

Country and National Needs Assessments for Licenses of Right and Utility Models

Since companies, universities, and other organizations are implementing various initiatives placing importance on inter-company collaboration and open innovation as an effective means of creating innovation under an urgent national issue of creation of innovation.

In the past, the patent and utility model systems were considered to encourage inventions and contribute to the development of industry by protecting and exploiting inventions and devices. In recent years, however, there has been increasing interest not only in the effect of excluding others and monopolizing the implementation of the invention, but also in the effect of encouraging the use of the invention of others.

For example, such a system that encourages the use of others' inventions is the license-of-right system introduced in the United Kingdom, Germany, and other countries.

The purpose of this study is to make basic material for considering a patent system and utility model system to promote inter-firm collaboration and open innovation through investigation of the actual conditions, issues and also foreign license-of-right system, utility model system.

We hope that this research will help Japanese companies to create innovations.