

Expedited patent examination mechanisms at the Japan Patent Office (JPO)

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Speed: 3 Tracks to Choose From

Normal



Fast Track
Accelerated
Examination



Super Fast Track
Super Accelerated
Examination

Free of Charge

10.1 months
First Action Pendency

15.2 months
Total Pendency

FY 2021

2.6 months
First Action Pendency

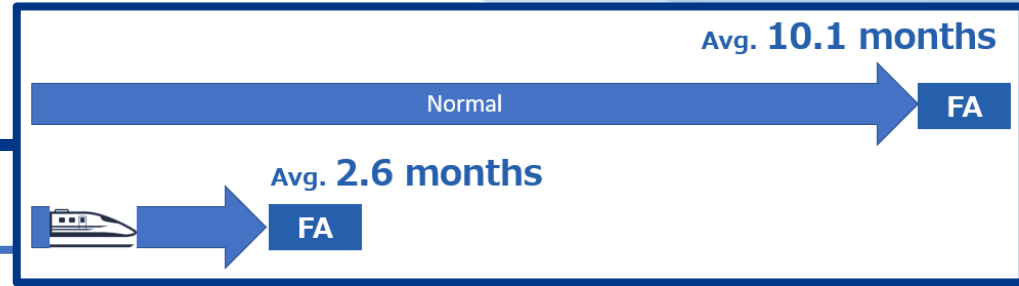
5.6 months
Total Pendency

FY 2021

0.8 month
First Action Pendency

2.6 months
Total Pendency

FY 2021



Requirements

- Request by the applicant (no additional fee is required)
- Explanation of differences between the claimed invention and the prior arts

Eligible Applications

Applications must correspond to at least one of the following:

- i. Applications for inventions that have already been **put into practice**, or will be put into practice within two years
- ii. Applications which **have foreign patent families**
- iii. Application **by SMEs, universities or research institutions**
- iv. Applications regarding **green technology**
- v. Additional factors which may be considered



Super Accelerated Examination

Avg. 10.1 months

Normal

FA

Avg. 0.8 months

FA

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- Explanation of differences between the claimed invention and the prior arts
- Requirement for the applicant to respond to the Office Action **within one month**

Eligible Applications

Two cases:

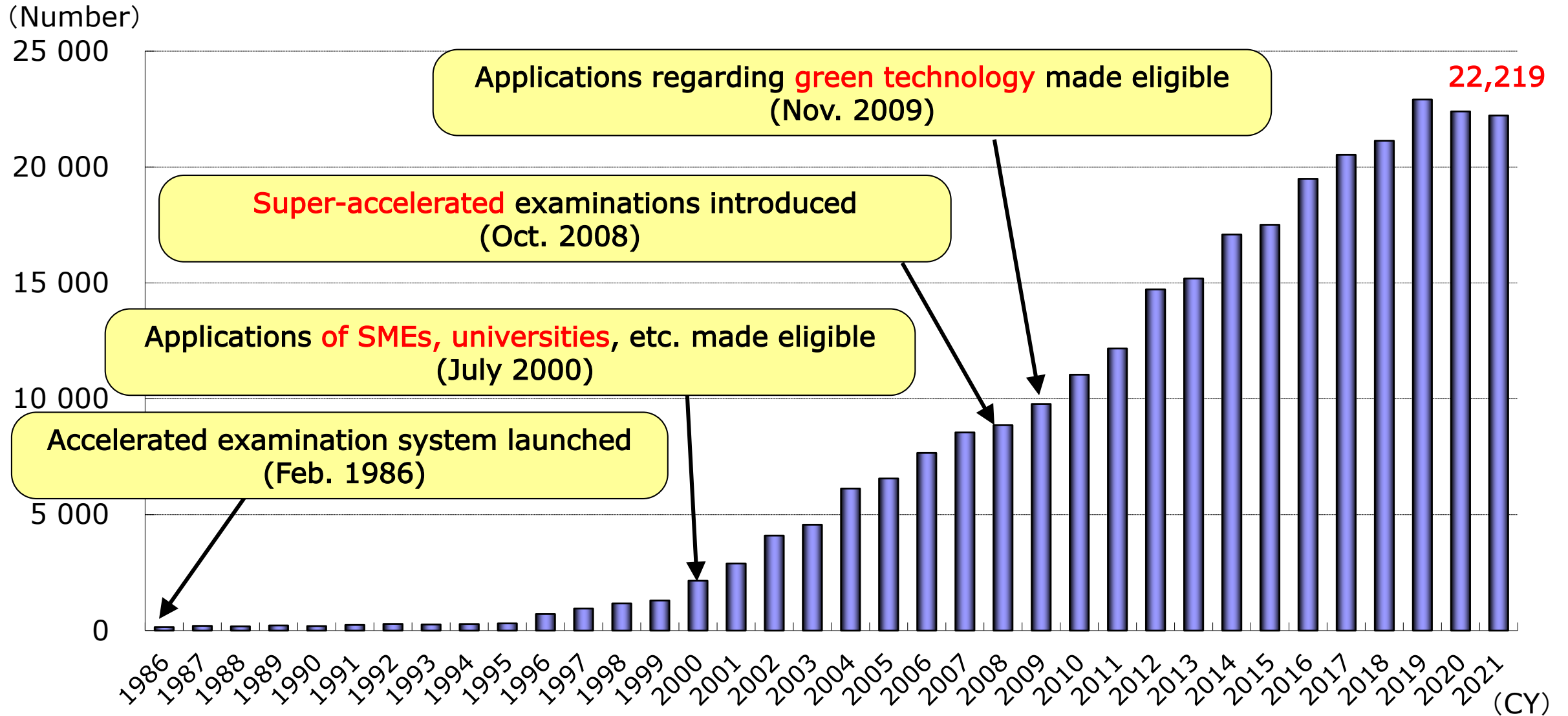
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⊖ Applications which **have foreign patent families**



