

*Importance of Industrial Property
in a Technology-Driven society:
Contribution of IT to the Enhanced
Role of Intellectual Property Offices*

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1. WIPO Asia-Pacific Regional Forum 2001

(September 2001, Japan)



Joint Statement

Role of Intellectual Property Offices

- * Protection of Intellectual Property Rights of Advanced Technologies for the Benefit of SMEs, Venture Businesses and Research and Development Institutions*
- * The Benefits of the Global Protection Systems and the Progressive Harmonization of Intellectual Property Laws*
- * Human Resource Development for the Efficient and Effective Protection of Intellectual Property Rights*
- * Policy and Strategy for the Use of Intellectual Property Information*

<http://www.jpo.go.jp/index.htm>
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2. Current Situation of IT and SMEs

e-Japan 2002 Program

The Strategic Headquarters for the Promotion of an Advanced Information and Telecommunications Network Society was launched in January 2001.



"IT Strategic Headquarters"



Goal!



"to make Japan the world's most advanced IT nation *within five years*"

Five Policy Areas

1. Promotion of High-Speed and Ultra-High-Speed Internet Infrastructure

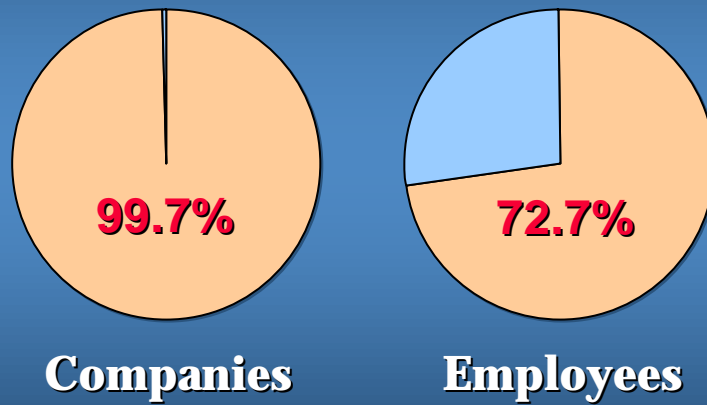
2. Digitization of School Education and Reinforcement of Human Resource Development

3. Enhancement of Network Content

4. Promotion of Electronic Government and Electronic Local Government

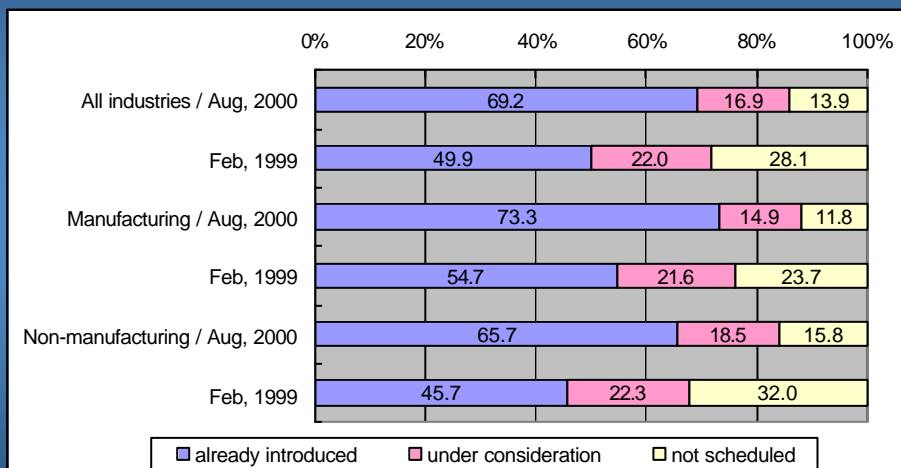
5. Reinforcement of International Activities

Share of Companies and Employees in Japanese SMEs



Source : White Paper on SMEs in Japan

Internet Introduction in Japanese SMEs



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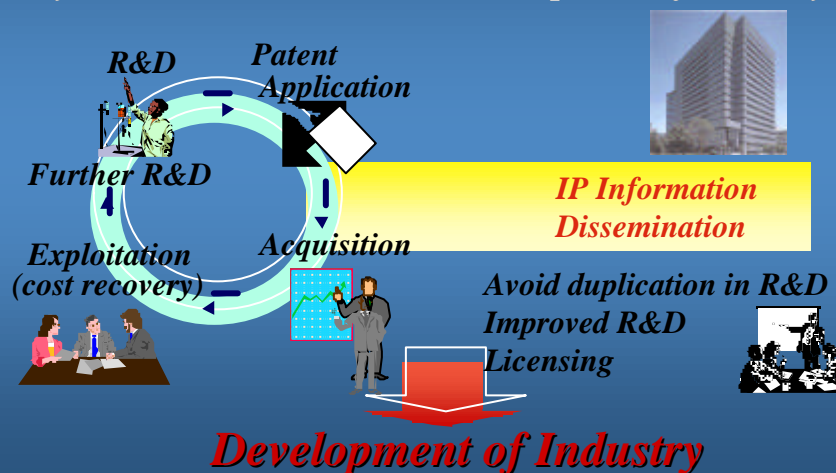
3. Utilization of Digital IP Information

