

JPO's Activities

Joint Colloquium on Artificial Intelligence

A Focus on AI in Patent Procurement

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1-1. Clear and Updated



Examination Guidelines / Handbook



Patent Examination Guidelines / Handbook



Added 23 case examples on IoT/AI-related inventions (Sep. 2016 and Mar. 2017)



Clarified how the patentability of inventions on computer software inventions is examined (Apr. 2018)



Solicited public comments on AI-related inventions (Oct.-Nov. 2018)



New!

Added more case examples of examinations for AI-related inventions (Jan. 2019)

1-2. Addition of More Case Examples of Examinations for AI-related Inventions



- ✓ From various fields of technologies and industries
- Simple and easy to understand even for non-AI experts
- ✓ Both patentable and unpatentable cases to help a clear understanding of the key points in determining patentability

Case Examples pertinent to AI-related technologies URL:

https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/system/laws/rule/guideline/patent/ai_jirei_e.html

2-1. Purpose for making use of AI technology



Change of JPO's work

Advancement of technologies
Expanding search target
Increase in trademark applications
Retirement of experienced officials

Progress of AI technology

Machine Learning
Natural Language Processing
Deep Learning

Making use of AI technology

Goal!

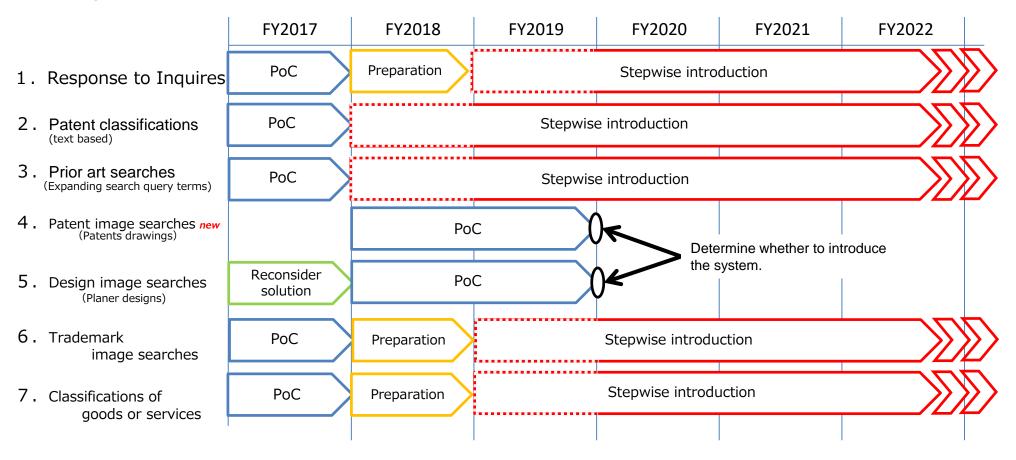
Sophisticated and **efficient** operations

→ Improve user services

2-2. Action plan



- ✓ JPO has made activities for making use of AI technology based on Action plan since 2017.
- ✓ Action plan was revised in 2018 based on the result of activities in 2017.



^(*) The above actions are based on rough estimates and progress may vary depending on the development of demonstrations, advancement of the relevant technologies and other circumstances.

2-3. Proof of Concept in FY 2018



Proof of concept for 5 operations are conducted now.

(Continued for preparation)

- Response to inquiries (After call work support)
- Trademark image searches
- Classifications of goods or services (Trademarks)

(Launched)

- Patent image searches (patent drawings)
- Design image searches (planer designs)



Thank you.