

Recent Developments at KIPO

IP5 Heads and Industry Meeting
12 June 2019, Songdo



Korean Intellectual
Property Office

Key Figures for 2018

(+ 2.5%)
209,992

Patent Application
(case)

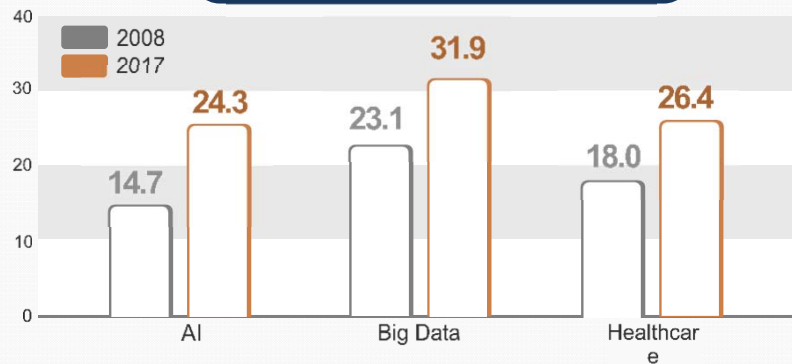
(+ 7.9%)
17,017

PCT Application
(case)

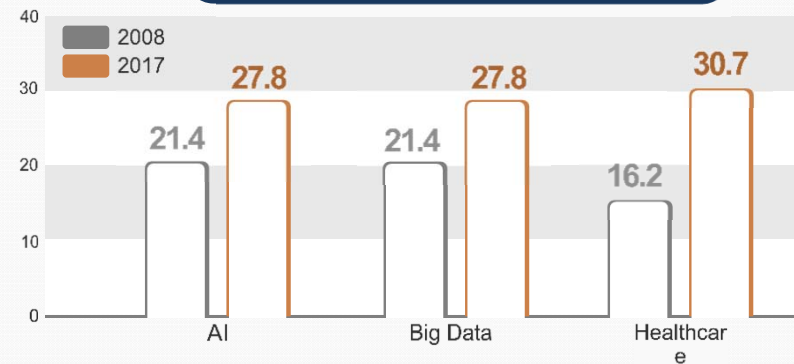
(vs. 1.3%)
8.7%

4IR-related Application
(recent 10 years)

