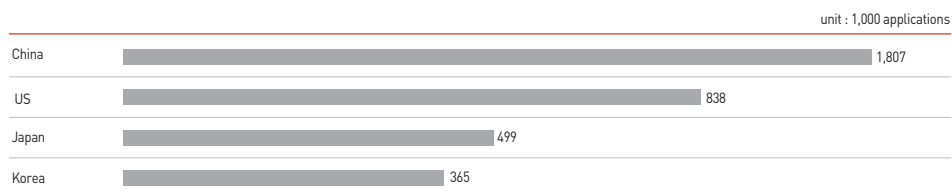


Statistical overview of 2009

World's fourth largest number of IPR applications

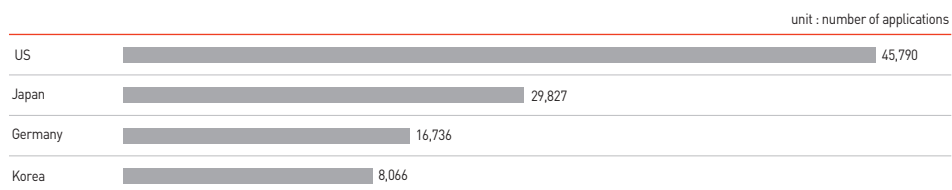
In 2009, Korea had the fourth largest number of IPR applications in the world. Our total of 364,990 applications for patents, utility models, trademarks, and industrial designs was the fourth highest total after China, the US, and Japan.

* Patents: 163,523, Utility models: 17,144, Trademarks: 126,420, Industrial designs: 57,903



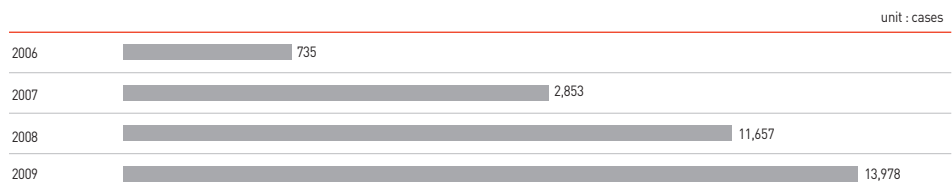
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In 2009, we had the fourth largest number of PCT international applications in the world. Our total of 8,066 applications was surpassed only by China, Japan, and Germany.



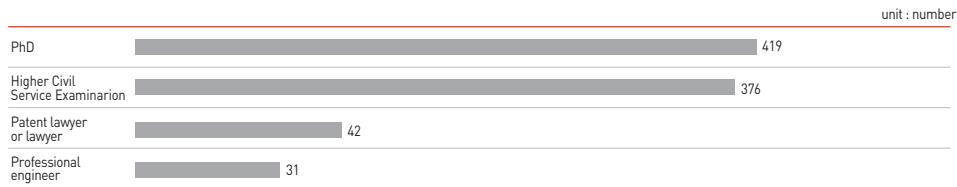
Escalation in PCT international searches

Requests for international searches soared from 735 in 2006 to 13,978 in 2009. These results attest to the international reputation of our patent examination capabilities.



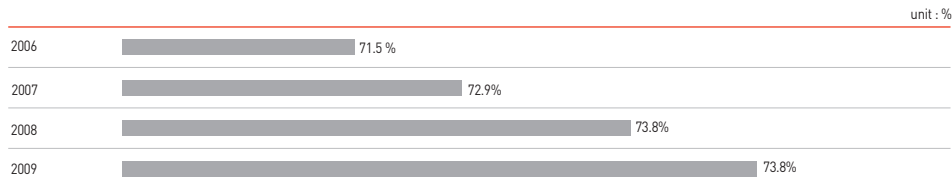
Human resources

Our staff of 1,511 includes 419 (27.7%) who have a PhD, 376 (24.9%) who have passed the Higher Civil Service Examination, 42 (2.8%) who are patent lawyers or lawyers, and 31(2.1%) who are professional engineers. They are among the most highly qualified personnel of all government departments in Korea.



Customer satisfaction

The level of customer satisfaction with our services (including applications, examinations, registrations, and trials) increased from 71.5 in 2006 to 73.8 in 2009.



Appeals against trial decisions

In 2009, only 15.2% of the trial decisions of the Intellectual Property Tribunal were appealed, whereas in 2000 the portion of decisions appealed was 23.8%. Clearly, customers are more accepting of the decisions of the Intellectual Property Tribunal as we continue to improve the quality of our examinations.

