Chapter 1 Introduction

What is Japan Platform for Patent Information (J-PlatPat)?

Patent information is a repertory of technical information. The efficient use of this information is indispensable for the further activation of research & development and technical development.

Therefore, the National Center for Industrial Property Information and Training (INPIT) provides "Japan Platform for Patent Information (J-PlatPat)" for anybody to retrieve patent information free of charge anytime, anywhere through Internet. J-PlatPat reflects the strong wish for providing a user-friendly service "Easy access, easy find." J-PlatPat provides information about gazettes concerned with patents, utility models, designs, and trademarks that have been issued by Japan Patent Office since the Meiji Era (1868 - 1912). This platform also provides patent information about foreign gazettes and progress information to help checking the examination status of each application for a patent easily.

J-PlatPat has rich search functions and user interfaces to efficiently provide patent information expected by users. This platform is also interlinked with external services, such as J-GLOBAL (Japan Science and Technology Agency) and Machine Translation and Retrieval System of Chinese and Korean Documents (full text search for machine translations of Chinese and Korean documents). J-PlatPat is a new information platform that provides patent information by supporting new types of trademarks, such as colors and sounds.

What is Patent Information?

Do you know the term "patent information"?

Patent information is a generic term for information about gazettes issued by Japan Patent Office and progress information. This term refers to information about inventions, ideas, designs, and trademarks that have been applied for.

When you hit on a new idea, want to obtain the latest technical information, come up with a new design, or work out the name of a new product, the patent information is

useful to check whether they are actually present or used.

Advantages of Using Patent Information

Check of right information

The great characteristic of patent information is that the information is about rights. If you do business without checking right information, you may be suddenly sued for infringement on a patent and sued for enormous patent infringement compensation. It is important to apply for trademarks after checking the trademarks of other companies.

Prevention of wasteful research & development

Holding information about patents of other companies help avoiding research & development within the scopes of other companies' patents. This enables research & development and business expansion advantageous for own companies. Patent information is indispensable for companies to determine technical development policies.

Acquisition of the latest technical information

Since technical information used for patent applications is disclosed successively after a specified period, cutting-edge technical information is available. Making most of the information contributes to more effective research & development and the expansion of business fields.

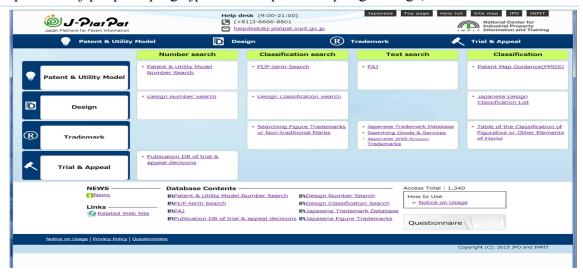
Access to Japan Platform for Patent Information (J-PlatPat)

You can access the Japan Platform for Patent Information by clicking "Japan Platform for Patent Information (J-PlatPat)" at the website of National Center for Industrial Property Information and Training.

Website of National Center for Industrial Property Information and Training (http://www.inpit.go.jp/english/index.html)



Website of Japan Platform for Patent Information (https://www.j-platpat.inpit.go.jp/web/all/top/BTmTopEnglishPage)



Chapter 2 Outline of Each Service

Japan Platform for Patent Information provides the following services:

Patent & Utility Model Search

1) Patent & Utility Model Number Search

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The Patent & Utility Model Number Search service enables users to retrieve patent & utility model gazettes of Japan by entering such document numbers as application numbers.

2) FI/F-term Search

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The FI/F-term Search service enables users to retrieve patent & utility model gazettes and other by entering FI and F-terms or facets used in Japan Patent Office.

3) Searching PAJ

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The Searching PAJ service enables users to retrieve English abstracts of published patent gazettes of Japan by entering English keywords or other.

4) Patent Map Guidance (PMGS)

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The Patent Map Guidance (PMGS) service enables users to retrieve descriptions of FI, F-terms and IPC, FI handbook, and F-term list. Users can also retrieve classification by entering keywords.

Design Search

1) Design Number Search

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The Design Number Search service enables users to retrieve design gazettes of Japan by entering such document numbers as application numbers.

2) Design Classification Search

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The Design Classification Search service enables users to retrieve design gazettes of Japan issued in January 2000 and later by entering design classification and D terms, or Locarno classification.

Trademark Search

1) Searching Japanese Trademark Database

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The Searching Japanese Trademark Database service enables users to retrieve bibliographic items and progress information about trademarks pending or registered by trademark names, document numbers, dates, and applicant names.

2) Searching Figure Trademarks or Non-traditional Marks

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The Searching Figure Trademarks or Non-traditional Marks service enables users to retrieve trademarks pending or registered that contain figures by entering figure classification used in Japan Patent Office.

3) Table of the Classification of Figurative or Other Elements of Marks

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The Table of the Classification of Figurative or Other Elements of Marks service enables users to retrieve figure tables of major, medium, and minor classification for figures.

4) Searching Japanese Well-known Trademarks

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The Searching Japanese Well-known Trademarks service enables users to retrieve trademarks registered as defensive marks and registered trademarks certified as well-known marks by objection, decision, or judgment by entering trademark names or right holders.

5) Searching Goods & Services

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The Searching Goods & Services service enables users to retrieve trade names or service names specified at trademark applications by entering trade names or service names.

Trial & Appeal

1) Publication DB of trial & appeal decisions

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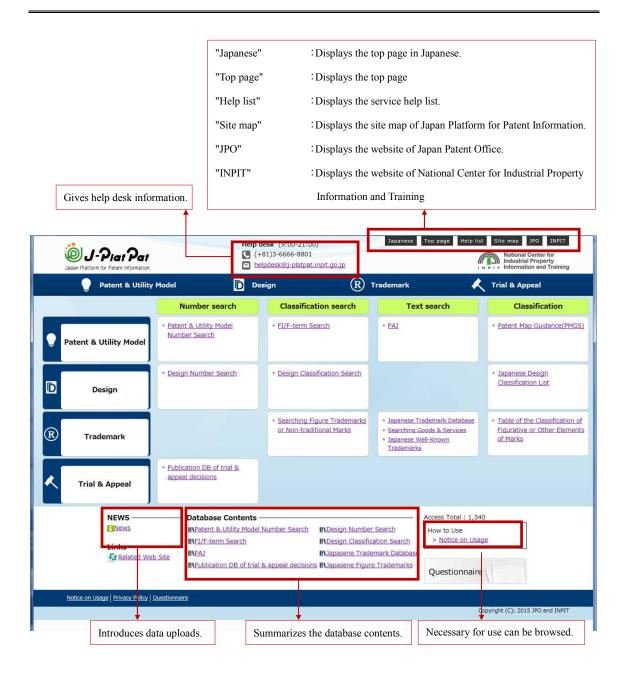
The Publication DB of trial & appeal decisions service enables users to retrieve

various gazettes of decisions and objections by entering document numbers.

Index by Purpose of Search

Search by keyword, such	as applicant name, technical term, or date	
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	Searching Goods & Services	.P.83
	Japanese Well-Known Trademark	.P.78
Search by number		
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Search by classification		
Patent & Utility Model	FI/F-term Search	.P.23
Design	Design Classification Search	.P.54
Trademark	Searching Figure Trademarks or Non-traditional Marks	.P.69
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Trademark	Table of the Classification of Figurative or Other Elements of Marks	.P.75
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	Publication DB of trial & appeal decisions	.P.88

Chapter 3 Top Page and Common Functions



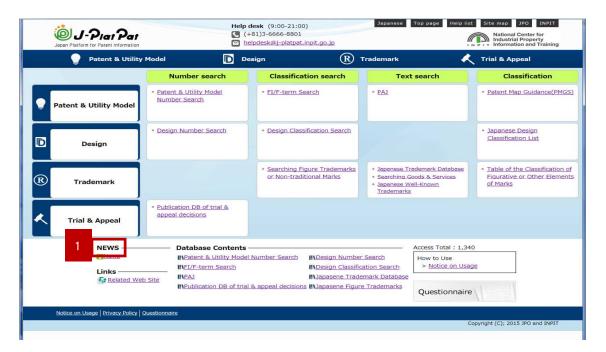
Check Service Outage Date and Time

Japan Platform for Patent Information may be totally out of service for equipment inspection and maintenance. Each service may also be disrupted temporarily for data update (at different timing depending on the service).

You can check the service outage date and time of Japan Platform for Patent Information and the data update date and time of each service as described below.

Checking the service outage date and time

1. Click NEWS on the top page.

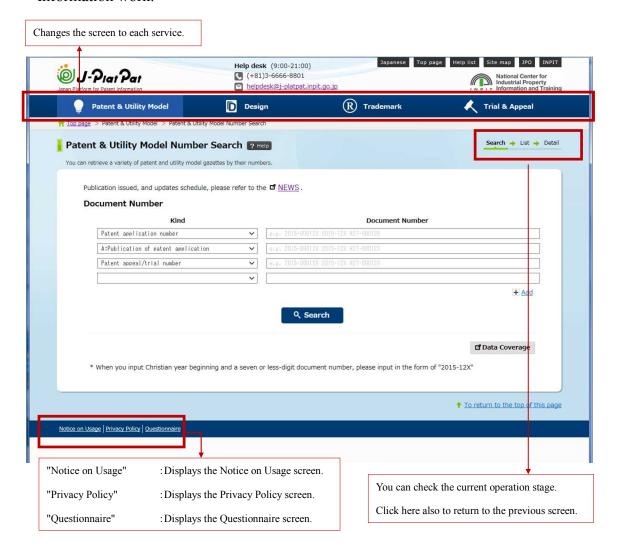


The Announcement of Maintenance screen displays the service outage date and time.

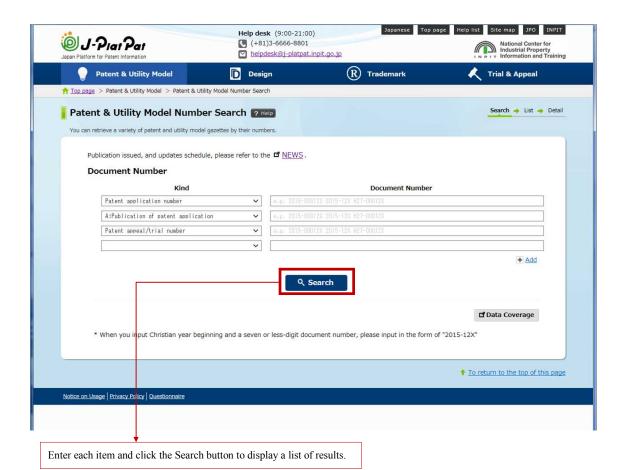


Common Functions to Services

This section explains how the common functions of Japan Platform for Patent Information work.



Input Screen



What is Japanese year?

SHOWA(S) is the reign of Emperor Hirohito (1926-1989,S1-S64), HEISEI(H) is the reign of Emperor Akihito (1989-,H1-).

To calculate Western year, add 1925(Showa year) or 1988(Heisei year).

What is Document Number?

Publication numbers: Syy-nnnnn

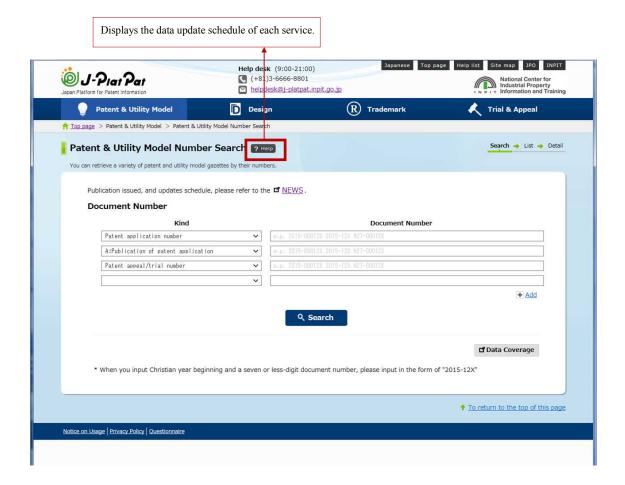
Hyy-nnnnn

yyyy-nnnnnn

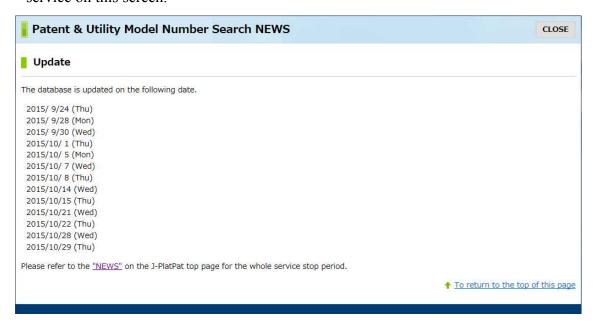
yyyy-nnnnnn

yyyy-nnnnnn

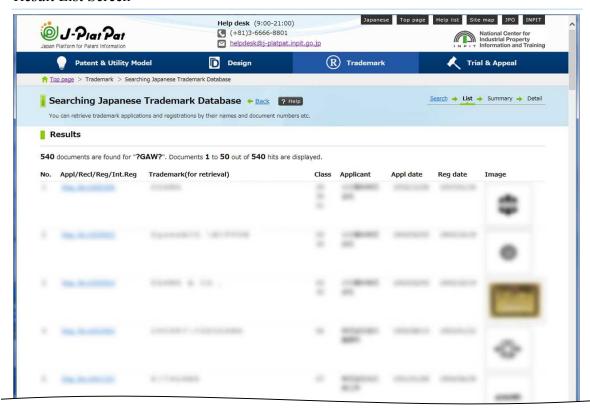
n...serial number



The News screen is displayed. You can check the data update date and time of each service on this screen.

