

# Patent News of Japan

## June, 2018

### 1. JPDS participated in INTA annual meeting in Seattle

JPDS participated in INTA (International Trademark Association) annual meeting from May 19 to 23. 140th INTA annual meeting was held in Seattle, Washington, USA. INTA is the biggest international conference of trademark in the world. About 11,000 attendees of the area of brand owners, in-house counsel, outside counsel, government officials, academics, other IP professionals from 150 countries gathered to network with colleagues and clients, forge new business relationships, to access cutting edge contents, to gain new skills and so on. There were also 300+ educational programs such as keynote speeches, panels, mediation training, course on international, trademark law and practice, and in-house practitioners workshop. In the exhibition area, there were more than 160 exhibitors introducing their products and services. The meeting points were always full of people exchanging business cards and shake their hands.

Next year's INTA annual meeting will be held in Boston, Massachusetts, USA from May 18 to 22, 2019.



For more information including program, visit <https://www.inta.org/2018Annual/Pages/Home.aspx>.

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### 2. JPO published a report of patent application technology trend survey.

Japan Patent Office (JPO) published a report that examines and analyzes a large number of patents / articles information on the 12 technical themes of the state of the

art such as "organic EL devices", "lithium secondary batteries", "operation control of automatic running systems" and "voice input and output as a man-machine interface".

Due to progress of R & D in various countries, the number of global patent applications is increasing year by year. Analyzing the information on patent applications and academic papers that can be said to be a massive amount of big data, grasping the trend of R & D in each country and each company is very useful information for research and development strategy and policy examination. To achieve this, JPO selects a technical theme focusing on cutting-edge technical fields that will be impact on the next generation and conducts patent application technology trend survey.

This year's themes are

- Organic EL device
- Operation control of automatic traveling system
- Next generation optical fiber technology
- Rehabilitation equipment
- Ultrasound diagnostic equipment
- Food papers
- Lithium secondary battery
- Voice input and output as a man-machine interface
- Human stem cell related technology
- Anonymization technology
- CO2 immobilization / effective utilization technology
- MIMO technology

An overview of the report (Japanese only) can be available at

<http://www.meti.go.jp/press/2018/05/20180514001/20180514001-1.pdf>

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