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## Adoption of the Vienna Classification

Along with the JPO adoption of “Japanese Subsection Table of the Vienna Classification of Figurative Elements of Marks” for trademark examinations, Figure Term (Vienna Classification) has become available instead of Japan Figure Term as the search key of “Searching Japanese figure Trademarks” since March 29, 2004. Access to JPO’s website at <http://www.jpo.go.jp/>, and open “Industrial Property Digital Library (IPDL)”

The image shows a screenshot of the Japan Patent Office Industrial Property Digital Library (IPDL) website. The page is titled "Japan Patent Office Industrial Property Digital Library" and includes a navigation menu with options like "Japan Patent Office Home Page" and "Japanese". The main content area is divided into several sections: "Patentability Model", "Design", "Trademark", and "Database Contents". The "Trademark" section is highlighted with a blue dashed box, and a blue arrow points to the "Japanese Figure Trademarks" link within it. The "Database Contents" section lists various databases, including "Patent & Utility Model Gazette DE", "Patent & Utility Model Gazette JP", "Patent Gazette JP", "Patent Gazette DE", "Patent Gazette FR", "Patent Gazette GB", "Patent Gazette IT", "Patent Gazette NL", "Patent Gazette SE", "Patent Gazette CH", "Patent Gazette ES", "Patent Gazette PT", "Patent Gazette GR", "Patent Gazette SI", "Patent Gazette CY", "Patent Gazette TR", "Patent Gazette PL", "Patent Gazette SK", "Patent Gazette CZ", "Patent Gazette HU", "Patent Gazette RO", "Patent Gazette BG", "Patent Gazette LV", "Patent Gazette LT", "Patent Gazette EE", "Patent Gazette LU", "Patent Gazette BE", "Patent Gazette IE", "Patent Gazette DK", "Patent Gazette FI", "Patent Gazette NO", "Patent Gazette SE", "Patent Gazette IS", "Patent Gazette JP", "Patent Gazette KR", "Patent Gazette TW", "Patent Gazette HK", "Patent Gazette SG", "Patent Gazette MY", "Patent Gazette TH", "Patent Gazette VN", "Patent Gazette PH", "Patent Gazette ID", "Patent Gazette AU", "Patent Gazette NZ", "Patent Gazette CA", "Patent Gazette US", "Patent Gazette MX", "Patent Gazette BR", "Patent Gazette AR", "Patent Gazette CL", "Patent Gazette CO", "Patent Gazette EC", "Patent Gazette PE", "Patent Gazette VE", "Patent Gazette BO", "Patent Gazette PY", "Patent Gazette UY", "Patent Gazette PR", "Patent Gazette CR", "Patent Gazette GT", "Patent Gazette HN", "Patent Gazette NI", "Patent Gazette PA", "Patent Gazette SV", "Patent Gazette EC", "Patent Gazette GG", "Patent Gazette IM", "Patent Gazette JE", "Patent Gazette JO", "Patent Gazette KE", "Patent Gazette KG", "Patent Gazette KP", "Patent Gazette KZ", "Patent Gazette MD", "Patent Gazette ME", "Patent Gazette MK", "Patent Gazette MN", "Patent Gazette MM", "Patent Gazette NP", "Patent Gazette OM", "Patent Gazette PK", "Patent Gazette PS", "Patent Gazette QA", "Patent Gazette RS", "Patent Gazette RU", "Patent Gazette RW", "Patent Gazette SA", "Patent Gazette SD", "Patent Gazette SI", "Patent Gazette TJ", "Patent Gazette TK", "Patent Gazette TL", "Patent Gazette TM", "Patent Gazette TN", "Patent Gazette TR", "Patent Gazette UA", "Patent Gazette UG", "Patent Gazette UZ", "Patent Gazette VG", "Patent Gazette VI", "Patent Gazette WS", "Patent Gazette YE", "Patent Gazette ZA", "Patent Gazette ZW".

The IPDL toppage is shown on the upper right. Four services are available for trademark search in English. please click on “Japanese Figure Trademarks”.

# What is the Vienna Classification?

The Vienna Classification provides symbols for marks which consist of or contain figurative elements. It was established under the Vienna Agreement Establishing an International Classification of the Figurative Elements of Marks signed at the Vienna Diplomatic Conference in 1973. The Vienna Agreement went into effect on August 9, 1985. Although Japan has not joined the Vienna Agreement, the choice of whether or not to exploit the Classification has been left open to the members of the Paris Convention.

The objectives of the Vienna Classification are to expedite searches of trademarks containing figurative elements, facilitate trademark anticipation searches and obviate substantial reclassification work when documents are exchanged at the international level, and establish an essential and practical international classification.

To achieve these objectives while simultaneously taking into consideration Japanese society and culture, the Japan Patent Office created a subsection table in accordance with the fifth edition of the Vienna Classification.