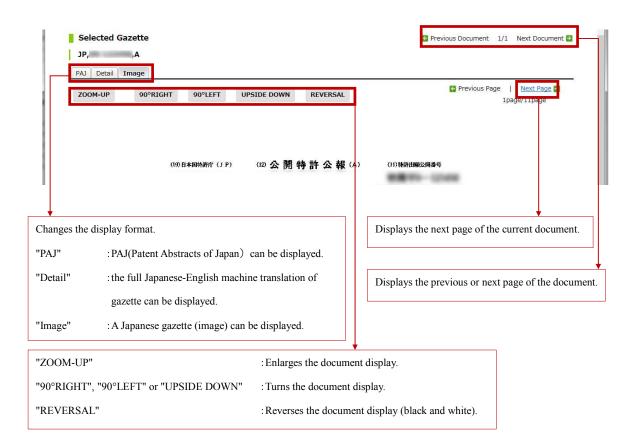


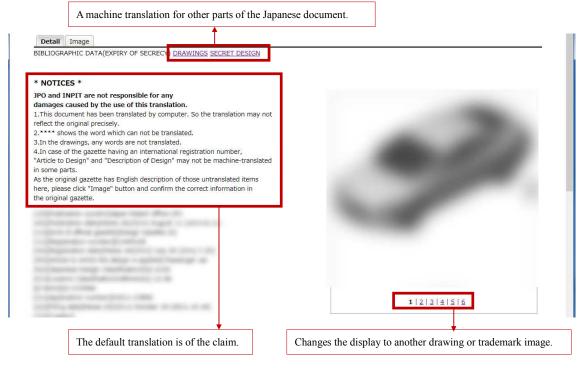
Result List Screen

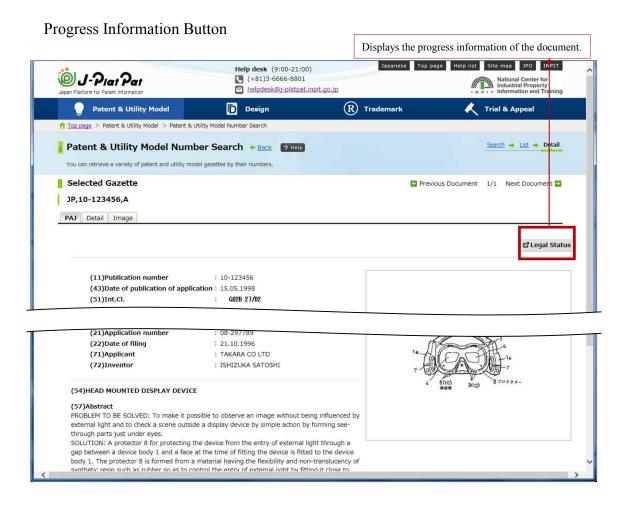




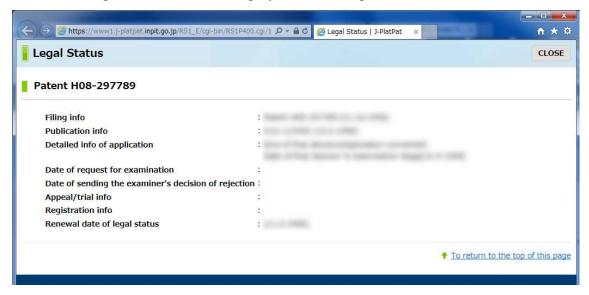
Detail Display Screen







Click the Legal Status button to display the following screen:

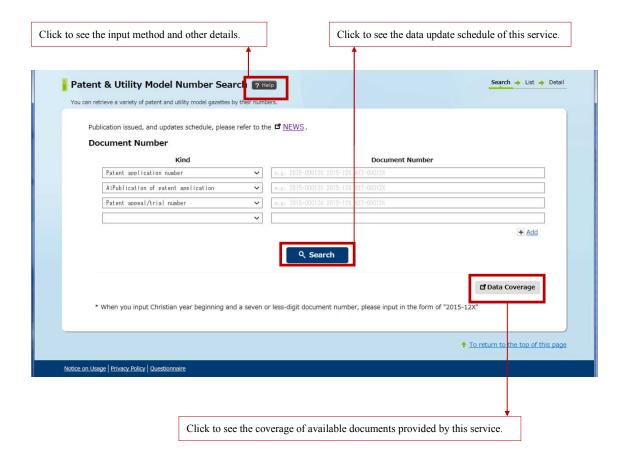


Chapter 4 Patent & Utility Model Search

Patent & Utility Model Number Search

The Patent & Utility Model Number Search service enables users to retrieve patent & utility model gazettes of Japan by entering such document numbers as application numbers.

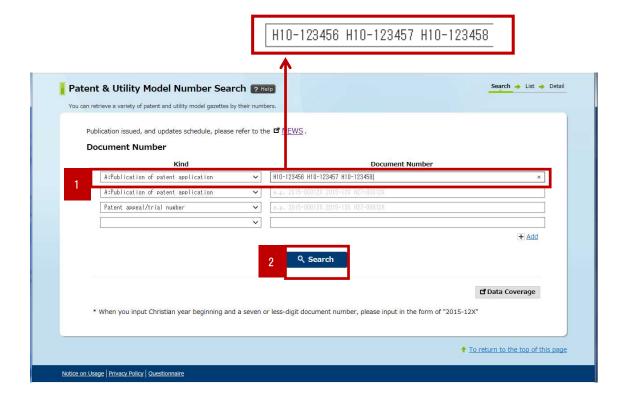
◆ Input Screen for Patent & Utility Model Number Search



Operating Procedure

(1) Entering search conditions

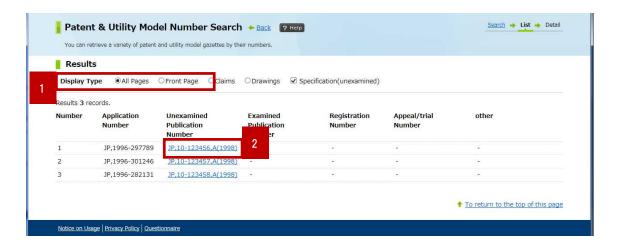
- 1. Select a kind and enter a document number by single-byte characters.
 - *The screen below is an example of input for searching published unexamined patent application numbers H10-123456, H10-123457, and H10-123458. See page 21 for details about the example of input. For multiple number input, delimit each number with a space.
- **2**. Click the Search button.

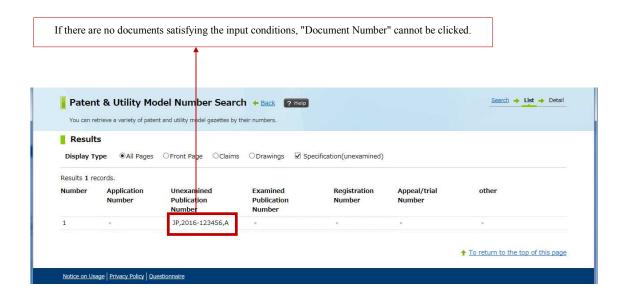


(2) Checking the result list

A list of documents satisfying the search conditions is displayed.

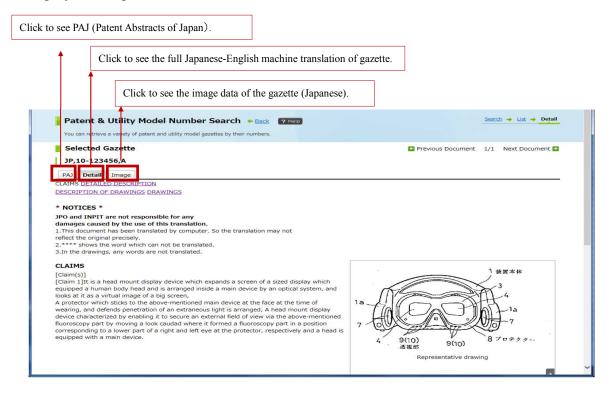
- 1. Select a display type for document display.
- **2**. Select a document number link.



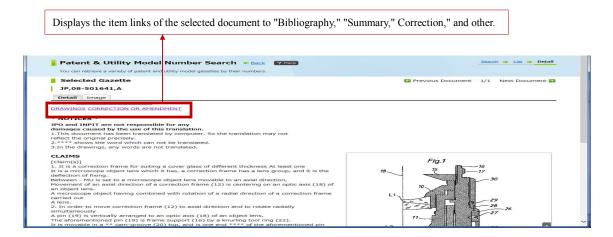


(3) Checking detail display

A detail display screen is displayed for the selected document. The document is in display mode specified on the result list screen.



PAJ is a English manual translation of a published patent gazette of Japan and its abstract. Therefore, the PAJ is not displayed if a gazette of other than published unexamined patent applications is searched. The screen below does not display the PAJ tab.



◆ Main Examples of Keyword Input for Search

Number input

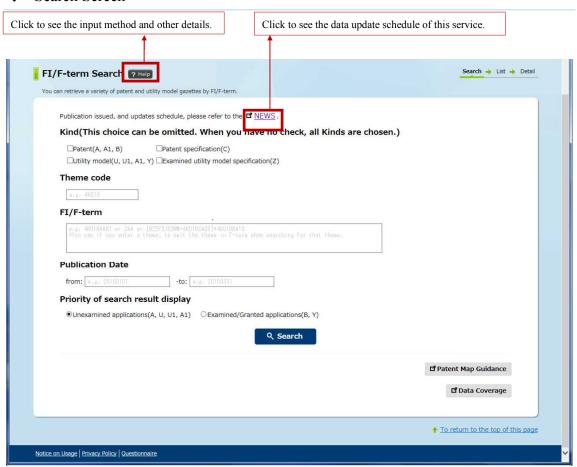
Search Item	Example of Input	Point
Patent application number	1996-297789	Please type using half-width characters.
A: Publication of patent	or	Japanese era (single digit alphabet +
application(A)	H08-297789	double digit number) - Consecutive
Utility model application number		numbers (6 digits)
U1: Unexamined utility model		or
specification		Christian year (4 digits) - Consecutive
A1: Domestic re-publication of		numbers (6 digits)
PCT publication		"-" and The leading zeros in the serial
Patent appeal/trial number		number can be omitted(entirely).
TT: 11 1/4:1 1		* Heisei = H,h, Showa = S,s, Taisho = T,t,
Utility model appeal/trial number		Meiji = M,m
B: Publication of examined/granted	2500001	Please type using half-width characters.
patent		How to input numbers is different,
U: Publication of utility model	2015-00012X.	depending on each kind.
application	or	•Publication of granted patent application,
Y: Publication of examined/granted	H27-00012X	Publication of granted utility model
utility model		application
		Consecutive numbers (7 digits)
		•Publication of examined patent
		application, Publication of examined
		utility model application
		Japanese era(single digit alphabet + double
		digit number) - Consecutive numbers (6
		digits)
		or
		Christian year (4 digits) - Consecutive
		numbers (6 digits)
		When a less than seven-digit number is
		input without inputting "-", treat as
		consecutive numbers (7 digits).

		Ex: If "Patent Gazette - Published
		Unexamined Patent Application (B) is
		selected and 199512X is entered as
		Published Unexamined Patent Application
		"1995-12X," Patent Gazette "199512X" is
		searched.
C: Patent specification	123456X	Please type using half-width characters.
Z: Examined utility model		Consecutive numbers (7 digits)
specification		
I: Corrected utility model	000012X	
specification		
N1: Journal of technical disclosure	015-00123X	Please type using half-width characters.
		0 + Christian year (lower 2 digits) -
		Consecutive numbers (6 digits)
		* Zero of the head is fixed

FI/F-term Search

The FI/F-term Search service enables users to retrieve patent & utility model gazettes and other by entering FI and F-terms or facets used in Japan Patent Office.

