Patent applications surpass 2.5 million in 2013

Grants rise to 1.17 million

Applications up 9% from 2012, after passing the 2 million mark in 2011.

China, US, Japan, the Republic of Korea and the European Patent Office remain top five offices.

Driving that strong growth were filings in China and the US.

Applications have risen 2.5-fold since 1995

Resident filings accounted for 85% of all 2013 filings in China.