In “Japanese Trademark Database “ and “Searching Japanese Figure Trademarks”, the display of Japanese Classification has been changed into the display of Vienna Classification.

## IPDL's Trademark Database Service and Contents

### ◆ Japanese Trademark Database

This database supports Japanese trademark application and registration information searchable by keywords such as word marks, application number, registration date, and so on.

### ◆ Japanese Figure Trademarks

This service provides for retrieval of figure trademarks which are registered or pending in JPO. List of “Figure term,” which is the Vienna Classification for figurative element of marks, is also available.

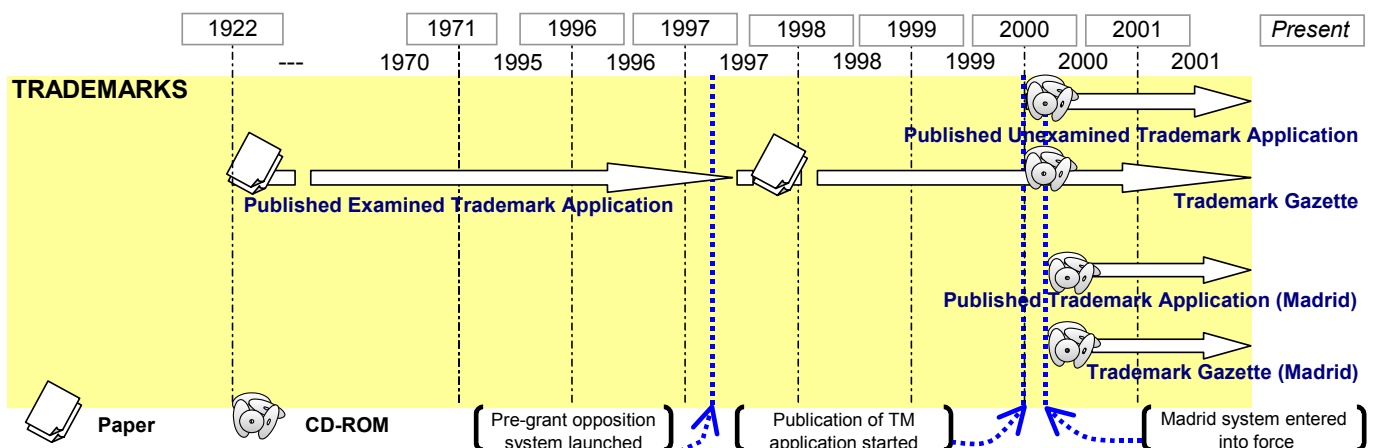
### ◆ Japanese Well-Known Trademarks

This database contains all the trademarks registered as defensive marks as well as the registered trademarks that are authorized as well-known under the decisions made by appeal examiners or court judges

### ◆ List of Goods and Services

This database allows users to find applicable goods and services and similar group codes. “Similar group code” classifies the goods and services according to their similarity, and is assigned to goods and services which are inferred to be similar. This can be a useful tool for searching purposes.

## Japanese Trademark Publications / Gazettes



# How is the Vienna Classification displayed?

“Searching Japanese Figure Trademarks and Japanese Trademark Database”

Consult “HELP” icon for more search tips.

Click “Figure Term Lists” icon to see all the figure terms..

Consult “Stored data” for the latest updated information.

6. TABLE OF CATEGORIES AND DIVISIONS

Category	Division	
	Contents	Contents
1 CELESTIAL BODIES, NATURAL PHENOMENA, GEOGRAPHICAL MAPS	1.1	STARS, COMETS  Notes: (a) Including stars which indicate military rank. (b) Not including sparks (1.15.7) and asteroids (24.17.3).
	1.2	SUN  Note: Not including representations of the sun consisting solely of a disk without rays, which will be placed in the appropriate sections of division (24.1).
	1.3	EARTH, TERRESTRIAL GLOBES, PLANETS  JPO notes: (a) As regards the differences between terrestrial globes and geographical maps, those figures that

List of figure term is displayed.

If you enter two or more items, “And “ operation is conducted.

Either class or similar group code must be specified. See “List of Goods and Services” about scope of search when the class is used.

Narrow the scope of the retrieval by application/registration data if the results are too many..