♦ Search Screen

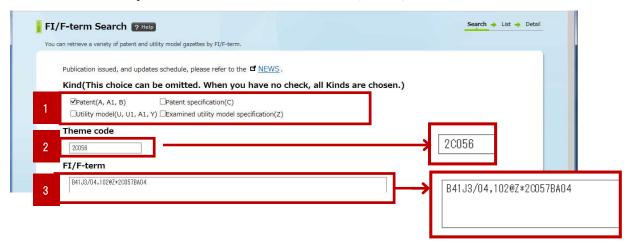


◆ Operating Procedure

(1) Entering search conditions

1 Select a kind

- *This selection is not mandatory. If no checkbox is ticked, all kinds are selected.
- **2**. Enter a theme code in the Theme code field.
 - *The screen shows an example of input for searching a document of theme code 2C056.
- **3**. Enter a retrieval expression using FI and F-term in the FI/F-term field.
 - *The screen shows an example of input for searching a document that has FI "B41J3/04,102@Z" and F-term BA04 of theme code 2C057.
 - *See Help for details about logical expression. A retrieval expression may be up to 500 characters long.
 - *Use Patent Map Guidance to check concordance with FI, F-term, and IPC.



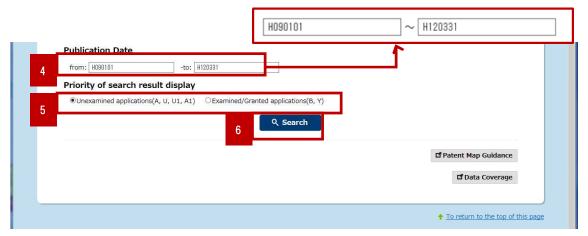
4. For advanced search by date range, enter a range of publication dates in the Publication Date field.

5. Select "Priority of search result display."

^{*}The screen shows an example of input for search from January 1, 1997 until March 3, 2000.

^{*}Select "Unexamined applications" or "Examined/Granted applications" to display such applications first.

6. Click the Search button.



After search, the number of hits (search results) is displayed.

7. Click the List button.

*When the number of hits (search results) is not over 1000, the View list button is displayed.



(2) Checking the result list

When either "Search results" or "View list" is clicked, documents satisfying the search conditions are listed.

1. Click a Document Number link.

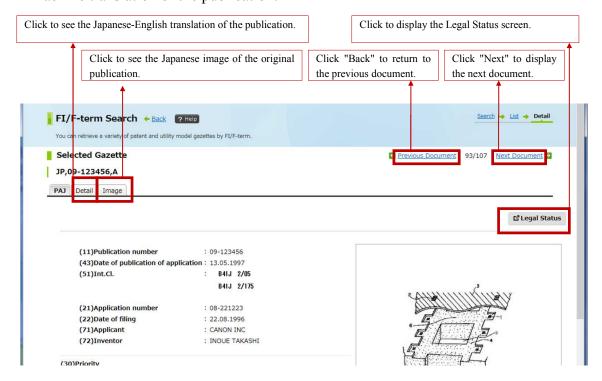




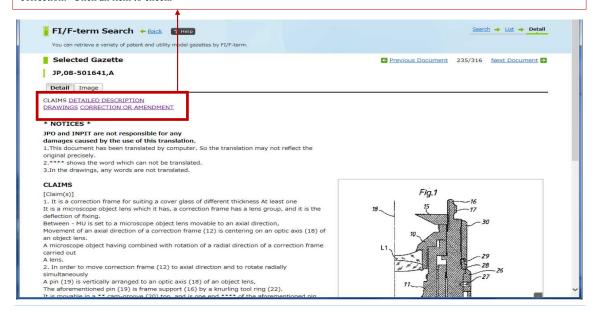
(3) Checking detail display

The selected document is displayed in detail.

If PAJ is exited for the document, the PAJ tab is initially displayed. If PAJ is not existed for the document, the Detail tab is initially displayed for the Japanese-English machine translation of the publication.



This screen displays item links of the selected document, such as "Scope of claims," "Detailed description," and "Amendment & correction." Click an item to check.



◆ Main Examples of Keyword Input for Search

(1) Entering a theme code

Case of Search	Example of Input	Point
Searching documents of F-term	2B001	· Theme code input is essential for search by
theme code 2B001		F-term but not for search by FI or facet only.

(2) Entering a retrieval expression • • • Combination of FI, F-term, and Facet

Case of Search		Example of Input		Point
Searching documents of H01B1/02		\$H01B1/02		· For details about logical
		(Without \$, all FIs		expression as retrieval
		under H02	2B1/02 are	expression and hierarchical
		searched.)		search, see Help at the
Searching docume	ents of FI	G11B20/18	8,540@Z	upper part of the screen.
"G11B20/18,540@	Z" where 540 is a			• Enter a comma symbol (,)
development code	and Z is a volume			before a development code
identification code	e			and an "at" symbol (@)
Searching docume	ents of Facet "ZAA"	ZAA		before a volume
Searching docume	ents of FI	B41J3/04,	102@Z*2C05	identification code. For
"B41J3/04,102@2	Z" and F-term	7BA03		additional code input, add a
"2C057BA03"				period (.) after F-term.
Searching docume	Searching documents of FI		102@Z+2C05	· Using only a theme code
"B41J3/04,102@2	"B41J3/04,102@Z" or F-term			for a retrieval expression is
"2C057BA03"				not enough for search.
Searching docum	nents of Theme code	4C084ZA0)1.2	
"4C084", F-term	"ZA01", and Additional			
code "2"				
Searching	Entering Theme code	Theme	Retrieval	
documents of	and F-term separately	code	expression	
Theme code		5D044	DD11	
"5D044" and	Entering all of Theme	Theme	Retrieval	
F-term "DD11"	code and F-term in the	code	expression	
	Conditions field	(Blank)	5D044DD11	

(3) Entering publication dates

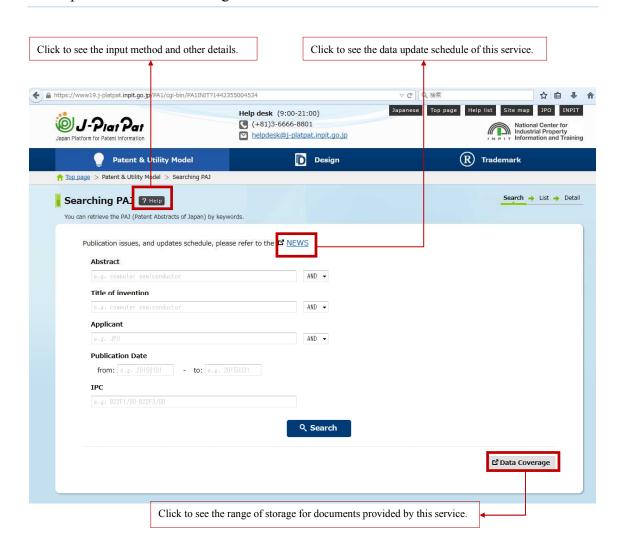
Case of Search	Example of Input	Point
Searching documents of Year	from:19930101	Specify a date in the format of year,
1993 to 1994	-to:19941231	month, and day. If this is omitted, the
Searching documents of Heisei	from:H050101	range of search is not limited. Both the
year 5 to 16	-to:H161231	Japanese and Christian (Gregorian)
Searching documents of Year	from:19930101	calendars are acceptable.
1993 and later	-to:(blank)	
Searching documents of 1993 and	from:(blank)	
earlier	-to:19931231	
Searching documents of March	from:20060331	
31, 2006	-to:20060331	

Searching PAJ

The Searching PAJ service enables users to retrieve PAJ by entering Abstract, Title of Invention, Applicant, Publication Date, and also IPC keyword.

PAJ is the acronym of Patent Abstract of Japan referring to the English abstracts of published patent gazettes of Japan.

◆ Input Screen for Searching PAJ

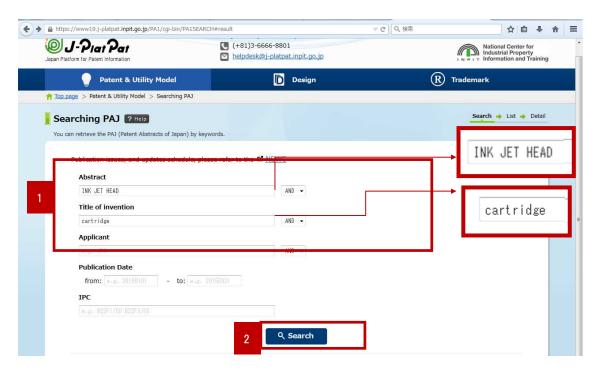


◆ Operating Procedure

- (1) Entering search conditions
 - **1**. Enter keywords in the fields of Abstract, Title of Invention, Applicant, Publication Date, and IPC.

*The screen shows an example of input for searching documents that have all of "INK," "JET," and "HEAD" in their abstracts and also "cartridge" in their titles of Invention.

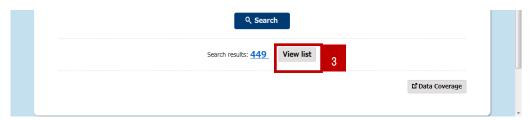
2. Click the Search button.



After search, the number of hits (search results) is displayed.

3. Click the View list button.

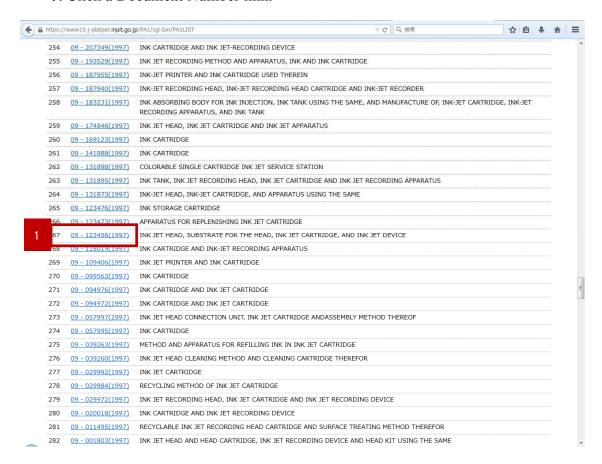
* When the number of hits (search results) is not over 1000, the View list button is displayed.



(2) Checking the result list

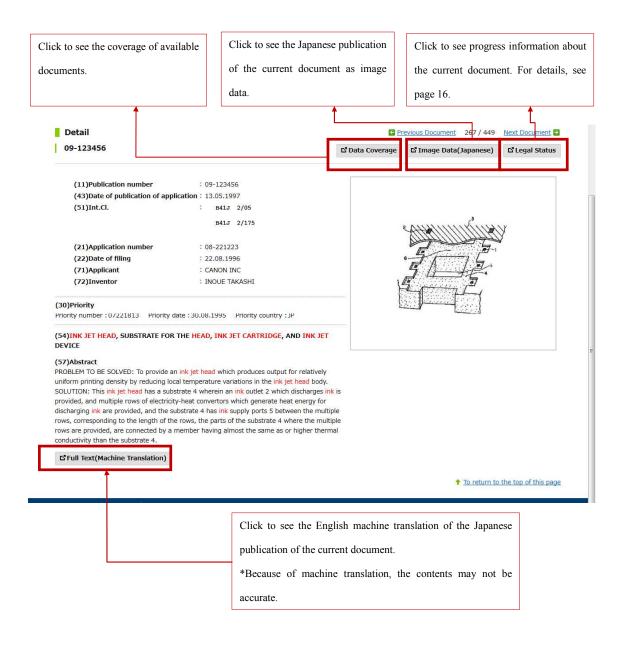
Documents satisfying the search conditions are listed.

1. Click a Document Number link.



(3) Checking detail display

The selected document is displayed in detail.



◆ Main Examples of Keyword Input for Search

(1) Entering a keyword

Case of Search	Example of Input	Point
Searching documents that have	computer	· When entering more than one keyword in the
"computer" in their abstracts		same input field, delimit each keyword with
Searching documents that have	semiconductor	space and specify "AND" or "OR" in the box on
"semiconductor" in their titles of		the right of the input field. If keywords are
invention		entered in different fields, "AND" is assumed.
		· Input keywords are not case-sensitive.
		· Only single-byte alphanumeric characters can be
		entered.

