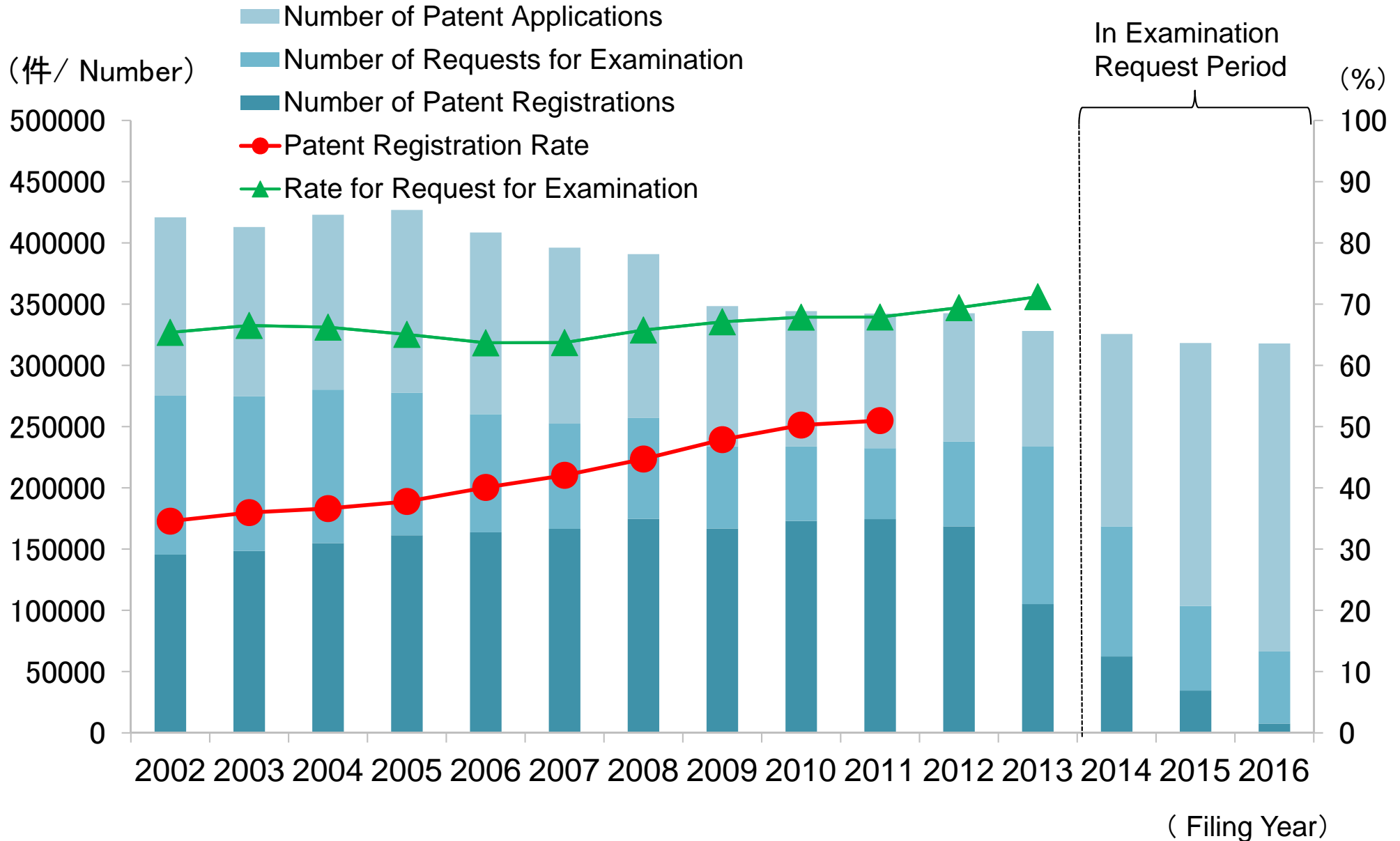


JPO's recent developments

**IP5 Heads of Office with IP5 Industry Meetings
31 May 2017**

Japan Patent Office

Numbers of Patent Applications, Patent Registrations, and Requests for Examination



Fastest in the World

Standard Total Pendency* : Around 15 months
FA Pendency : Around 10 months

The World's Highest Level



*Excluding some cases where the JPO requests an applicant to respond to the second notification of reasons for refusal and where the applicant performs procedures he/she is allowed to use, such as requests for extension of the period of response and for an accelerated examination.