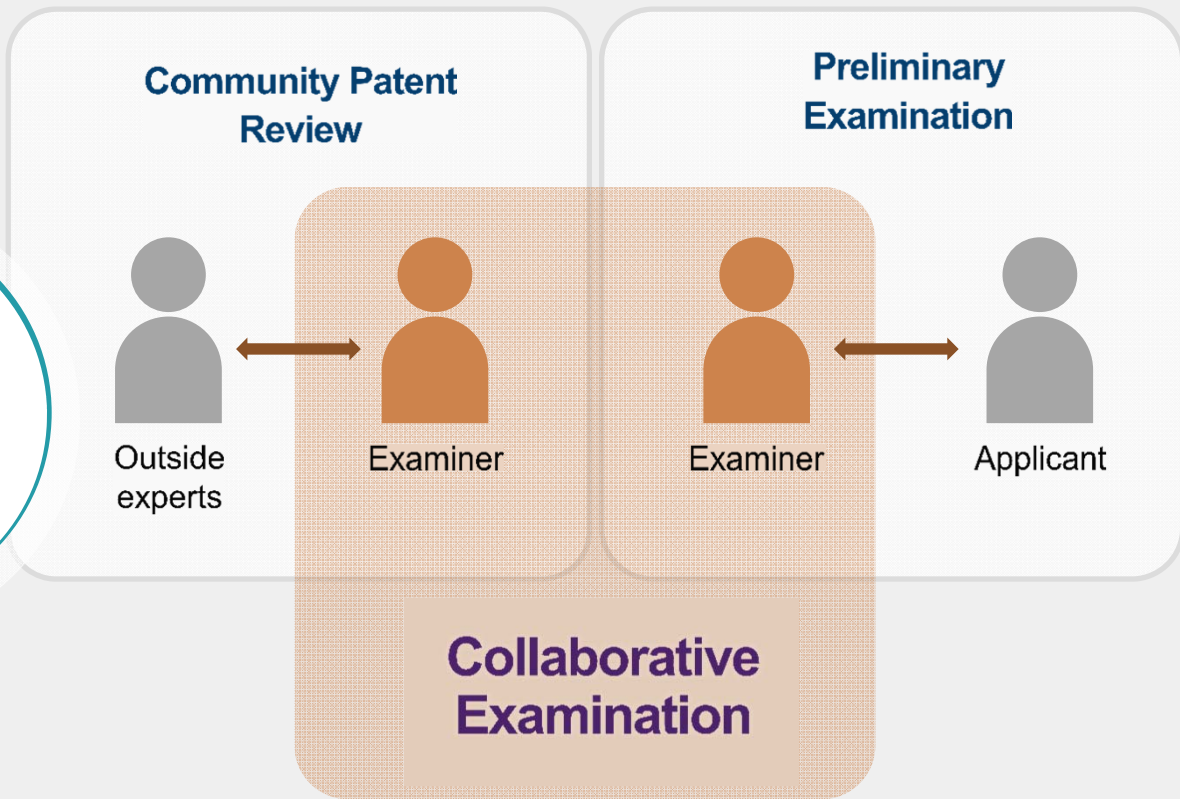
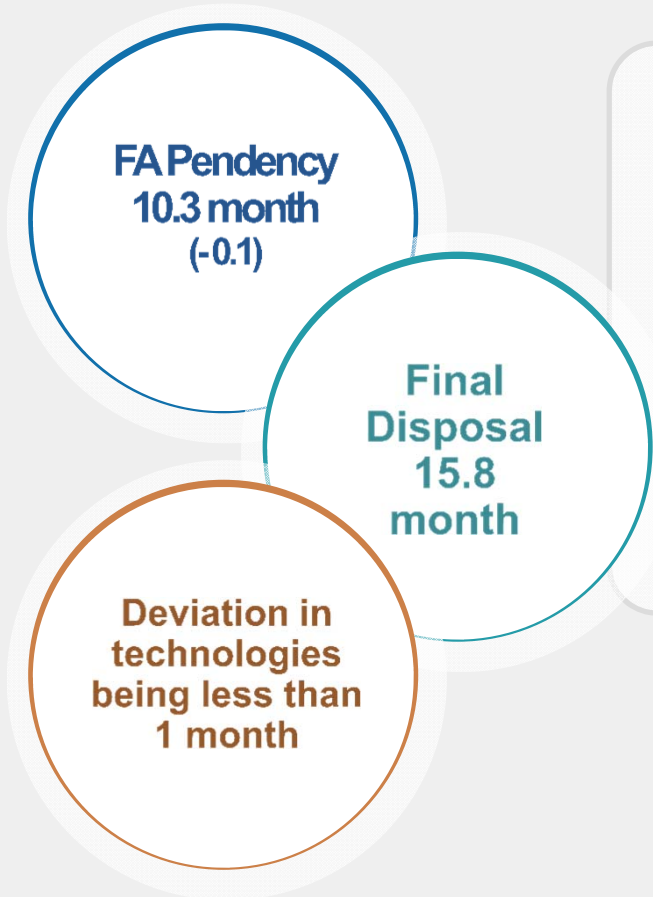
Small & Medium Company



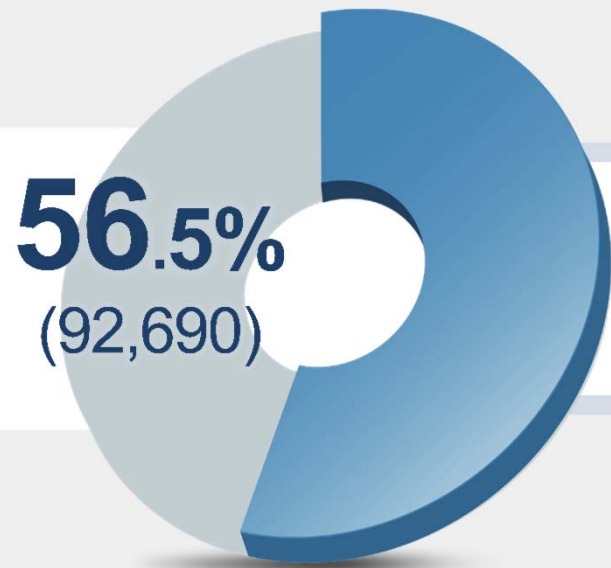
University & Research Institution



Examination Status for 2018



Exchange of Unpublished Patent Data



Examination cases during unpublished phase in 2018



New Approach of Work-Sharing

Fourth Industrial Revolution in Practice

Operation

- ▶ Accelerated examination for 4IR technologies (Apr. 2018)
- ▶ Revision of examination guidelines for better protection of the 4IR technologies (Mar. 2019)