(2) Entering a date

Case of Search	Example of Input		Point
	from	to	
Searching documents of	19950116		· "from" and "to" are not always
January 16, 1995 and later			necessary.
Searching documents of	19950319	19950714	· For one-day search, enter the
March 19, 1995 to July 14,			same value.
1995			
Searching documents of		19950319	
March 19, 1995 and earlier			

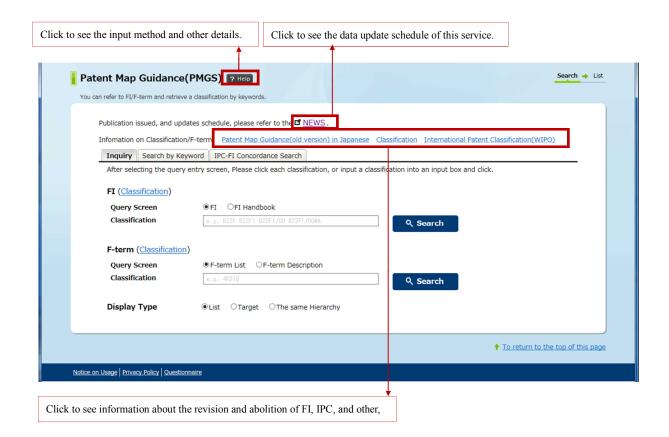
(3) Entering International Patent Classification (IPC)

Case of Search	Example of Input	Point
Searching documents beginning with	A01C11/12	· The search type is prefix search.
A01C11/12		· Unlike "Patent & Utility Model Text Search,"
Searching documents beginning with	A01C	you cannot make search by specifying a range.
A01C		· If more than one item is entered by delimiting
Searching documents having either	A01C A01D	with space, "OR" is assumed.
or both of A01CandA01D		

Patent Map Guidance (PMGS)

The Patent Map Guidance (PMGS) service enables users to retrieve descriptions of FI, F-terms and IPC, FI handbook, and F-term list. Users can also retrieve classification by entering keywords.

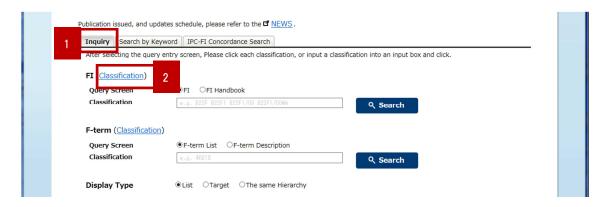
◆ Input Screen for Patent Map Guidance (PMGS)



◆ Operating Procedure

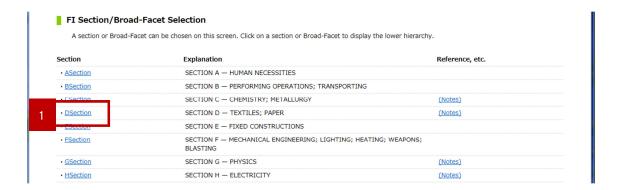
Making an inquiry about a low hierarchical level while checking the contents of a high hierarchical level (FI Query)

- (1) Entering search conditions
 - 1. Click the Inquiry tab.
 - **2**. Click a classification link.



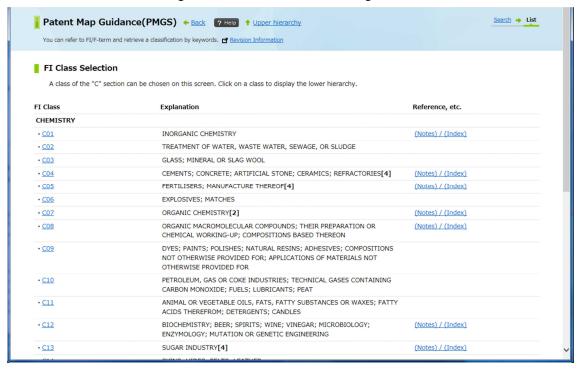
You can view section names and their contents. Select a section to view.

- (2) Checking the result list
 - 1. Click a section link.



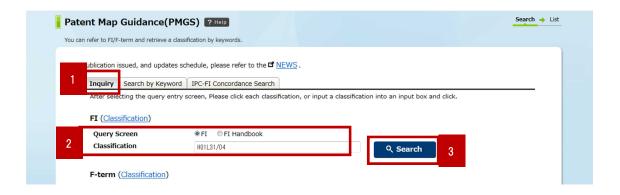
You can view the contents of each class. When viewing the contents of a low hierarchical level, click an item to view.

*The method of selecting a low hierarchical level from a high one is the same for F-term.



Search by Direct Code Input (FI Query)

- (1) Entering search conditions
 - **1**. Click the Inquiry tab.
 - **2**. Select FI at "Query Screen" and enter classification by single-byte characters.
 - *The screen shows an example of input for searching FI whose classification is "H01L31/04".
 - **3**. Click the Search button.



Code Input Formats and Examples of Input

Search	Example of Input	Point
Item		
FI	(section only)	
	A	
	(up to class)	
	A61	
	(up to subclass)	· Jump to a corresponding section on
	A61K	the classification table (hierarchical
	(up to main group)	level of section if only a section is
	A61K6	entered or class if only a class is
	(up to subgroup)	entered)
	A61K6/06	
	(subgroup + facet)	
	A61K6/00,ADB	
	(subgroup + IPC-subdivision symbol)	

	C08L27/06,301	
	(subgroup + file discrimination symbol)	
	C08L27/06@A	
	(subgroup + IPC-subdivision symbol +	
	file discrimination symbol)	
	C08L27/06,301@A	
F-term	(group of theme only)	·If only a theme group (2B) is entered,
	2B	the theme codes of all F-term lists
	(up to theme code)	contained in the theme group are
	2B002	displayed.

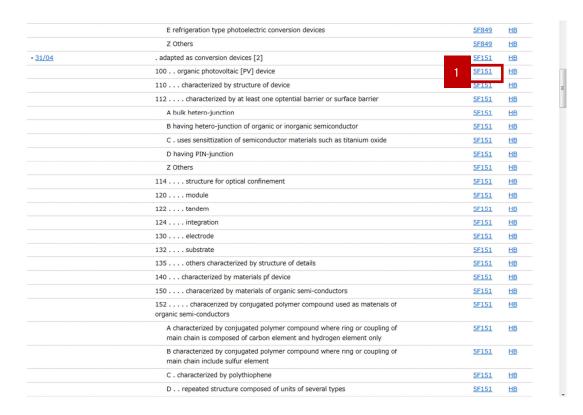
(2) Checking the result list

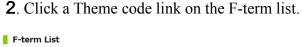
FI satisfying the search conditions are listed. If there is an F-term corresponding to a theme, a link is attached to the theme code.

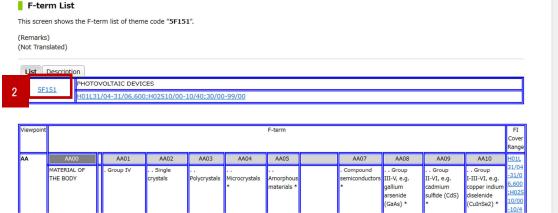
1. Click a Theme code link.

The F-term list of a selected theme is displayed.

*When a FI link is clicked, the FI Handbook is displayed.

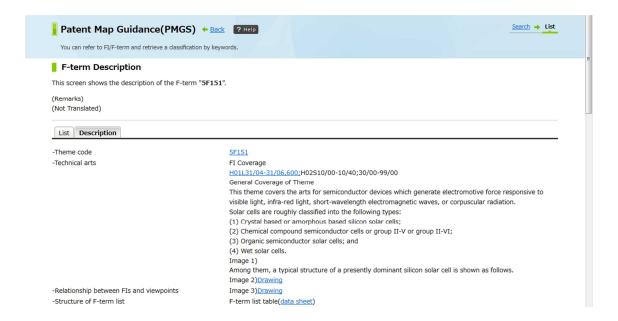






The F-term Description of the theme is displayed. Only the translated data are shown.

*When a linked theme code or FI is clicked, the corresponding F-term List and FI Handbook are displayed.



Searching FI by Keyword

- (1) Entering search conditions
 - 1. Select the "Search by Keyword" tab.
 - **2**. Select an object of search from FI, FI Handbook, F-term List, and F-term Description.
 - *As of Jan. 2016, FI Handbook has no information. Data will be accumulated from the next fiscal year.
 - **3**. Enter a keyword in the Keyword field.
 - *The screen shows an example of input for searching FI containing "frequency band."
 - **4**. Select a display Type.
 - **5**. Click the Search button.
 - *Note that search results cannot be listed if not less than.500.
 - *" * " can be entered for AND operation and "+" for OR operation.
 - *Use Search Range (Classification)" reduce objects of search by classification.

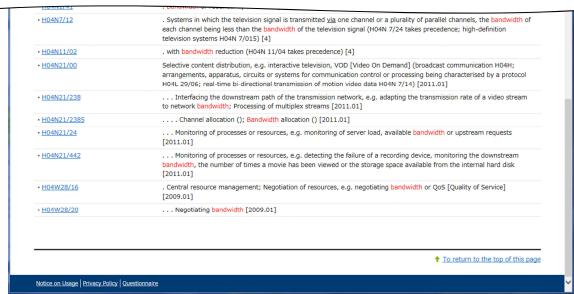


(2) Checking the result list

FI satisfying the search conditions are listed.

*The operation procedure is the same as for F-term.





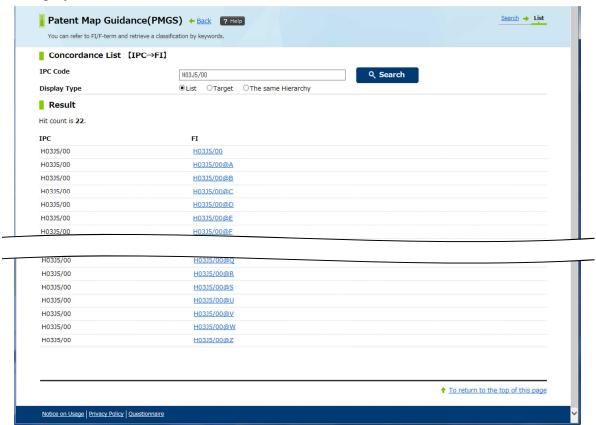
Checking corresponding FI from IPC

- (1) Entering search conditions
 - 1. Select the IPC-FI Concordance Search tab.
 - **2**. Enter IPC in the Classification field.
 - *The screen shows an example of input for searching FI corresponding to the IPC "H03J5/00."
 - **3**. Select "Display Type."
 - **4**. Click the Search button.



(2) Checking the result list

A table of correspondence between IPC and FI satisfying the search conditions is displayed.



Main Examples of Keyword Input for Search

(1) Entering a keyword

Case of Search	Example of Input	Point
Searching classification containing	frequency band	
"frequency band"		_

(2) Entering classification

Case of Search	Example of Input	Point
Searching classification beginning	H03J5/00	· Enter classification by single-byte
with H03J5/00		characters.
Searching classification beginning	H03J5/	
with H03J5/		
Searching classification beginning	Н03Ј	
with H03J		

What is IPC?

IPC is the acronym of International Patent Classification. This is an internationally unified classification system for patent documents. IPC is also given to all patent documents issued in Japan.

PMGS allows search by specifying an IPC version from 4 to 8. Version 4 was used from Jan. 1985 to Dec. 1989, Version 5 from Jan. 1990 to Dec. 1994, Version 6 from Jan. 1995 to Dec. 1999), and Version 7 from Jan. 2000 to Dec. 2005. For Ver. 8 (in use since Jan. 2006 with occasional revisions), you can specify a date to inquire of IPC effective on the day.

Example: C05F9/00 (Fertilizer made from home or city refuse)

High level C: Chemistry; Metallurgy

C01: Inorganic chemistry

:

C05: Fertilizer; Manufacture of fertilizer

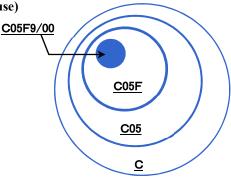
C05F:Organic fertilizer not classified into C05B/C

Example Fertilizer from waste or refuse

Low level C05F9/00: Fertilizer made from home or city refuse

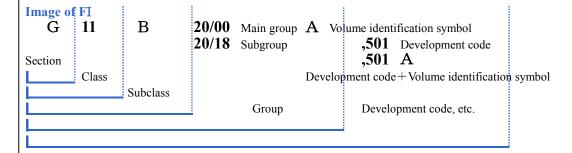
C05F9/02: Manufacturing equipment

C05F9/04: Biological compost



What is FI?

FI is basically detailed extension from the latest version (Ver.8) of IPC but partially based on an earlier version. The format is "IPC full code (up to subgroup) + 3 numerals and/or one alphabetic letter. Irrespective of IPC revision, FI is used as a search key common to gazettes of all years. FI enables the simultaneous search of all documents whatever the IPC version may be.