Highest Quality - Creation of “Strong, Broad-scoped, and Useful” Patent Rights

Initiatives for Quality Management

- To strengthen the quality management system of approvals, consultations, quality audits, etc.

Enhancing Foreign Literature Searches

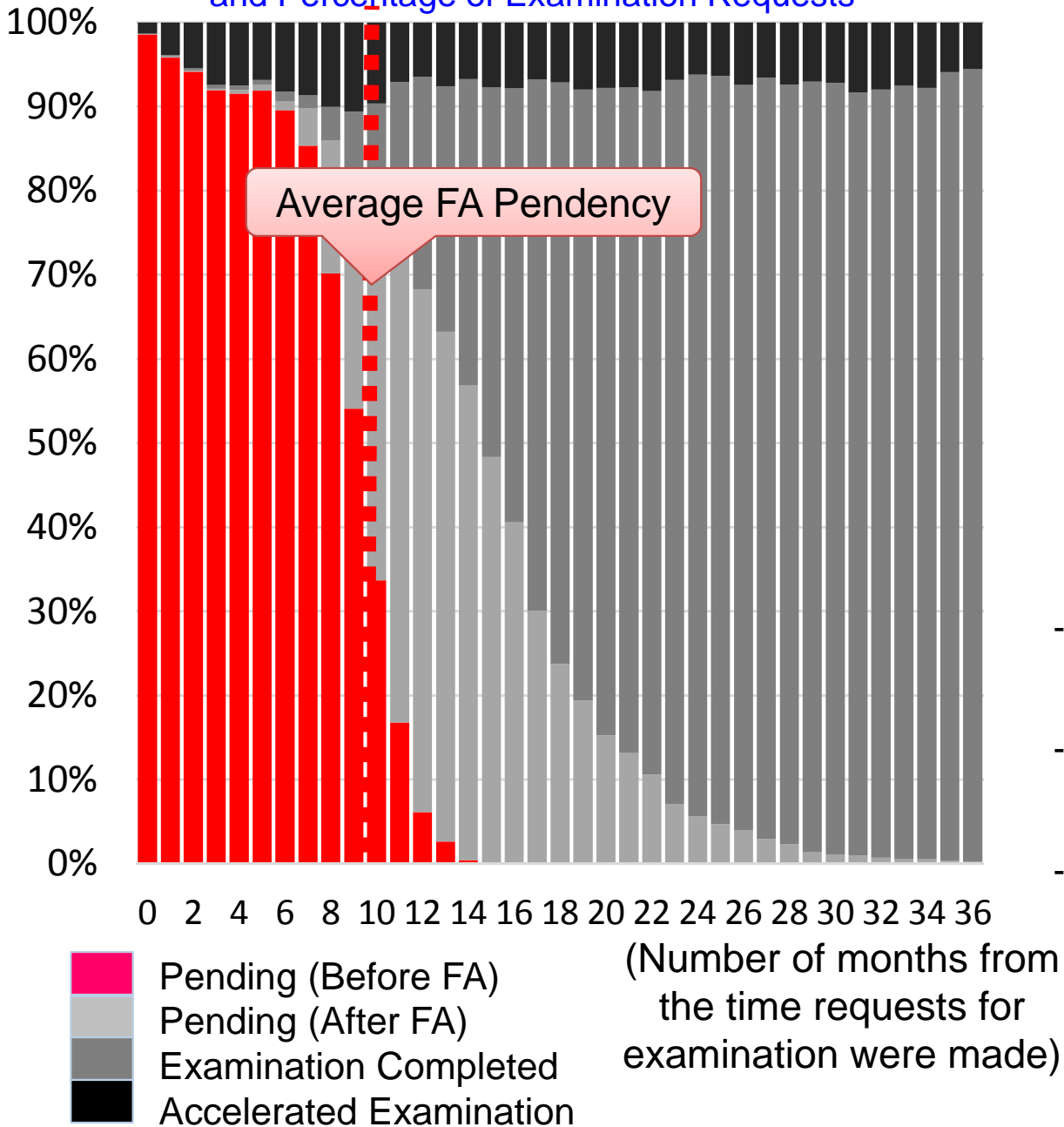
- Increase searches conducted by registered search agencies on foreign patent literature