Organization

- ▶ Collaborative Examination
- ▶ Restructuring and creation of a new examination bureau dedicated to interdisciplinary technologies

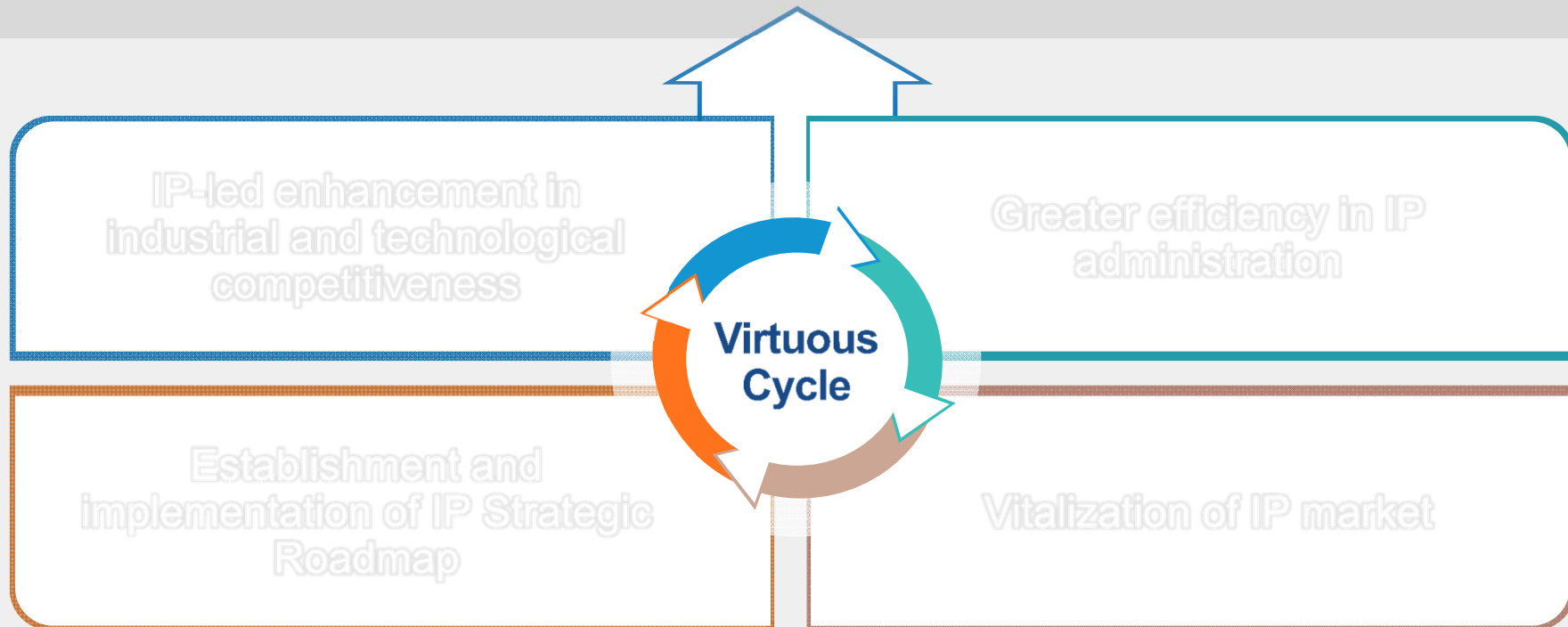
IT Tools

- ▶ Development of AI-aided computer system for more efficient examination

4IR-friendly Patent Administration

IP Policy : Creation and Utilization

Driving future growth by developing dynamic IP ecosystem



IP Policy : Stronger Protection

▶ Introduced punitive damages for willful infringement of patents and trade secrets
(from July 2019)

▶ Given greater authority to do direct investigation over alleged infringement of
patents, trades secretes or designs (from March 2019)

As well as unfair competition activities

▶ To improve damage compensation system, by which the entire amount of
profits earned by infringer from infringement would be considered the exact
amount of financial loss on patent owner (2nd half of 2019)

Thank you!