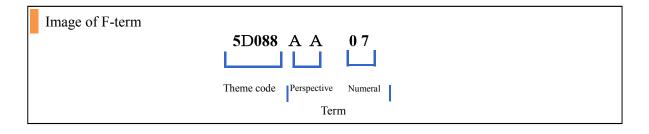
What is F-term?

F-term was named from File Forming Term. This is a search code system developed on the basis of a paperless project by Japan Patent Office to enable advanced search.

The purpose of F-term is to enable the further classification of FI and transverse or multi-faceted search. This is particularly developed for fields of many themes (about 2600).

F-term is a 9-digit alphanumeric character string. This consists of a 5-digit theme code, 2 digit perspective, and 2-digi numeric value. If the preceding 5 digits are omitted, the remaining alphanumeric string consisting of a 2-digit perspective and 2 numerals is called "term."

One patent document has many codes. Even gazettes issued in 2000 and later have F-term. Making most of F-term enables search with fewer noises.

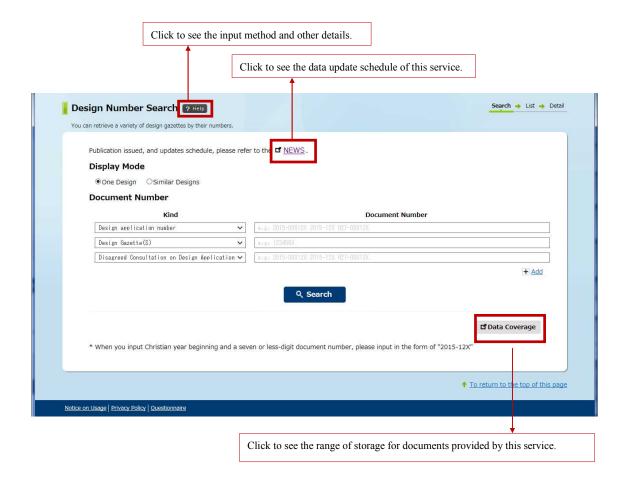


Chapter 5 Design Search

Design Number Search

The Design Number Search service enables users to retrieve design gazettes of Japan by entering such document numbers as application numbers.

◆ Input Screen for Design Number Search



◆ Operating Procedure

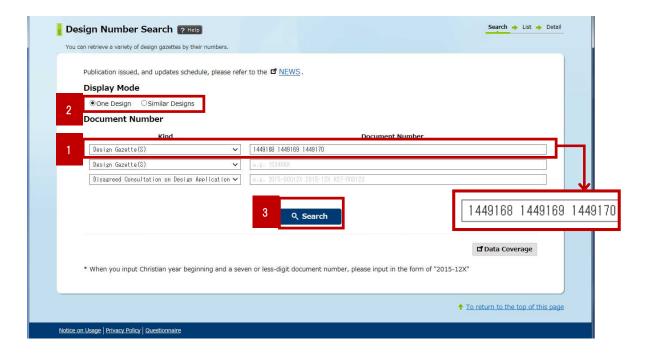
(1) Entering search conditions

- 1. Select a kind and enter a document number by single-byte characters.
 - *The screen shows an example of input for searching registered design numbers "1449168," "1449169," and "1449170." See page 52 for details about the example of input. For multiple number input, delimit each number with a space.

2. Select a display mode.

- *When "One Design" is selected, only the input document number is displayed.

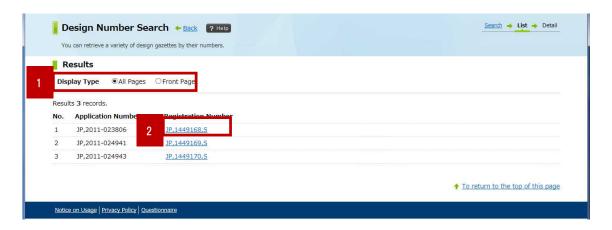
 When "Similar Designs" is selected, all designs similar to the one of the specified number are displayed. "Similar Designs" here are based on the Similar Design system before the revision of the law in 1998. They do not include related designs based on the current Related Design System.)
- **3**. Click the Search button.



(2) Checking the result list

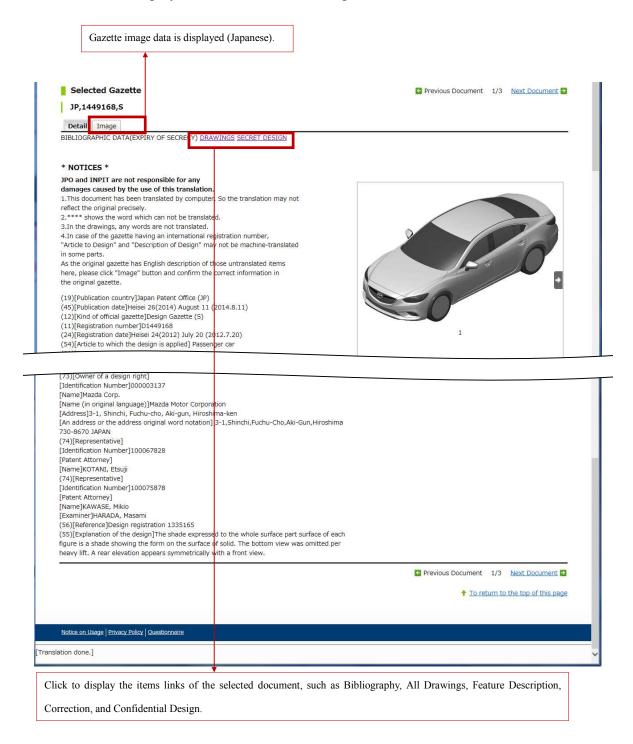
Documents satisfying the search conditions are listed.

- 1. Select a display type for documents.
- 2. Click a document number link.



(3) Checking detail display

A detail display screen is displayed for the selected document. The document is in display mode specified on the result list screen. An English-Japanese machine translation is displayed for the contents of the gazette.



◆ Main Examples of Keyword Input for Search

Entering numbers

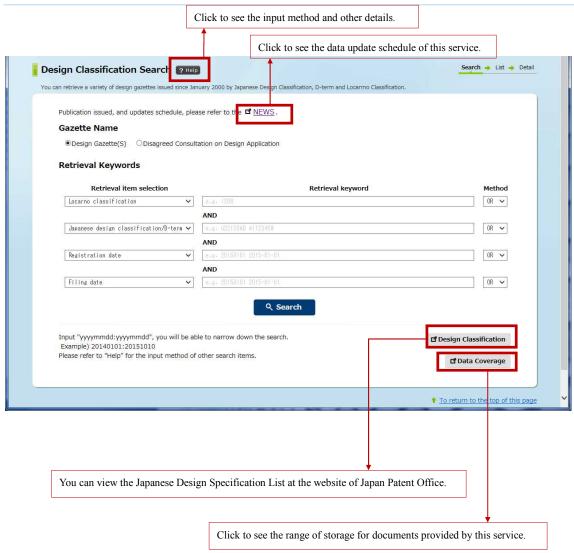
Search Item	Example of Input	Point
Design application number	1989-001234	Please type using half-width characters.
	H01-001234	Japanese era(single digit alphabet +
		double digit number) - Consecutive
		numbers (6 digit)
		or
		Christian year(4 digit) - Consecutive
		numbers(6 digit)
		"-" and The leading zeros in the serial
		number can be omitted (entirely).
		In case, the numbers followed by "-"
		(hyphen) have 1 or 2 digits instead of 4
		digits of the Christian era, make sure to
		input "M","T","S" or "H" before the
		numbers, which indicates the Japanese
Disagreed Consultation on Design	1999-029862	era.
Application	H11-029862	Also, when "JP" is included in the
		numbers, you have to omit the "JP".
		For example,
		JP 61-123456 → S61-123456
		*M=MEIJI, T=TAISHO, S=SHOWA,
		H=HEISEI
		NOTE: The Christian era corresponds
		to the Japanese era as follows:
		1868-1912=M1(M01)-M45
		1912-1926=T1(T01)-T15
		1926-1989=S1(S01)-S64
		1989-2015=H1(H01)-H27
Design Gazette(S)	1111111	Please type using half-width characters.

Example) If you want	In the case of One Design
to search for	Consecutive numbers (7 digit) -
Publication of	Similar number (7 digit)
Registered Design	In the case of Similar Designs
123456X-12:	Consecutive numbers (7 digit)
123456X-12	"-" and The leading zeros in the serial
or	number can be omitted (entirely).
123456X (make sure to	
select "similar designs"	"X" represents any number
mode from "display	
mode" Radio button)	

Design Classification Search

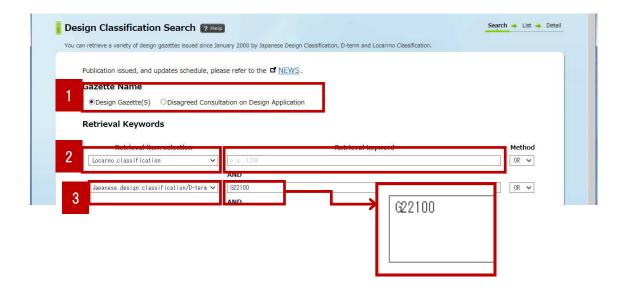
The Design Classification Search service enables users to retrieve design gazettes by entering Japanese design classification and D-terms used in Japan Patent Office.

Input Screen for Design Classification Search



Operating Procedure

- (1) Entering search conditions
 - **1**. Select a kind from "Design Gazette(s)" and "Disagreed Consultation on Design Application."
 - *For details about the Japanese Design Specification, see the classification list.
 - **2**. Select a retrieval item and enter a retrieval keyword.
 - **3**. As a retrieval item, select "Locarno classification" for retrieval by Locarno classification or "Japanese Design Specification/D-term" for retrieval by Japanese Design Specification/D-term. AND operation is applicable to retrieval items entered in multiple boxes.
 - *Advanced search by Publication date, Registration date, or other is also possible.
 - *When multiple classes or dates are entered, select OR or AND as the retrieval method to execute OR or AND operation on multiple keywords in the search field.



4. Click the Search button.



After search, the number of hits (search results) is displayed.

5. Click the View list button.

* When the number of hits (search results) is not over 1000, the View list button is displayed.

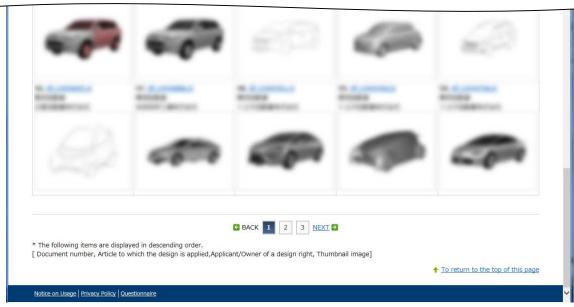


(2) Checking the result list

Documents satisfying the search conditions are listed.

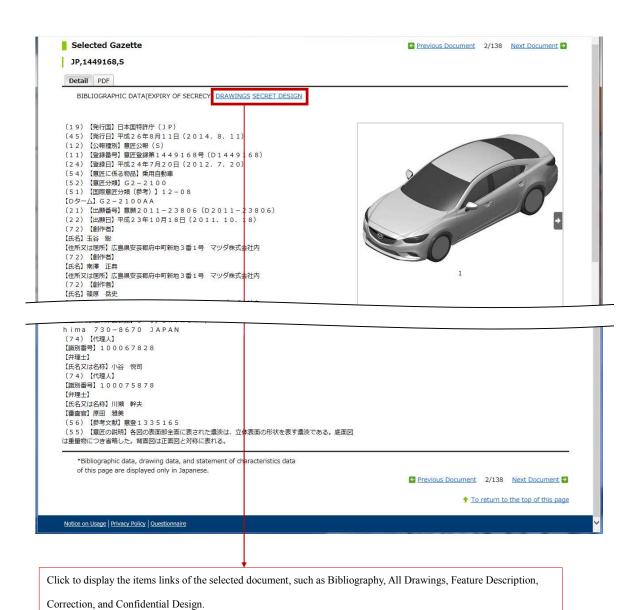
- **1**. Select a display type for documents.
- 2. Click a document number link or image.





(3) Checking detail display

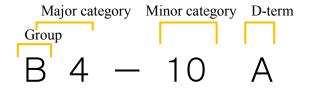
A detail display screen is displayed for the selected document. The document is in display mode specified on the result list screen.



What is the current Japanese Design Specification/D-term?

This applies to document of filing dates (or priority dates) not earlier than January 1, 2005.