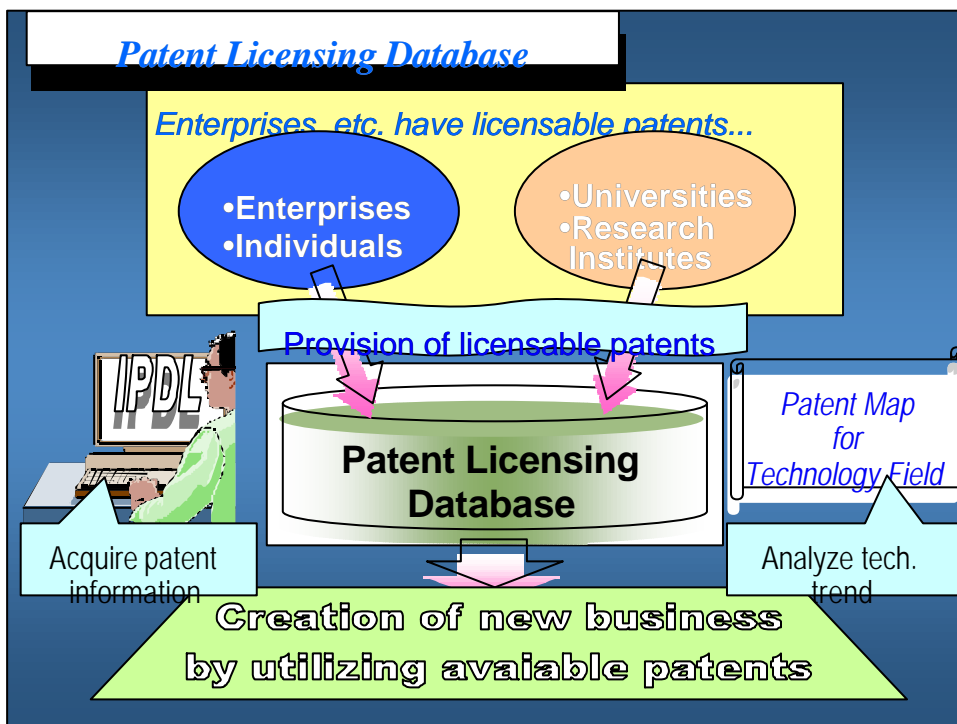
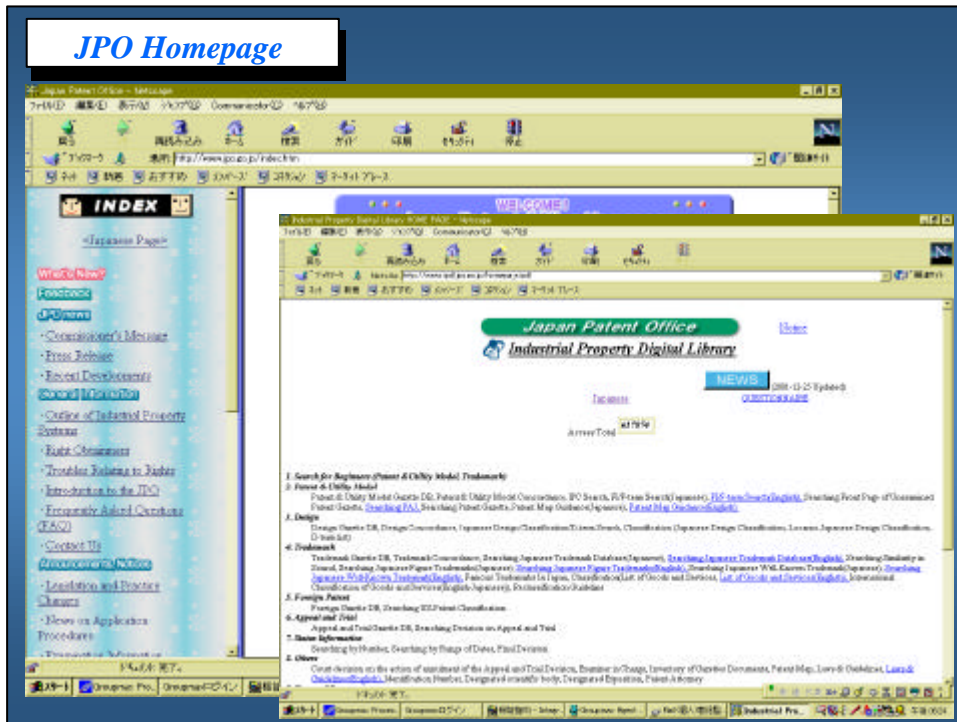
Computerization of JPO

