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Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Japan
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English or Japanese
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Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{1, 2}	Yes, the Office accepts XML files with JPEGs as well as TIFFs for the drawings filed using JPO PAS. Offline filings are not accepted ³
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office, ⁴ Intellectual Property Office of Singapore ⁴ or Japan Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office, ⁵ Intellectual Property Office of Singapore ⁵ or Japan Patent Office ⁵
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Japanese yen (JPY)
Transmittal fee:	JPY 10,000 ⁶
International filing fee:	JPY 154,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY 1,700
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	JPY 34,700
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP), (JP) or (SG)
Fee for priority document:	JPY 1,400
Fee for transmitting copies of earlier search and other documents (PCT Rule 12bis.1(c)):	JPY 1,700

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¹ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

² Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

³ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 27 October 2016, pages 216 *et seq.*

⁴ [The Office is competent only if the international application is filed in English \(PCT Rule 12.3 does not apply\).](#)

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

⁶ This fee is reduced by two thirds where the application is filed in Japanese by a small-sized sole proprietorship, a sole proprietorship that has commenced business less than ten years, a small-sized enterprise, or a small or medium-sized enterprise that has been established less than ten years. For further details, see www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/chusho_keigen.html

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Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Japan Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or attorney-at-law resident in Japan, or any firm registered to practice before the Office
Waiver of power of attorney: Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted? Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Yes ⁷ Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act.
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⁷ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).