- · In principle, the classification is composed of groups A to N that are further classified into major and minor categories and D-terms.
- The structure consists of about 6,000 classification branches systemized.
- · Under the current Japanese Design Specification, one category is given to every document for application.
- · More than one D-term may be given to one document.



◆ Main Examples of Keyword Input for Search

Search Item	Example of Input	Point
Locarno	- Full match	·Enter a retrieval
classification	Example) When retrieving the gazette of Locarno	expression by
	classification "12-01"	single-byte characters.
	1201	
	- Prefix match	·Enter a design
	Example) When retrieving all the gazettes in which	classification number
	the first two digit number of Locarno classification is	without any hyphen (-).
	12	
	12?	· As to all of the current
Japanese	- Full match	Japanese Design
design	Example) When retrieving the gazettes of Japanese	Specification, "W" is
classification	Design Classification "A1-12345"	appended to each minor
/D-term (S)	A112345	category to indicate
	Example) When retrieving the gazettes of D-term	image design
	"A1-12345ABC"	classification.
	A112345ABC	·Enter "W" only when

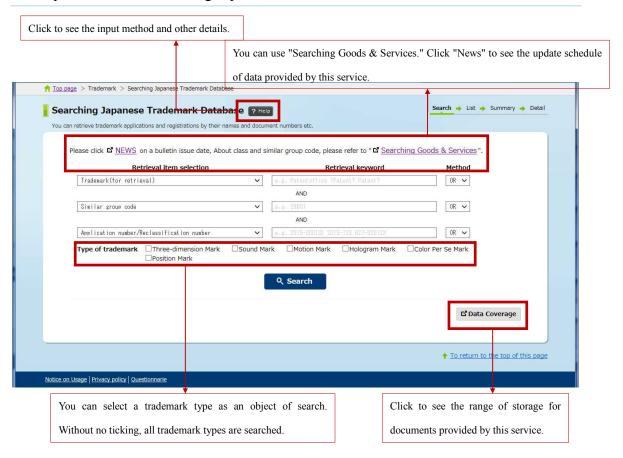
	I	
	Example) When retrieving the gazettes of graphic	searching all documents
	image Design Classification "A1-12345W"	with image design
	A112345W	classification "W."
	- Prefix match	
	Example) When retrieving all gazettes of a major	
	class, "A1"	
	A1?	
	- Graphic Image Design Classification search	
	Example) When retrieving all gazettes of the graphic	
	image Design Classification "W"	
	W	
Registration	- Full match	· Enter a date by
date,	Example) When specifying "January 1, 2015 (Heisei	single-byte characters.
Filing date,	27)"	
Publication	20150101 (Christian era)	· Both the Japanese and
date	H270101 (Japanese era)	Christian (Gregorian)
		calendars are acceptable
	- Range specification	for date input.
	Example) When specifying "January 1,2014	· As for Showa (S,s),
	(Heisei26) " to "October 10, 2015 (Heisei 27) "	Heisei (H,h), and A.D.,
	H260101:H271010	1926 or more can input
	20140101:20151010	the Japanese calendar.
	H260101:20151010	
	Example) When specifying the date range, on or	· Design Gazettes are
	before December 31, 2015 (Heisei 27)	searchable, issued in or
	:20151231 or :H271231	after January 2000.
	Example) When designating the date range, on or	
	after January 1, 2015 (Heisei 27)	
	20150101: or H270101:	
	l .	1

Chapter 6 Trademark Search

Searching Japanese Trademark Database

The Searching Japanese Trademark Database service enables users to retrieve bibliographic items and progress information about trademarks pending or registered by entering trademark names, document numbers, dates, and applicant names.

◆ Input Screen for Searching Japanese Trademark Database



Operating Procedure

(1) Entering search conditions

1. Select a search item and enter a retrieval keyword.

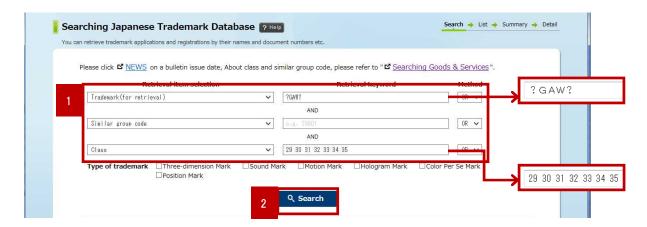
*The screen shows an example of input for searching documents of Classes 29 to 35 that contain GAW in "Trademark (for retrieval)."

*When setting OR or AND for the search method, enter multiple keywords in the same field of Retrieval Keyword by delimiting each with a space.

*Use "Searching Goods & Services" to investigate classes or similar group codes.

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2. Click the Search button.



After search, the number of hits (search results) is displayed with the View list button.

- **3**. Click the View list button.
 - * When the number of hits (search results) is not over 1000, the View list button is displayed.

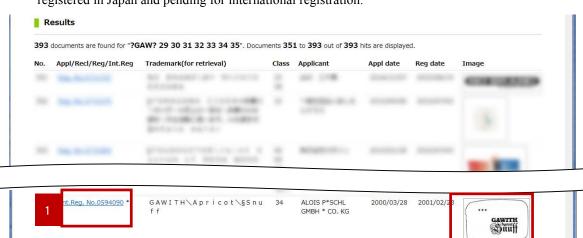


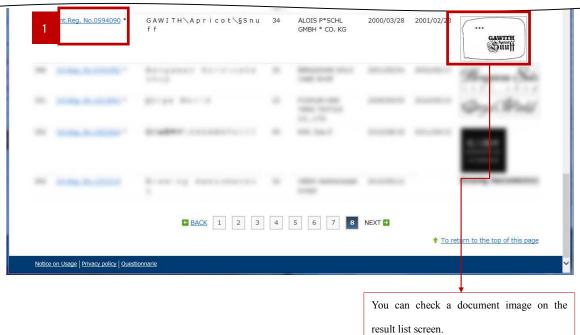
(2) Checking the result list

Documents satisfying the search conditions are listed.

1. Click a document number link.

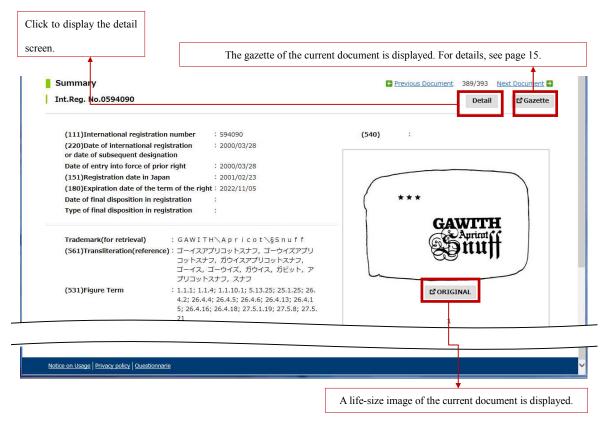
Documents of international trademarks registered in Japan are marked with "" at the ends of their numbers. "Trademark registered in Japan" refers to an international trademark set and registered in Japan and pending for international registration.



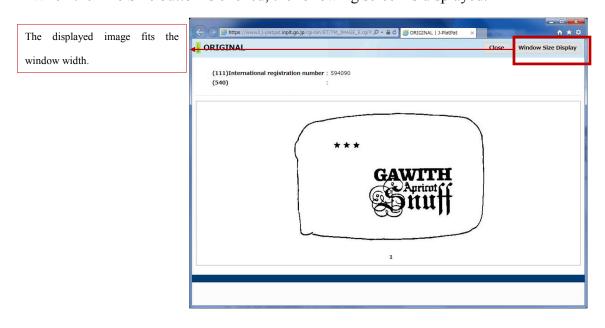


(3) Checking detail display

The selected document is displayed in detail.



When the Life Size button is clicked, the following screen is displayed.



◆ Main Examples of Search Keyword Input

(1) Entering trademark (for search) and company name

Search Item	Example of Input	Point
Trademark	(A) Complete match	Search without "?" is for a complete match.
(for retrieval)	ABC	Inserting "?" makes a search front, back and
		middle match as well as a wild-card search
	(B) Front match	possible, depending on its position and number.
	ABC?	Substitute Roman numerals (e.g. II) with
		Arabian ones (e.g. 2).
	(C) Back match	《Note on trademark (for retrieval)》
	?ABC	You can not search trademarks which consists of
		only Japanese characters.
A 1 /III - 1.4	(D) Middle match	《Note on Applicant/Holder》
Applicant/Holder	?ABC?	·International Registration Data {the
		Madrid-Protocol Trademark Data} is the only
	(E) Wild-card search	searchable data.
	AB?C	·When searching an Applicant or Holder name
		containing characters not in the English version
		of the Latin Alphabet, please enter the characters
		as an asterisk {*}
		For Example "ABéCD" or "abécd" →
		"AB*CD" or "ab*cd"

(2) Entering applied law and class

Case of Search	Example of Input	Point
In the case of Class "23 of Trademark	123	Top nn = Applied law
Law in 1959"		Inputted numeric character (Front "0"
In the case of Class "23 of Trademark	623	can be omitted)
Law in 1996"	020	Back nn = Class
24 W III 1996		Inputted numeric characters
In the case of Class "23 of Trademark	1023	Input Combination of Applied Law
Law in 2012"		and Class
In the case of class "40"	40	-

Table 1. Construction of applied law

Classification of Law		Class	Reference Filing Date
10	International Classification	01 to 45	January 1, 1949 and later
9		01 to 45	January 1, 2007 and later
8		01 to 45	January 1, 2002 and later
7		01 to 42	January 1, 1997 and later
6		01 to 42	April 1, 1997 and later
1 (Law of 1959)		01 to 34	April 1, 1960 and later
2 (Law of 1921)		01 to 70	January 1, 1922 and later
3 (Law of 1909)		01 to 67	November 1, 1909 and later
4 (Law of 1899)		01 to 74	October 31, 1909 or earlier

(3) Entering numbers

Search Item	Example of Input	Point
Application number	H27-000012	Please type using half-width characters.
Reclassification number	2015-000012	Japanese era(single digit alphabet + double
Publication number		digit number) - Consecutive numbers (6
Appeal/Trial number		digits)
		or
		Christian year (4 digits) - Consecutive
		numbers (6 digits)
		In case, the numbers followed by "-"
		(hyphen) have 1 or 2 digits instead of 4
		digits of the Christian era, make sure to
		input "M","T","S" or "H" before the
		numbers, which indicates the Japanese era.
		Also, when "JP" is included in the numbers,
		you have to omit the "JP".
		For example,
		JP 61-123456 → S61-123456
		*M=MEIJI, T=TAISHO, S=SHOWA,
		H=HEISEI

Registration number	(A) Complete match	Please type using half-width characters.
	1100001	In the case of One Design
	In the case of	Consecutive numbers (7 digit) - Similar
	"1100001/Divisional	number (7 digit)
	number 121/Defensive	In the case of Similar Designs
	number 03",	Consecutive numbers (7 digit)
	1100001-121(03)	Enter a defensive number with parentheses.
		Specify forward match, including divisional
	(B) Front match	and defensive numbers.
	In the case of "1100001	
	together with its	
	Divisional	
	number/defensive	
	number,	
	1100001?	
International registration	(A) Complete match	Specify a registration number, renewal code
number	In the case of	(nR), and divisional code (alphabet) by
	"1100001/Divisional	single-byte alphanumeric characters.
	code 2R/Renewal code	The registration number is mandatory.
	A",	
	2R1100001A	
	(B) Front match	
	1100001?	
	(C) Back match	
	?1100001	
	(D) Middle match	
	?1100001?	

NOTE: The Christian era corresponds to the Japanese era as follows:

1868-1912=M1(M01)-M45

1912-1926=T1(T01)-T15

1926-1989=S1(S01)-S64

1989-2015=H1(H01)-H27

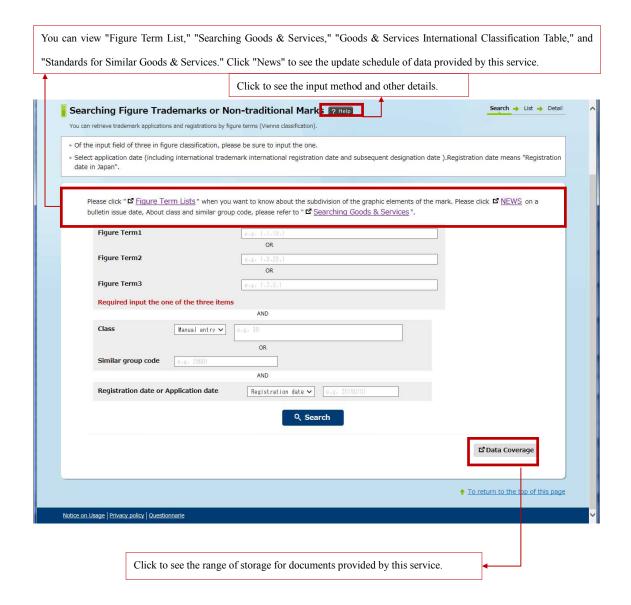
(4) Entering date

Case of Search	Example of Input	Point
In the case of "20150101"	20150101	· Both the Japanese and Christian
	(Complete match)	(Gregorian) calendars are acceptable
In the case of from "20150101" to	20150101:20150210	for date specification.
"20150210",		
In the case of on or after "20150101",	20150101:	
In the case of before or on	:20150210	
"20150210",		

Searching Figure Trademarks or Non-traditional Marks

The Searching Figure Trademarks or Non-traditional Marks service enables users to retrieve trademarks pending or registered that contain figures by entering figure classification used in Japan Patent Office.

