



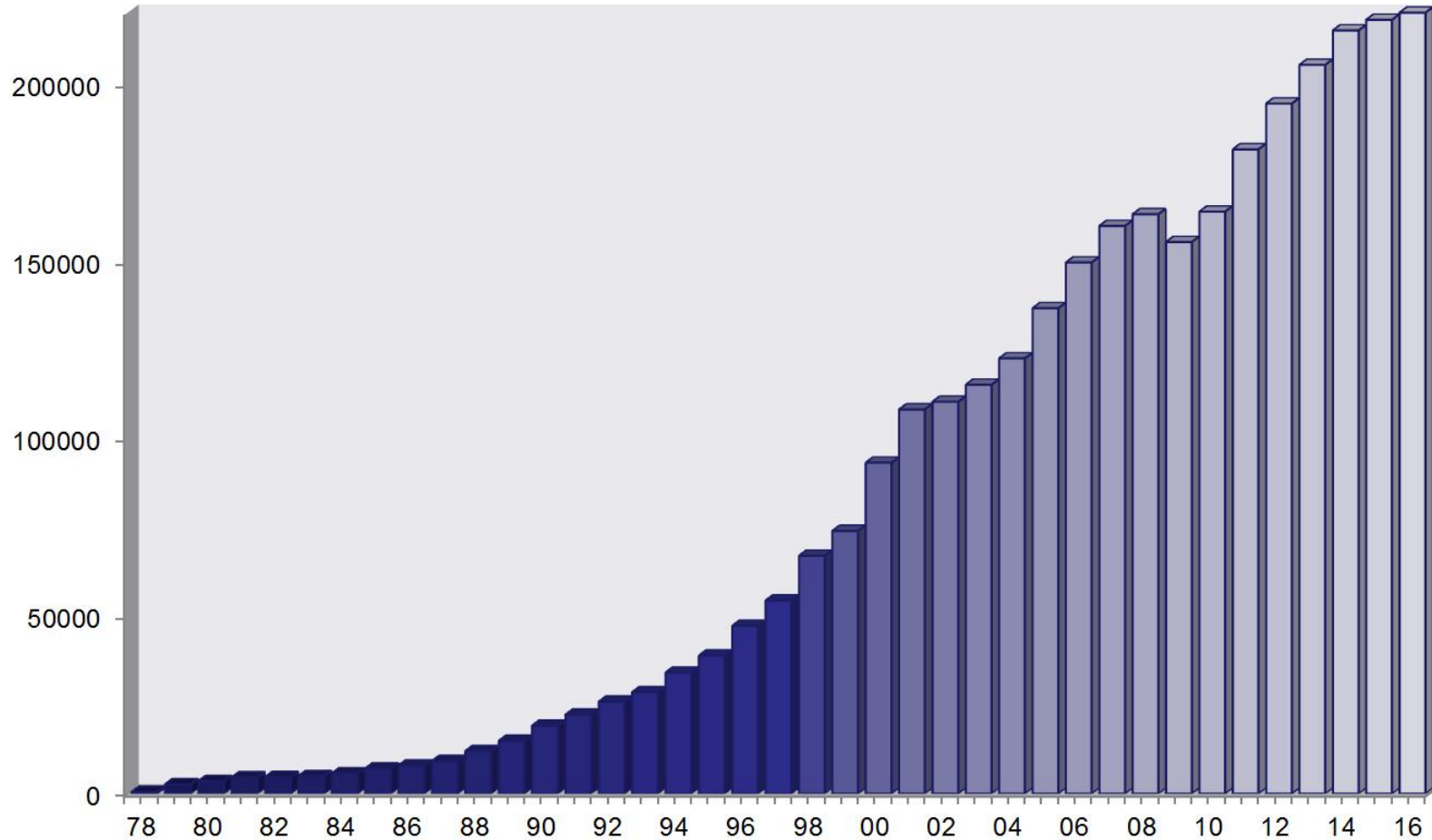
■ Latest Updates of WIPO

Meeting of Trilateral Heads of Office with Trilateral Industry

Seville, Spain
March 29, 2017

Mr. John Sandage
Deputy Director General
Patents and Technology Sector
World Intellectual Property Organization

