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Recently, “Open Innovation” draws attention of government and industries. What is the concept of “Open Innovation”? How do we understand the relationship between “Open Innovation” and “Intellectual Property System”? What issues, if any, exist? This paper tries to examine these questions.

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“Open Innovation” has been progressed in many aspects to supplement the technologies/knowledge developed internally in Pharmaceutical Industries as well.

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The “Open Innovation” done by Nissan together with universities and parts suppliers is introduced here. Also IP issue is focused.

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Kanazawa University set up the Center for Innovation as of April 1, this year, in order to exercise the leadership related to Industry-Academia-Government Relations. I would like to introduce the basic policy of Kanazawa University focusing on Innovation related activities.

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Intellectual Property High Court affirmed the denial of patent term extension which was based on the second approval for the active ingredient and indication under the Pharmaceutical Law. The rejection is arguable in such case as the patentee could not exercise the patented invention at all before the approval because the patent was granted not for the active ingredient or indication but a new delivery system.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan the Intellectual Property Affairs Division of which was established on 1 April 2008 has been coordinating and promoting foreign policies on intellectual property thereby contributing to expansion of intellectual property of Japan in international arena, in light of government-wide national strategy on intellectual property.

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