success rates", "global reach" and "invention influence". 39 companies are selected from the US, following Japan with 34 companies including Canon, Fuji Film and Hitachi. France ranked third with 10 companies followed by Germany with 4 companies. In Asian region, 3 companies are selected from Korea including LG Electronics and Samsung Electronics. Of all 9 car related companies, 7 companies such as Toyota and Nissan are from Japan.

The report has been published annually from 2010 and this year's report highlighted that the volume of patents filed has decreased while grant rates have increased. This trend showcases an increased commitment to quality over quantity for commercializing new technologies.

For more details, see the news release at

<http://news.clarivate.com/2017-01-10-Clarivate-Analytics-Names-2016-Top-100-Global-Innovators>

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### **2. The report of "Comparative Study on the Patent Trial for Invalidation among JPO, KIPO and SIPO" published.**

Joint Expert Comparative Study on the Patent Trial for Invalidation among JPO, KIPO and SIPOs Group of Trial and Appeal (JEGTA) was first held in 2013 in order to enhance the cooperation in trial and appeal in each country, to encourage information exchange or analysis of differences in system and management and to deepen mutual understanding. From then, three offices have been conducting comparative research of trial and appeal system for Japan, Korea and China.

This time, the report of Comparative Study on the Patent Trial for Invalidation among JPO, KIPO and SIPO was published.

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(in the 4thJEGTA Meeting held in Tokyo, September 5-7, 2016)

[http://www.jpo.go.jp/torikumi/kokusai/kokusai3/pdf/nicyukan\\_shinpan\\_hikakuken/study\\_invalidation\\_en.pdf](http://www.jpo.go.jp/torikumi/kokusai/kokusai3/pdf/nicyukan_shinpan_hikakuken/study_invalidation_en.pdf)

In 2014, Study on Appeal against Decision of Rejection was also published.

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### **3. A cabinet decision was made to revise a part of the Patent Law enforcement and its fee schedule.**

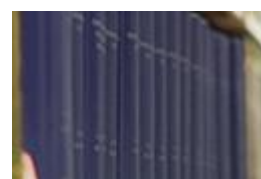
With respect to the enforcement of the TPP-related law established in the 192nd National Diet, Japan Patent Office will prepare the amendment of patent enforcement law with its fee schedule.

Summary of the decree decided by the Cabinet

In the TPP maintenance law, when the term that the patent owners can exercise the right because it takes a certain period of time or more until the patent is granted, the system of extension the patent term would be prepared to compensate for the shortened term. Along with this, JPO will make the amendment of the article number of corresponding patent term extension and fee schedule for the application of registration of patent term extension.

Effective date

The amendment will be effective as from the day of enforcement of TPP law.



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