The Design gazettes issued after 1889 are available in this database and the gazettes issued after 2000 are provided in English via machine translation.

Design Gazette DB is different from ‘Patent & Utility Model’ DB or ‘Trademark’ DB, text search is not provided. There are some examples of search queries in the DB's interface as same as other DBs. Please refer to the examples for details.

Note: Only Registered Number is available as a search query to search ‘Design Gazette,’ however to search ‘Publication of Disagreed Consultation on Design Application’, application number is needed.

Every design application should be examined without a request for examination, and if none of the reasons for refusal is found in examination, the application will be registered after payment of registration fee. Basically, design application is not lay open for public without registration, however, if there are more than two applications which are filed in the same day and are similar to each other, and the consultation was held among the interested applicants and it was failed, all those applications should be refused to be registered and the results of consultation is issued as a ‘Publication of Disagreed Consultation of Design.’

Both the Design Gazettes and the Publications of Disagreed Consultation of Design are available in is database.
Japanese trademark applications and registered trademarks are available in this database. A retrieved document is provided in English via machine translation as well as other databases.

A trademark expired will be deleted about a year later from date of expiration.

This list shows items which are available as a type of query in this database. An appropriate type for the each query must be selected from the list box of database interface before conducting a search.

To retrieve a trademark, select a type of query then enter the query, which is suitable for the selected query type then click on the ‘SEARCH’ button left hand side corner. Then the database returns the number of retrieved documents as bellow.

Then click on the ‘INDEX’ button to display the list.

Click on one of document numbers in the list to display the document you would like to see. Summary of the trademark will be displayed. Details are available by clicking [DETAIL] link in the summary display as well. Summary and detail are switchable each other by clicking the links.
Searching Japanese Figure Trademark

Trademark applications and registered trademarks in Japan are classified with ‘Figure Terms,’ which representing figurative elements of the trademark. Figure Terms are available in ‘Vienna Classification of Figurative Element of Marks,’ by clicking on the ‘Figure Term’ button in this page.

Enter the Figure Term and Class or Similar group code to retrieve a trademark, it is available to narrow the scope of search with the dates then click on the ‘SEARCH’ button. The database returns the number of retrieved trademarks.

Adjust Number of Trademarks in each page and confirm bibliographic information of the trademark:

These images are the sample of search results and the list of the retrieved trademarks in this database. Eight images (4 x 2) of the retrieved trademarks will be displayed by the default setting. The number of images displayed in each page is adjustable before displaying the retrieved trademarks list. Please refer to 1-2 in online HELP page for details.

Bibliographic of the trademark is available by clicking on the each trademark image as well.

Confirm a Figure Term:

The figure terms are must be entered to retrieve the trademarks in this database. The figure terms are available in the ‘Figure Term (Vienna Classification) list,’ which is displayed by clicking on the button. To enter the figure terms to database interface, select the term from the table/list, then click on the ‘paste’ button on the bottom of the table/list page. The figure terms list is available by clicking on the right arrow icon in the figure terms table.
The *defensive marks and the trademarks that are authorized as a well known trademark in the decisions on opposition, the appeal/trial decisions or the court judges in Japan can be retrieved with letters of trademark in this database. Bibliographic information is available as well.

*defensive mark: The owner of a trademark right may, when his registered trademark in respect of goods has become well known among consumers as indicating the designated goods as being connected with his business and when the use of the registered trademark by any other person in respect of goods other than the designated goods covered by the registered trademark and goods similar thereto or services similar to the designated goods is likely to cause confusion between such goods or services and the designated goods in connection with his business, obtain a defensive mark registration of a mark identical with the registered trademark with respect to goods or services for which such possibility of confusion exists.

List of Goods and Services

A code so called ‘Similar group code’ is required in some databases to retrieve a trademark. Similar group code is a unique Japanese classifying system to confirm a similarity among the goods/services. Similarity is inferred by the code however the scope of similarity is not conclusive.

The Similarity codes of goods/services can be retrieved with keywords.