PCT Applications

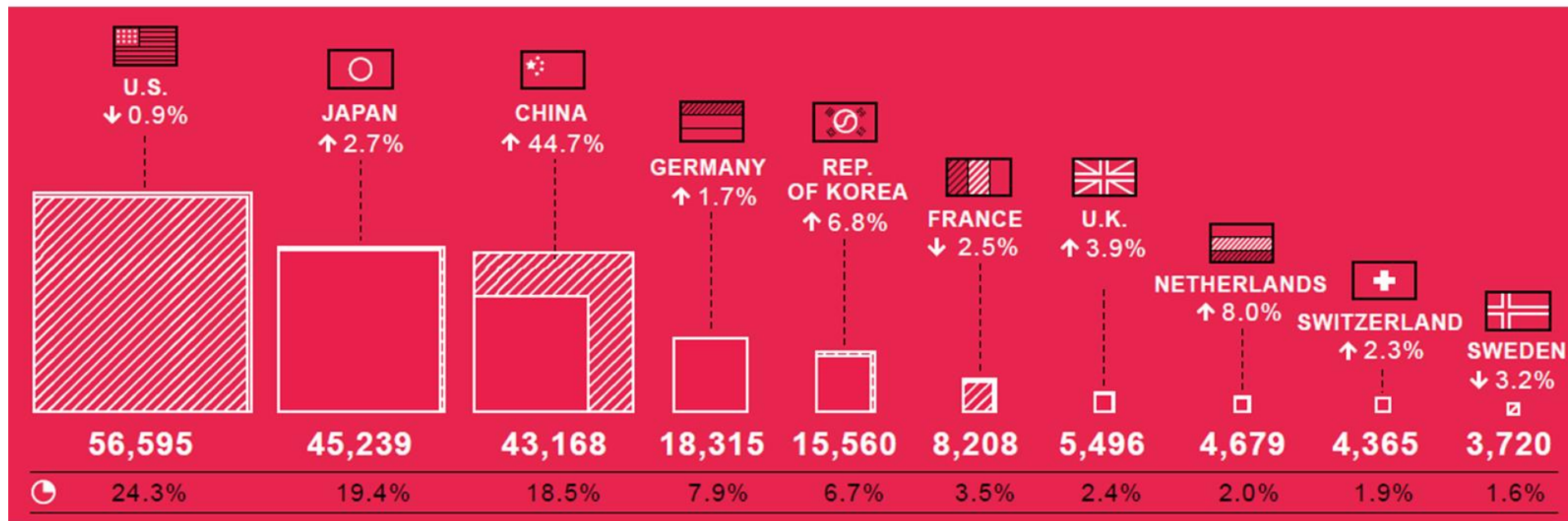


233,000 international applications in 2016 (+ 7.3 %)