1964	Administration Database
1984	PL project inauguration
1989	Comprehensive Document Database and F-term Retrieval Database
1990	Online Filing (Patent and Utility model)
1993	CD-ROM Official Gazettes
1996	JPO Homepage
1999	Industrial Property Digital Library Service (Internet Service)
2000	Online Filing (Trademark and Others)

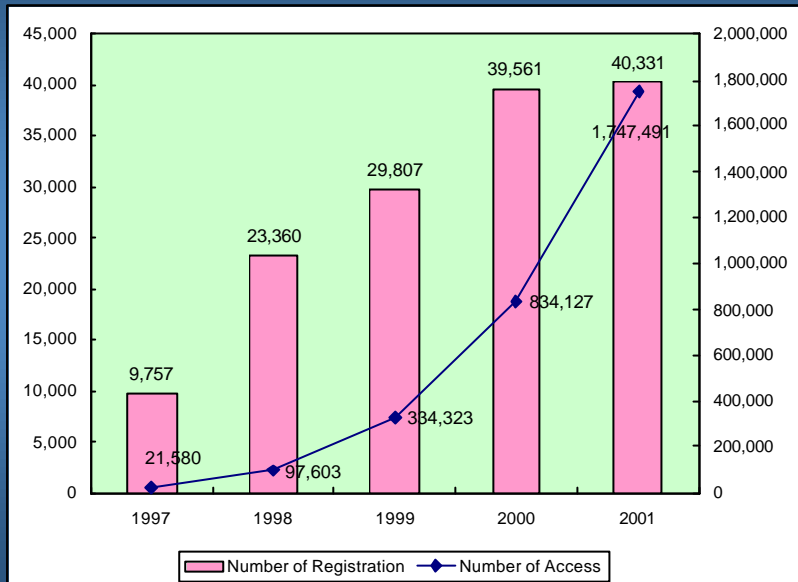
Cycle of Intellectual Creation

Disseminating IP information widely, cheaply and easily would contribute to the Development of Industry





Number of Registration and Access to Patent Licensing Database



4. Future plan for realizing user-friendly Office (IT related budget 2002Fy)

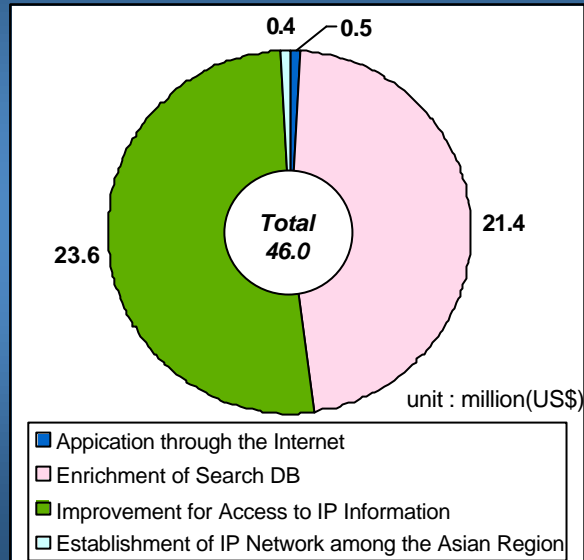
1. Application through the Internet

2. Enrichment of Search DB

3. Improvement for access to Patent Information

4. Establishment of Information Network among the Asian region

IT related budget 2002Fy



5. Summary

- * Utilization of IP Information Is Important for Enterprises, SMEs, Universities and the General Public.*
- * In order to Promote Utilization IP Information, Improvement of Environment is Necessary.*
- * Computerization of IP Offices Contributes to Broader Utilization of IP System.*
- * Effective Utilization of IP Information & Computerization of IP Offices Will Accelerate Economic Growth in Asian Region.*

*Thank you
for your attention.*