Examination Based on Revised Examination Guidelines

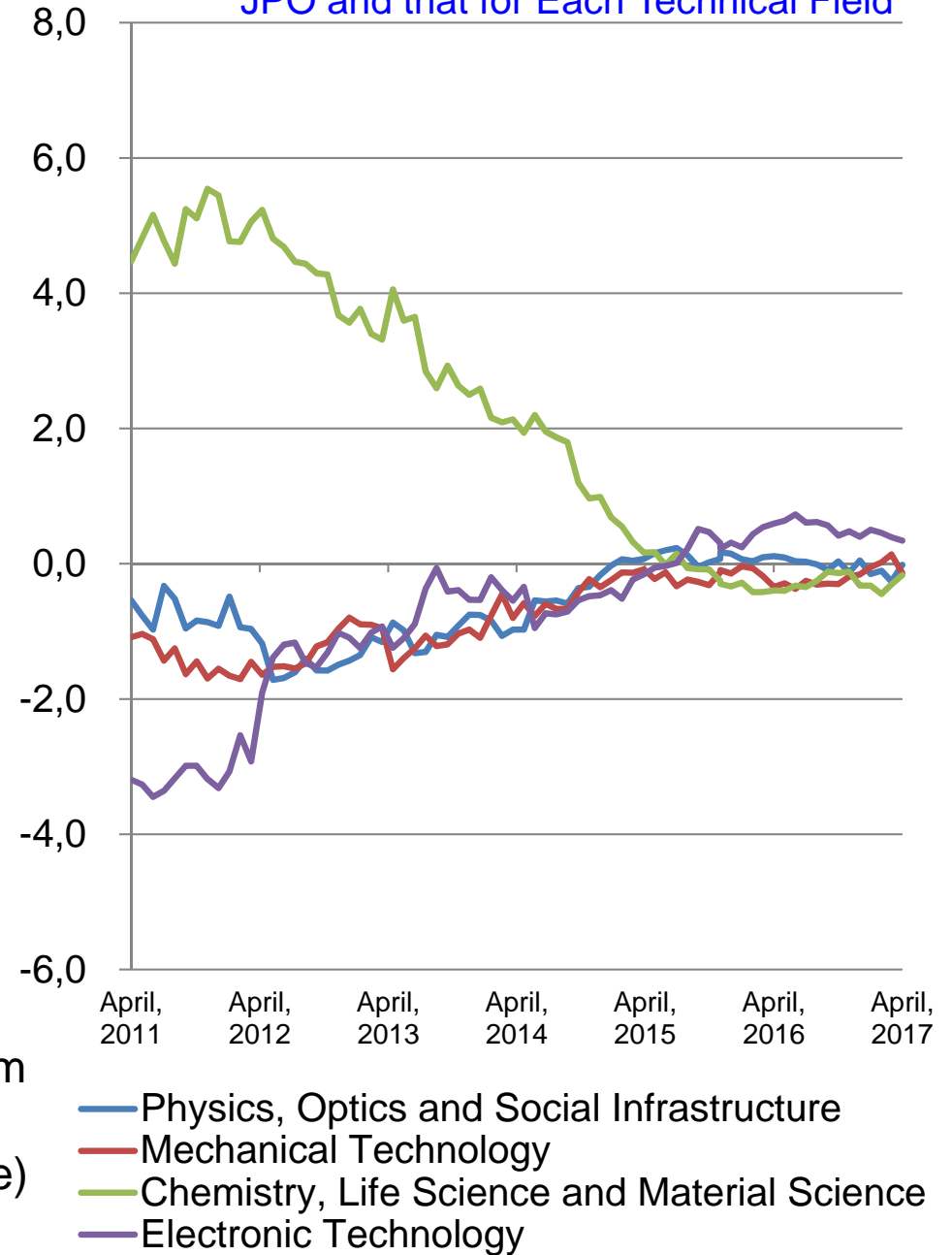
- Examination based on thoroughly reviewed Examination Guidelines with the simple contents which are easier to understand

