

FY2019 Research Study on the Role of Japan's Intellectual Property System in the Economy

In recent years, expectations have been rising for the role of intellectual creative activities in achieving further economic growth and accelerating technological innovation in Japan. Also, there has been a lot of research and discussion on the system to lead to further economic growth and technological innovation brought about by intellectual property created through intellectual creative activities.

In this context, it is very important to empirically analyze how domestic and foreign corporations, individuals, universities, public research institutes, etc. (hereinafter simply referred to as "companies, etc.") are using the systems for protecting intellectual property and what effects they are obtaining, to examine future intellectual property policies and measures.

In this survey, we will empirically analyze the patent application-related behaviors and intellectual property strategies of domestic and foreign companies, etc. under the changing patent system using statistical methods, etc., to conduct a survey that will serve as material for studying the industrial property rights system and policy formulation for the establishment of an intellectual property system that promotes technological innovation and its industrialization and besides, the project aims to survey the current status of statistical and econometric empirical analysis on industrial property rights conducted in other countries.

These results can be utilized as basic data for system design and policy planning at the JPO and are also expected to provide useful information for companies and others to support the formulation of patent application strategies and intellectual property strategies.

We hope that this report, which summarizes the results of the above survey, will be utilized in the planning of Japan's intellectual property policies and the formulation of intellectual property strategies by companies, etc., and will contribute to the promotion of innovation in Japan.