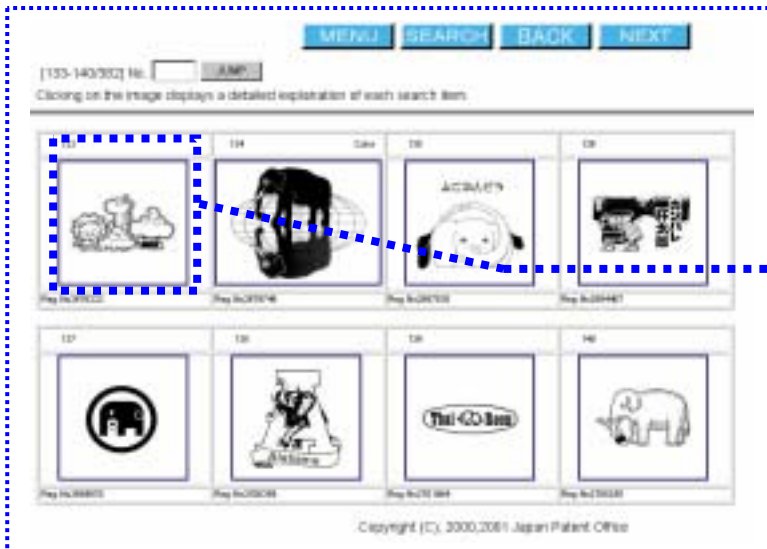
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# How is the Vienna Classification displayed? (2)

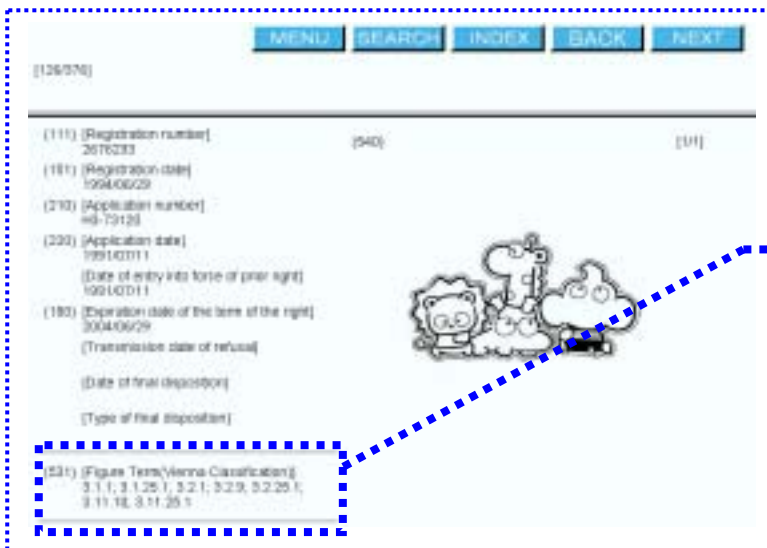
“Searching Japanese Figure Trademarks and Japanese Trademark Database”



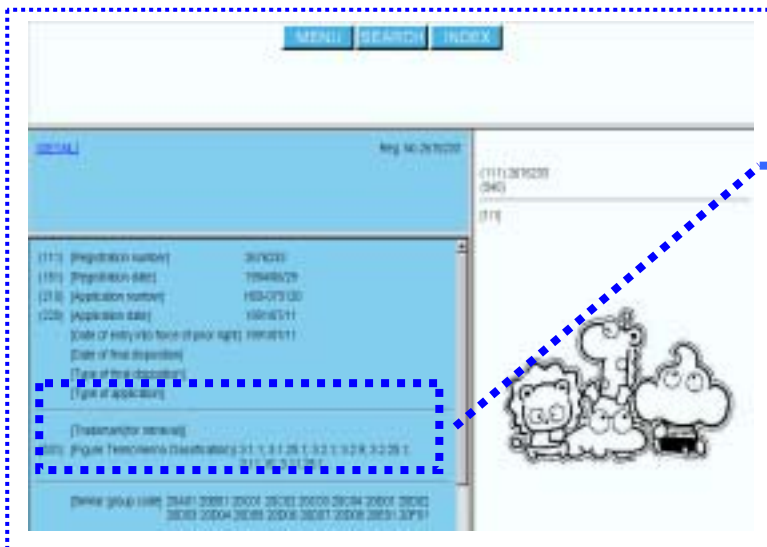
Number of the search results is displayed. Click “INDEX” to display the list of the results.



Click any image to see the trademark.



The display of Japanese Classification has been changed into the display of the Vienna Classification.