◆ Input Screen for Searching Figure Trademarks or Non-traditional Marks



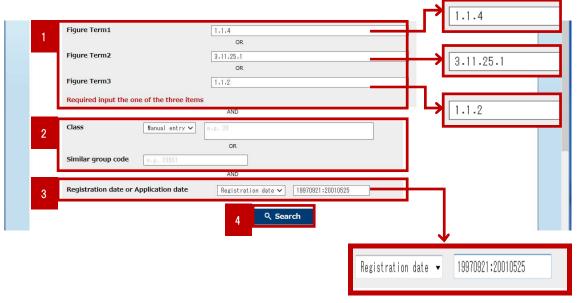
Operating Procedure

(1) Entering search conditions

- **1**. Enter Figure Term by single-byte characters.
 - *The screen shows an example of input for searching documents of Figure Terms 1.1.4, 3.11.25.1, and 1.1.2.
 - *Multiple figure terms can be entered in the same input field by delimiting each with a space.

 (AND search)
 - *Use the Figure Term List for Figure Term investigation. (Page 77)
- **2**. Enter Class or Similar group code by single-byte characters.
 - *Multiples classes or similar group codes can be entered in the same input field by delimiting each with a space. (OR search)
 - *Use "Searching Goods & Services" for Class or Similar group code investigation.

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- **3**. Select "Registration date" or "Application date" and enter a date by single-byte characters.
 - *The screen shows an example of input for searching documents of registration dates from September 21, 1997 to May 25, 2001.
- **4**. Click the Search button.



After search, the number of hits (search results) is displayed.

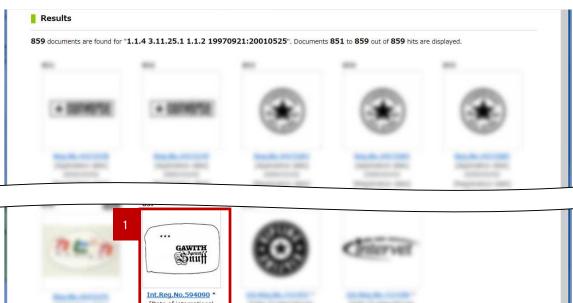
- **5**. Click the View list button.
 - * When the number of hits (search results) is not over 2000, the View list button is displayed.



(2) Checking the result list

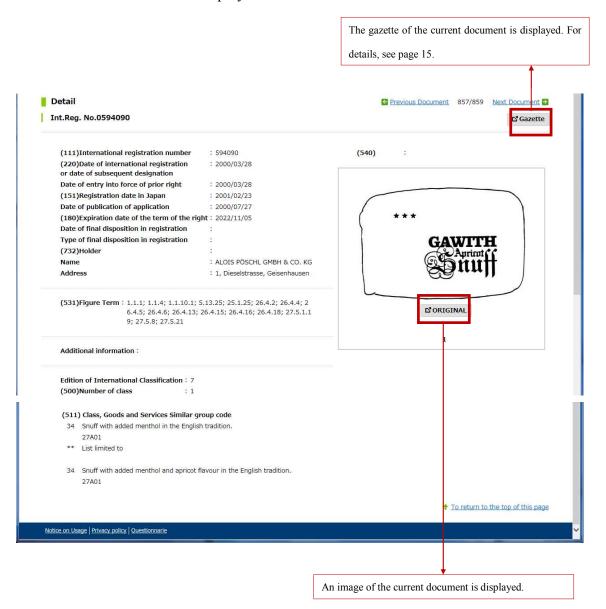
Documents satisfying the search conditions are listed.

1. Click an image or document number link.



(3) Checking detail display

The selected document is displayed in detail.



◆ Main Examples of Keyword Input for Search

(1) Entering Figure Term

Case of Search	Example of Input	Point
In the case of Figure Term "1.1.10.1"	1.1.10.1	Figure Term input is mandatory.
		Enter a Figure Term without "A"
		attached to the beginning of an
		auxiliary minor category or "*"
		attached to the beginning of a regular
In the case of Figure Term "1.1.1"	1.1.1 2.1.1	minor category.
and "2.1.1"		• Enter a Figure Term by single-byte
In the case of Figure Term "1.1.1"	1.1? or 1.1.?	characters.
and "1.1.2" using front match search		· When multiple Figure Terms are
function		entered by delimiting each with a
		space, the search condition is AND.
		For Figure Term input, enter up to a
		minor category or specify forward
		match using "?".

(2) Entering Class

Case of Search	Example of Input	Point
In the case of Class "30".	30	• Enter international classification for
In the case of Class "05".	05 or 5	Class by single-byte characters. A
		similar group code corresponding to
		the input class is used for search.
		· When classes are entered by
		delimiting each with a space, the
		search condition is OR.

(3) Entering Similar group code

Case of Search	Example of Input	Point
In the case of Similar group code	29B01	· When similar group codes are
"29B01"		entered by delimiting each with a
In the case of a series of characters	01?	space, the search condition is OR.
beginning with "01" like "01A01" or		· Enter a similar group code by
"01B01"		single-byte characters.

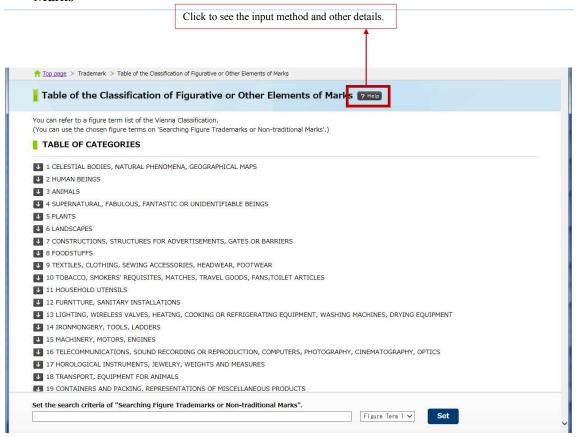
(4) Entering registration date and application date

Case of Search	Example of Input	Point
In the case of "20150101".	20150101	· Enter registration and application
		dates by single-byte characters.
In the case of from "20150101" to	20150101:20150210	· Both the Japanese and Christian
"20150210".		(Gregorian) calendars are acceptable
In the case of on or after "20150101"	20150101:	for date input.
In the case of on or before	:20150210	
"20150210"		

Table of the Classification of Figurative or Other Elements of Marks

The Table of the Classification of Figurative or Other Elements of Marks service enables users to retrieve figure tables of major, medium, and minor classification for figures.

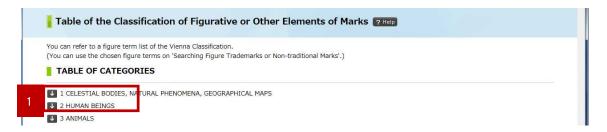
 View Screen for Table of the Classification of Figurative or Other Elements of Marks



Operating Procedure

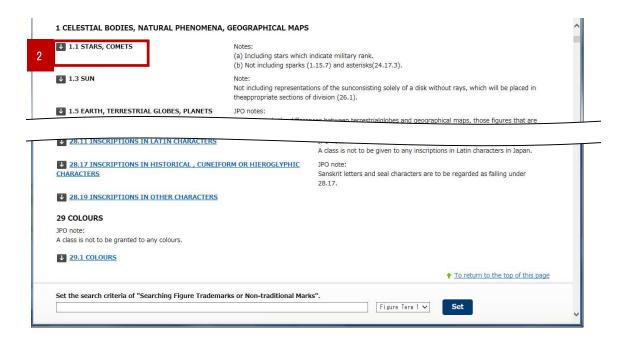
Viewing Figure Term

1. Click the arrow of a major category to view.



The corresponding major and medium categories are listed.

2. Click the arrow of a medium category to view.



A major, medium, and minor category list further classified from Table of the Classification of Figurative or Other Elements of Marks is displayed.



Using the Paste Function

1. Enter a figure term.

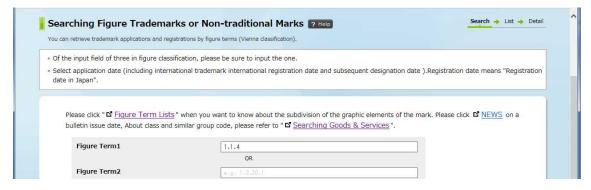
*When a numeric link on Table of the Classification of Figurative or Other Elements of Marks is clicked, its category is entered in the Figure Term input area.

You can entered a figure term directly in the input area.

2. Select [Figure Term1], [Figure Term2], or [Figure Term3] from the pull-down menu and click the Set button.



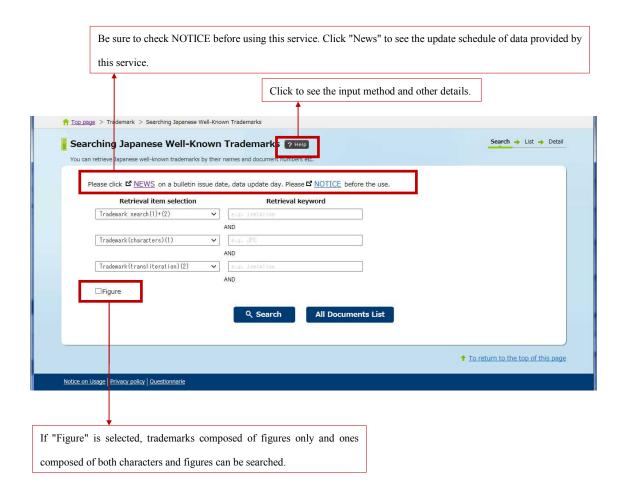
The input screen for "Searching Figure Trademarks or Non-traditional marks" is displayed with the specified category entered.



Searching Japanese Well-known Trademarks

The Searching Japanese Well-known Trademarks service enables users to retrieve trademarks registered as defensive marks and registered trademarks certified as well-known marks by objection, decision, or judgment by entering trademark names or right holders.

◆ Input Screen for Searching Japanese Well-known Trademarks



Operating Procedure

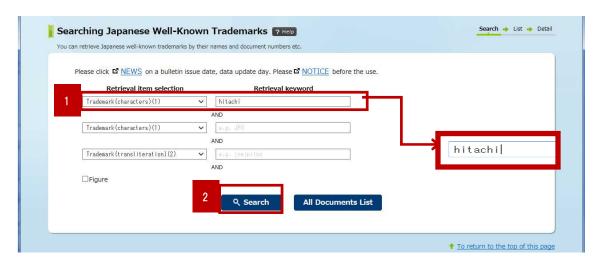
(1) Entering search conditions

1. Select a retrieval item and enter a retrieval keyword.

*The screen shows an example of input for searching documents of "Hitachi" in katakana by exact match.

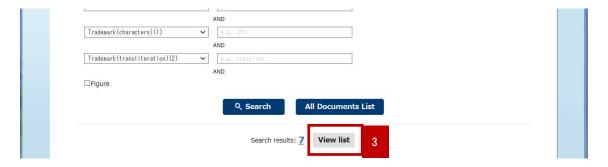
*Multiple keywords can be entered in the input field of Retrieval Keyword by delimiting each with a space. (OR search)

2. Click the Search button.



3. Click the View list button.

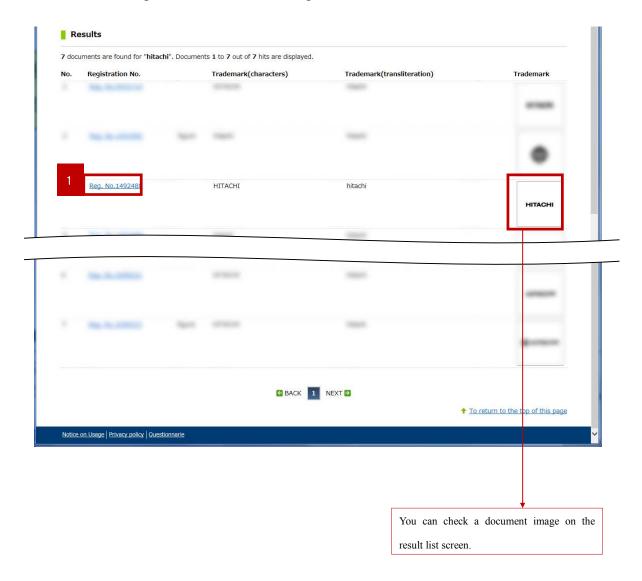
- * When the number of hits (search results) is not over 1000, the View list button is displayed.
- *Click the All Documents List button to display all the results of "Searching Japanese Well-known Trademarks." This button can be used without entering search conditions.