152 Contracting States

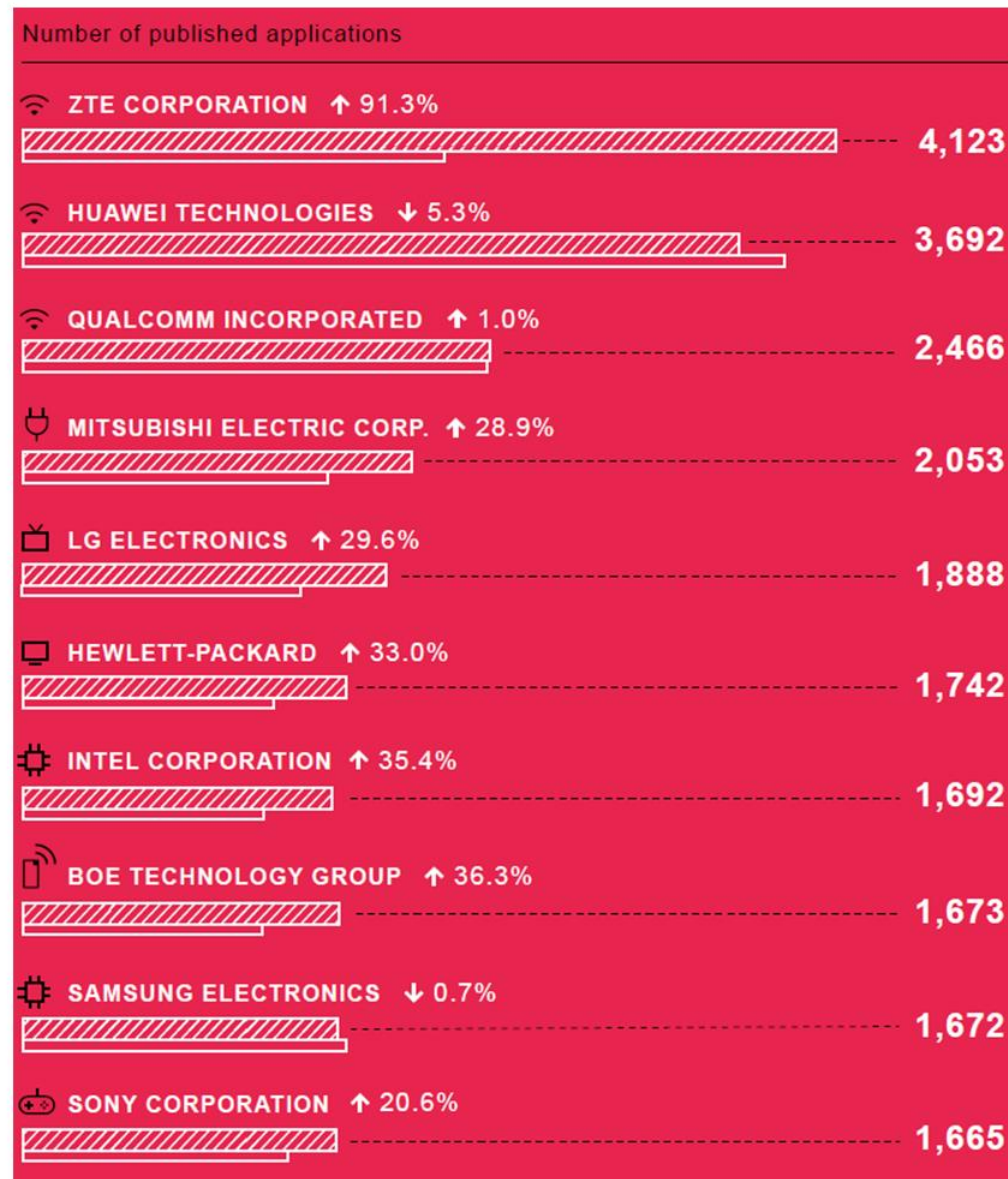
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The International
Patent System

International applications received in 2016 by country of origin



Number of applications and share of total

Top 10 PCT Applicants (2016)



PCT Operations at a Glance

- Since 2008, applications increased from 160,000 to 233,000 – 30% growth overall (7.3% in 2016)
- Fully Electronic Filings – now 95%
- PCT Staffing
 - Since 2008 – FTEs reduced from 356 to 284 – 72 posts suppressed, 20% reduction
 - But – productivity increased 68% since 2008 overall, and 5.4% in 2016
- Quality in the IB
 - Overall output quality increased from 81% to 95% since 2007
- No fee increase in 7 years!
 - Effective filing fee is only a third what it was in 1992
 - Unit Cost of processing PCT Applications reduced 7% in 2016

Milestones in 2016-2017

- PCT 3 millionth application published
 - Germany-based research organization: Fraunhofer Gesellschaft

- *The PCT System — Overview and Possible Future Directions and Priorities*
(<http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/3million/pdf/memo.pdf>)

- New PCT Member States
 - Kuwait, Djibouti, Cambodia and Jordan

- New International Authority
 - Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (from March 8)

Coming up in 2017

■ PCT/WG + PCT/CTC: May 8-12, 2017, Geneva

□ PCT/CTC

- Reappointment process of International Authorities
- New application from IPOPHL

□ PCT/WG

- Reducing currency exposure of PCT fee income
- ePCT developments - new “look and feel”
- Cooperation in examiner training

■ SCP (Standing Committee on the Law of Patents)

July 3-6, 2017

□ inventive step and sufficiency of disclosure