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## INFORMATION SHEET FOR INVENTION PATENT APPLICATION IN JAPAN

<b>Document required</b>	Patent specification; particulars of the inventors and applicant; an original certified copy of the priority document (if priority is claimed)
<b>Language</b>	Japanese
<b>Examination</b>	Formality examination and Substantive examination
<b>Application procedure</b>	1) Filing the application; 2) Formality examination; 3) Publication; 4) Substantive examination; 5) Office Actions; 6) Granting or rejecting the application; 7) If granting, then paying registration fees and 1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> year annuity fees and publication; if rejecting, then abandon or appeal
<b>Processing time for registration</b>	2 to 3 year from date of filing the application
<b>Patent renewal and duration</b>	Annuities for the 1st to 3rd years must be paid as a registration fee upon issuance. The fourth year annuity must be paid during the third year or prior thereto from the date of registration. The term of a patent is 20 years from the date of filing the application
<b>Assignment</b>	An original assignment deed
<b>Licensing</b>	An original license agreement

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## INFORMATION SHEET FOR UTILITY MODEL PATENT APPLICATION IN JAPAN

<b>Document required</b>	Patent specification; particulars of the inventors and applicant; an original certified copy of the priority document (if priority is claimed)
<b>Language</b>	Japanese
<b>Examination</b>	Formality examination only
<b>Application procedure</b>	1) Filing the application; 2) Formality examination; 3) Notice of correction; 4) Granting or rejecting the application; 5) If granting, then paying registration fee and publication, if rejected, filing appeal or abandon the application
<b>Processing time for registration</b>	1 – 2 years from date of filing the application
<b>Patent renewal and duration</b>	Annuities for the 1st to 3rd years must be paid as a registration fee upon issuance. The fourth year annuity must be paid during the third year or prior thereto from the date of registration. The term of a patent is 10 years from the date of filing the application
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