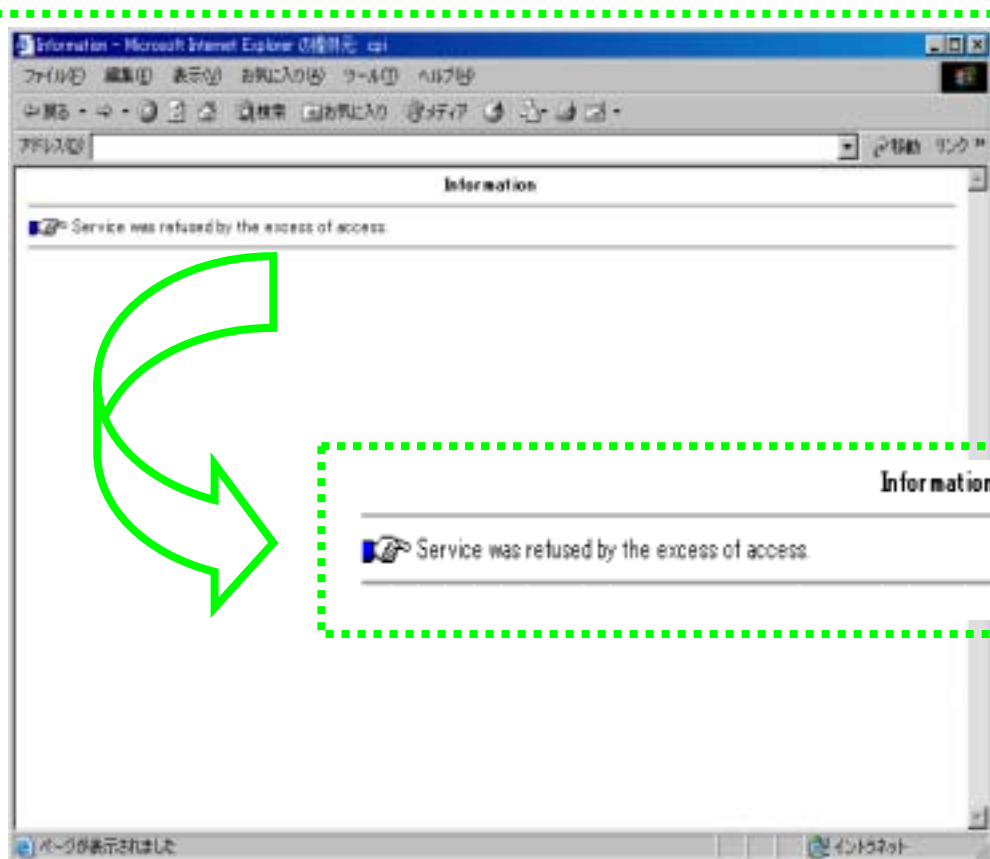
In Japanese Trademark Database, the display of Japanese Classification has been changed into the display of the Vienna Classification as well.

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## NOTICE: Publication Schedule for Applications on DVD-ROM

Gazettes are scheduled to be published on DVD-ROM in XML data format from July. We have now drawn up details of the schedule, including the first publication dates and number of items to be stored, as given below. **Please note that PAJ will continue to be published on CD-ROM.**

### 1. Types of publications released on DVD-ROM and their first publication dates

#### Gazettes

Types of gazettes	Publication date	First registration number
Patent, Utility model gazette	July 7 (Wed.), 2004	Patent gazette ; 3,539,101 Utility model gazette ; 2,607,888

### 2. Publishing Cycle and Number of Items To Be Stored

#### (1) Publishing cycle

Gazette will be released on every Wednesday, 50 times a year.

#### (2) Number of items to be stored in a DVD-ROM

Patent gazette	Approx. 2,300
Other gazettes	Almost equal to the present number of cases

### 3. Data Format and Medium

The data format of gazettes will be switched from SGML to XML, and the medium will be changed from CD-ROM to DVD-ROM.

### 4. Final Publication Dates for Currently Issued Publications / Gazettes on CD-ROM

The final publication dates of gazettes before introducing the new system are listed below:

Type of publications	Final publication date	Final registration number
Patent gazette	June 14 (Mon.), 2004	3,539,100
Utility model gazette	April 26 (Mon.), 2004	2,607,887

### 5. Required Configuration

DVD-ROM drive should be ready for use, together with an editor or browser that can display XML data, and Adobe Reader® or the like.



## Glossary

### XML [extensible markup language]

XML is a programming language, and is a simplified version of SGML, designed especially for Web documents. It allows users to define their own customized tags, which enables documents in XML format to be processed as a set of data.

## Schedule for transition from CD-ROM to DVD-ROM

	2003.12	2004.1	2004.7
Published Applications	Published application / gazette on CD-ROM (SGML) Until December 5, 2003	Published application / gazette on DVD-ROM (XML) From January 8, 2004	
	Amended specification on CD-ROM (SGML) Until December 5, 2003		Amended specification on DVD-ROM (XML) From July 8, 2004 or later
	Corrected specification on CD-ROM (SGML) Until December 5, 2003		Corrected specification on DVD-ROM (XML) From July 8, 2004 or later
Gazettes	Patent / utility model gazette on CD-ROM (SGML) Final publication date: Until June 14, 2004		Patent / utility model gazette on DVD-ROM (XML) From July 7, 2004
	Corrected specification on CD-ROM (SGML) Final publication date: Until June 14, 2004		Corrected specification on DVD-ROM (XML) From July 7, 2004 or later