(2) Checking the result list

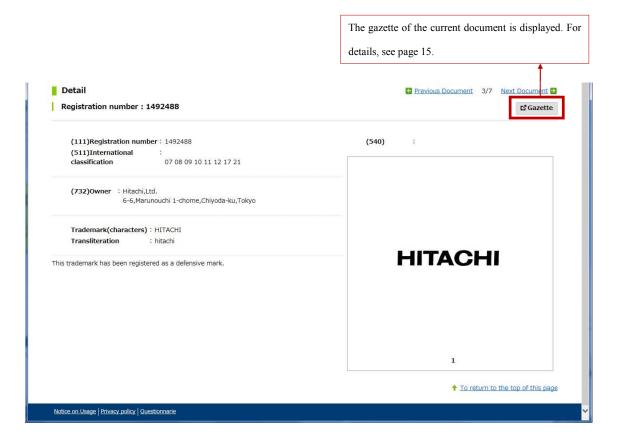
Documents satisfying the search conditions are listed.

1. Click a registration/international registration number link.



(3) Checking detail display

The selected document is displayed in detail.



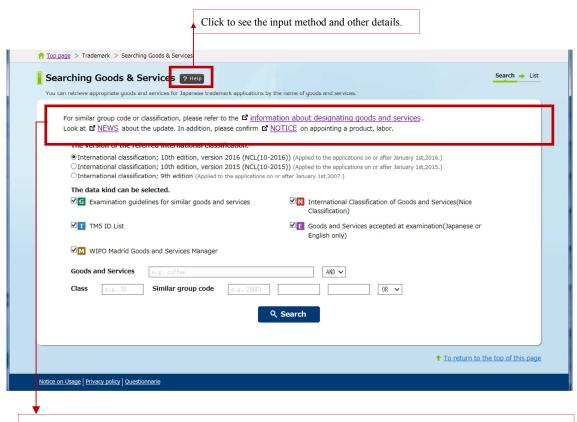
◆ Main Examples of Keyword Input for Search

Search Item	Example of Input	Point
Trademark search(1)+(2)	(A) Complete match	A search by "Trademark search (1)+(2)"
	ABC	carries out an OR search through
		"Trademark(characters)(1)" and
	(B) Front match	"Trademark(transliteration)(2)."
Trademark(characters)(1)	ABC?	To search for Roman numerals, input
		Arabic numerals, for example "1", "2"
	(C) Back match	and "3".
Trademark(transliteration)(2)	?ABC	Search a trademark name in Roman
		notation.
Owner name	(D) Middle match	When searching an Owner name
	?ABC?	containing characters not in the English
		version of the Latin Alphabet, please
	(E) Wild-card search	enter the characters as an asterisk {*}
	AB?C	For Example "ABéCD" or "abécd" →
		"AB*CD" or "ab*cd"
Registration number	(A) Complete match	Divisional numbers can be searched by
	1100001	inputting "-n" after the registration
	1100001-1	number.
	(B) Front match	
	1100001?	
International Registration	(A) Complete match	Divisional code can be searched by
number	1100001A	inputting Alphabet after the International
	(B) Front match	registration number.
	1100001?	

Searching Goods & Services

The Searching Goods & Services service enables users to retrieve trade names or service names specified at trademark applications by entering trade names or service names.

◆ Input Screen for Searching Goods & Services

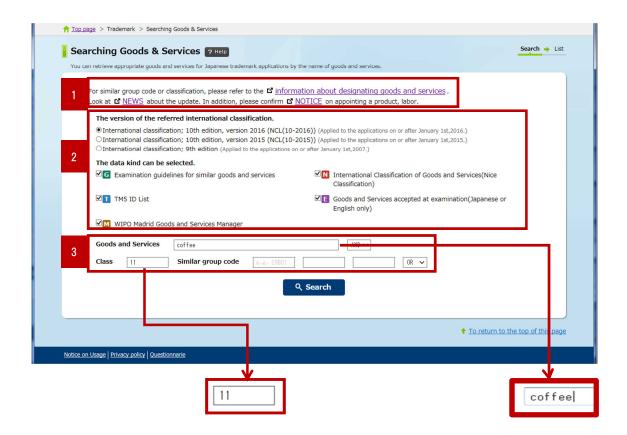


You can view information about designating goods and services. Be sure to check NOTICE before using this service. Click "News" to see the update schedule of data provided by this service.

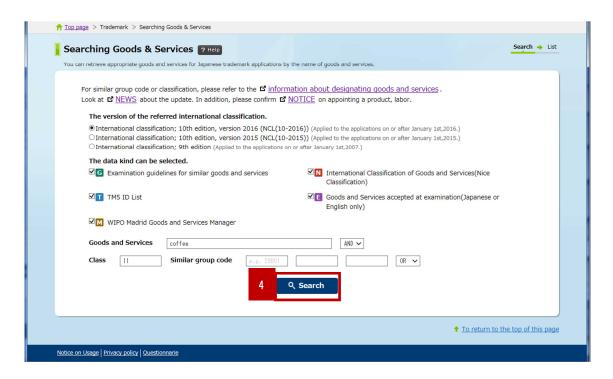
Operating Procedure

(1) Entering search conditions

- 1. Select international classification (period) to view.
- **2**. Select a data type.
 - *Multiple data types can be selected.
- **3**. Enter a name of goods & services, class, and similar group code.
 - * The screen shows an example of input for searching goods and services of Class 11 and containing "coffee".
 - *You can enter multiple names of goods & services or similar group codes in the same field by delimiting each with a space. (OR search)



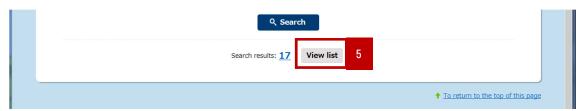
4. Click the Search button.



After search, the number of hits (search results) is displayed.

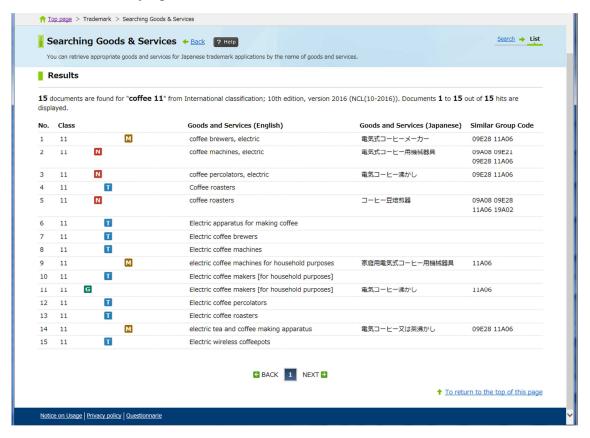
5. Click the View list button.

* When the number of hits (search results) is not over 1000, the View list button is displayed.



(2)Checking the result list

Documents satisfying the search conditions are listed.



◆ Main Examples of Input for Search

(1) Entering a name of goods & services

Case of Search	Example of Input	Point
Choosing "Search in English" and	Air balloons	· When "CAR" is entered, names of
searching names of goods & services		goods & services containing "CAR"
containing "Air balloons"		are found (CAR, CARD, OCARINA,
		etc.).
		· Enter single-byte characters for a
		name of goods & services in English.
		· When entering multiple keywords in
		the same field, enter a space between
		words and specify OR for the search
		method.

(2)Entering class

Case of Search	Example of Input	Point
Searching goods & services of Class	2	· Enter a class by single-byte
2		characters.
		· You can make search by specifying
		not a name of goods & services but a
		class only.

(3)Entering similar group code

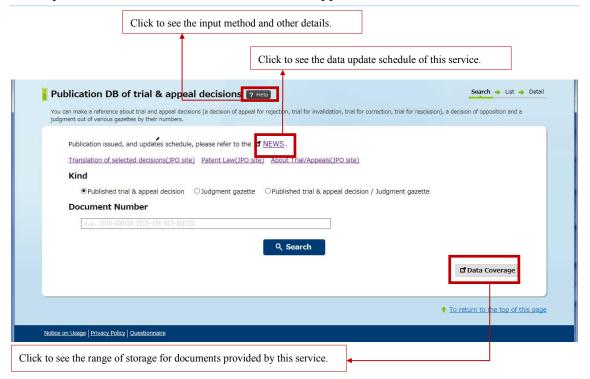
Case of Search	Example of Input	Point
In the case of Similar group code	01A01	· Enter a similar group code by
"01A01"		single-byte characters.
In the case of a series of characters	01?	· You can make search by specifying
beginning with "01" like "01A01" or		not a name of goods & services but a
"01B01"		similar group code only.

Chapter 7 Trial & Appeal

Publication DB of trial & appeal decisions

The Publication DB of trial & appeal decisions service enables users to retrieve various gazettes of decisions and objections by entering document numbers.

◆ Input Screen for Publication DB of trial & appeal decisions



◆ Operating Procedure

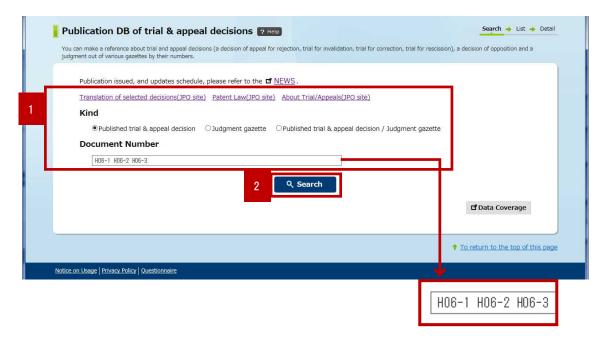
(1) Entering search conditions

1. Select a kind and enter a document number by single-byte characters.

*The screen shows an example of input for searching trial & appeal numbers H06-1, H06-2, and H06-3. See page 93 for details about the example of input.

For multiple number input, delimit each number with a space.

2. Click the Search button.



(2) Checking the result list

Documents satisfying the search conditions are listed.

1. Click a document number link.

*Click the Recording Code List link to view a list of recording codes.

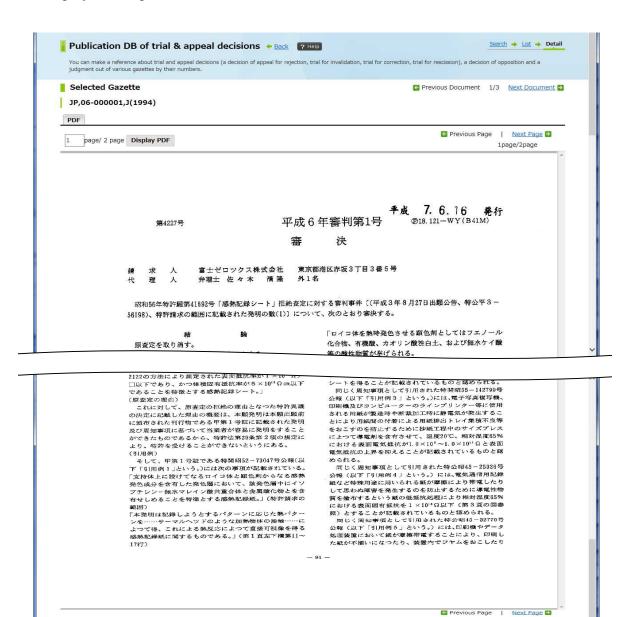




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(3) Checking detail display

A detail display screen is displayed for the selected document. The document is in display mode specified on the result list screen.



◆ Main Example of Keyword Input for Search

Number input

Case of Search	Example of Input	Point
Searching Decision Gazette "Appeal 2002-13543"	2002-13543	 Enter a number by single-byte characters. Both the Japanese calendar
Searching Opposition Determination Gazette "Opposition 2002-68001"	2002-68001	(Japanese era name + 2 numeric digits) and Christian (Gregorian) calendar are acceptable for number input.