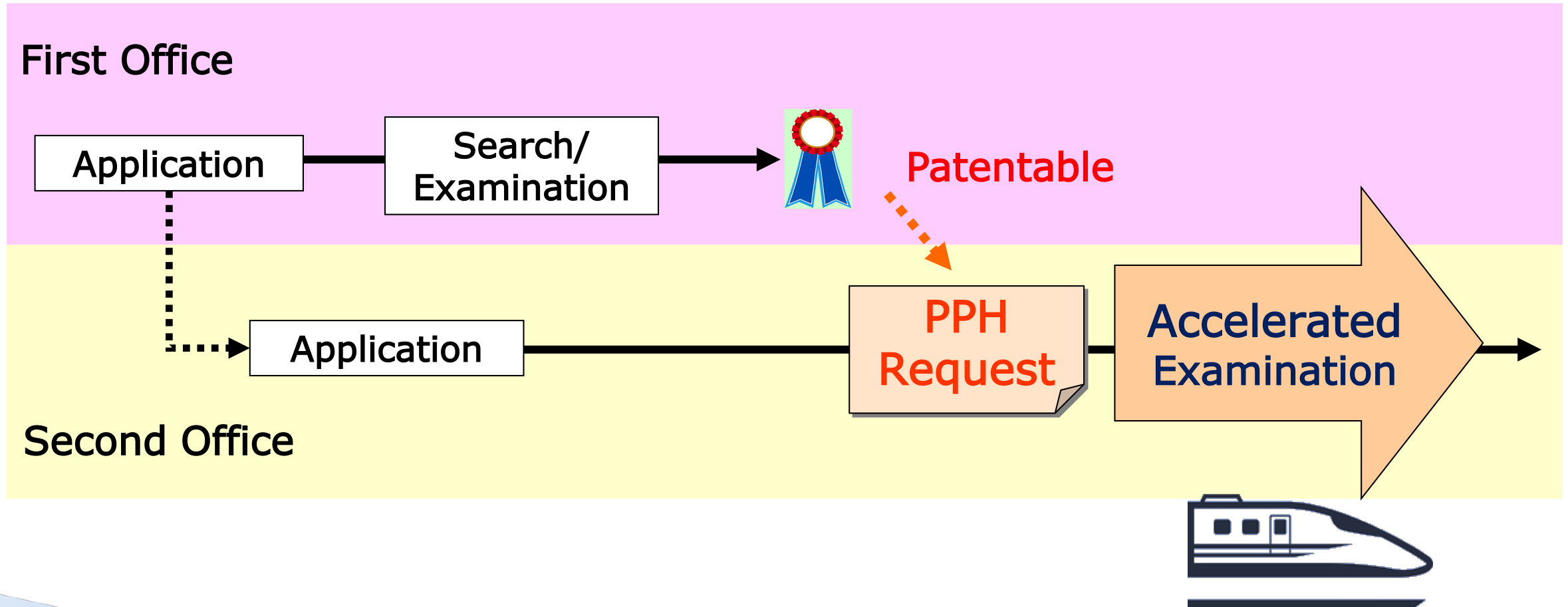
⊖ Applications **by startups**

Number of Requests for Accelerated Examinations

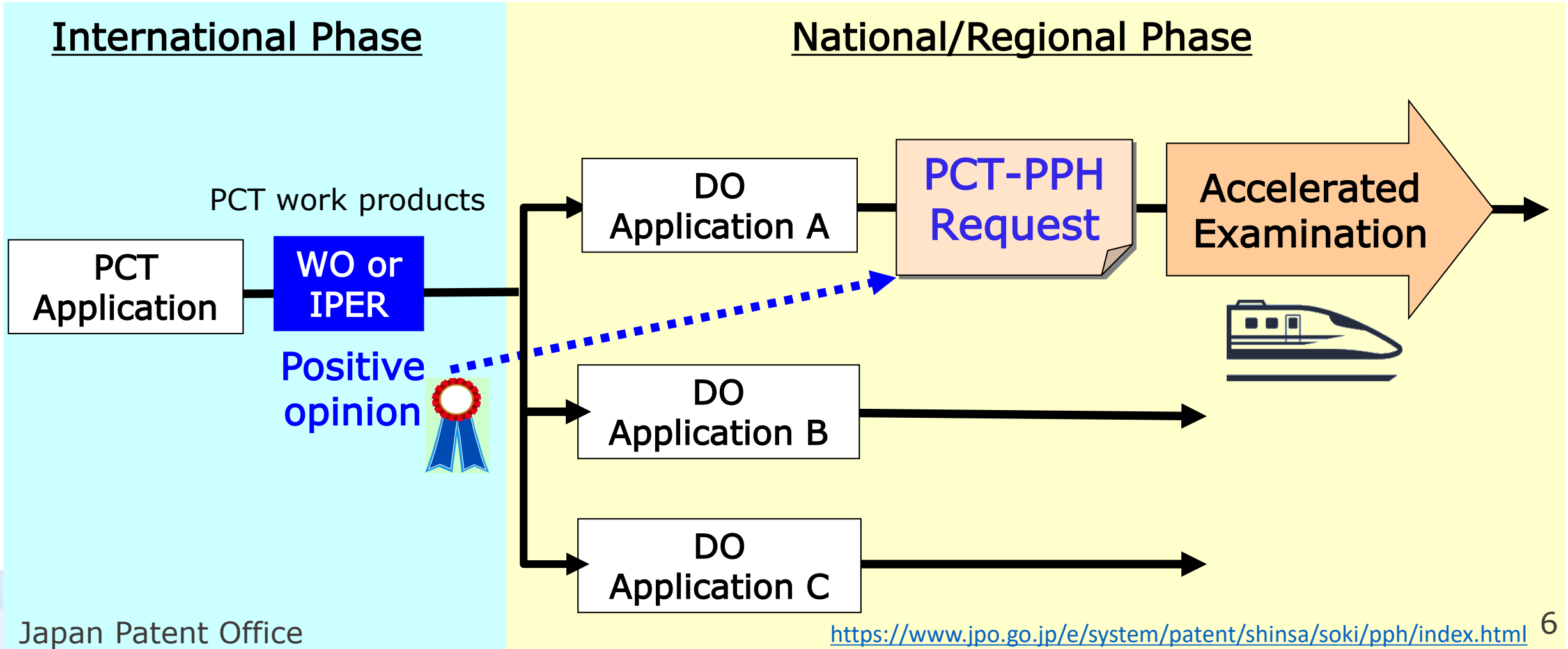


Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH)

Examination Cooperation Program Between Two Offices



PPH based on PCT international work products including WO and IPER



Thank you!!