Advanced Examination Management

Number of Months Pendency from the Time Requests for Examination were Made; and Percentage of Examination Requests



(Months) Differences in Average FA Pendency at the JPO and that for Each Technical Field



■ Reinforcing ASEAN's Infrastructure

ASEAN-Japan Heads of IP Offices Meeting

The JPO and IP Offices of the ASEAN countries adopted the Japan-ASEAN Joint Statement for Intellectual Property 2017 taking into consideration the ASEAN IP Rights Action Plan for 2016-2025 and agreed on the ASEAN IPOs-JPO IPR Action Plan 2017-2018.

Main points of the Action Plan 2017-2018

- ✓ Accelerate patent examinations and improve the quality of examinations
- ✓ Increase utilization of IP in the ASEAN Region
(commercializing IP, disseminating information, and raising awareness on IP rights)
- ✓ Strengthen collaboration with IP enforcement agencies



The 7th ASEAN-Japan Heads of IPO Meeting in Kanazawa on May 15, 2017

■ Reinforcing India's and Latin America's Infrastructure

- Sending JPO examiners to the countries
- Inviting India's and Latin America's examiners to training courses in Japan



Training Course for New Examiners in the India Patent Office

The JPO's initiatives for strengthening the enforcement of intellectual property rights includes promoting international exchange activities in the legal field of intellectual property (IP). The JPO holds various symposiums on IP and conducts mock trials. This has been done in collaboration with various related organizations including legal professionals.

■ Examples of international exchange activities in the legal field of IP

1. United States/Japan Patent Symposium (in Washington D.C.)

The JPO participated in the United States/Japan Patent Symposium in May 2016, which was hosted by the Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court that serves as a means for the U.S. legal community to exchange opinions in the area of intellectual property.



Photo of the United States/Japan Patent Symposium

2. Europe / Japan Mock Trial (in Paris)

In September 2016, the JPO held an international symposium jointly with the European Patent Lawyers Association (EPLAW), the Japan Federation of Bar Associations (JFBA), and the Intellectual Property Lawyers Network Japan (IPLNET). At the symposium, many individuals involved in IP participated from the U.K., France, Germany, and Japan.



Photo of the Europe / Japan Mock Trial - Gathering evidence in patent proceedings (in Paris)

3. Symposium on Patent Litigation in Europe/Japan 2016 (in Tokyo)

In November 2016, the JPO held an international symposium jointly with the German-Japanese Lawyers' Association, the Japan Intellectual Property Association (JIPA), and the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property of Japan (AIPPI JAPAN). At the symposium, many individuals involved in IP participated from Japan and Europe.



Photo of the Symposium on Patent Litigation in Europe and Japan 2016 (in Tokyo)

Initiative with METI

The JPO, in collaboration with the relevant departments of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), set up a committee to discuss the best possible intellectual property (IP) system, in order to deal with the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

- (1) Discussion on a system for encouraging utilization of data
- (2) Discussion on the best possible IP system to deal with changes in industrial structures
- (3) Promote strategic international standardization to respond to the Fourth Industrial Revolution

JPO's Initiative

The JPO has undertaken following initiatives to respond to the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

- (1) Establishment of New Patent Classifications for IoT-related Technologies.
- (2) Publishing Case Examples of Examinations on IoT-related Technologies.
- (3) Setting up an Consulting Team for Examination of IoT-related invention.

Thank you!

