



# Membership Guide



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Japan Intellectual Property Association

## What is the Japan Intellectual Property Association (JIPA)?

JIPA assists Japanese companies in leveraging IP effectively to enhance their international industrial competitiveness, and makes various proposals aimed at enabling domestic and overseas IP systems to contribute to industrial development. JIPA has about 1,300 members, most of which are leading Japanese companies.

The patent applications filed by JIPA members account for more than 80% of all the patent applications filed in Japan and around 20% of all the patent applications filed globally. Given its considerable influence, JIPA has set itself the high goal of contributing to sound global industrial development through the use of IP.

As a declaration of our intention to achieve this goal, we have adopted the slogan "**Creating IP Vision for the World.**"

JIPA annually submits around 50 proposals related to the IP policies of various countries. For example, JIPA proposed WIPO GREEN (a mechanism for the transfer of climate control technologies), to WIPO in 2009, who later officially adopted this proposal. JIPA also cooperates with the industrial communities of various countries.

JIPA offers a unique personnel training system whereby the senior employees of one company coach the junior employees of other companies through training and committee activities. Through their business activities, companies make decisions concerning IP based on business trends and other information. The practical skills needed to make such decisions cannot be acquired only through the study of law, but junior employees can learn them from senior employees. This system has been in place since JIPA's establishment in 1938.



*Ordinary general meeting of members*

## JIPA's Organization and Activities

As JIPA's activities cover all types of IP, our regular members include not only manufacturers, but also companies engaged in a diverse range of business fields, including banking, trade, mass media, and digital content. Our associate members, on the other hand, include domestic and overseas organizations that help support Japan's industrial competitiveness, such as law offices, patent attorney offices, and universities. JIPA asks its associate members to cooperate in its activities by, for example, lecturing in our training courses. JIPA's activities are carried out by regional divisions, industrial groups, committees, and project teams under the leadership of its Board of Directors.

## Major Services for Members

### Training

JIPA runs more than 150 training courses, not only for companies' IP departments, but also for business owners, engineers, and personnel working in other departments. JIPA also runs overseas training programs that provide participants with the opportunity to stay in a foreign country—such as the U.S., a European country, an ASEAN country, China, or India—for a certain period to receive intensive expert training.

Our training courses and programs are planned by the Training Planning Committee. Its corporate members plan training courses and programs that are essential for corporate business directly and in a timely fashion.

The lecturers and instructors include IP personnel from our member companies, lawyers, patent attorneys, and professors. Every year, about 15,000 people participate in our training courses and programs, which are available to personnel from both our regular and associate members (some are intended only for companies, however).



Special training: Roles of IP Departments in Protecting Trade Secrets

### Publication of the *Intellectual Property Management Journal* and Reference Materials



JIPA publishes a monthly journal called *Intellectual Property Management*, which features information necessary for corporate IP management and also provides up-to-date news on JIPA's activities and the research results of its committees and projects.

JIPA also publishes the research results of its committees in the form of reference documents. About 10 to 15 reference materials, which provide companies with the latest useful information, are published each year.

## Regular Members Meetings

### Regional Divisions

Every regular member belongs to JIPA's Kanto Division or Kansai Division, and they can participate in the running of the relevant division's monthly meetings as well as in the reporting and information provision activities of the committees.

Regular members whose offices or business sites are located in the Tokai region or the Chugoku, Shikoku, and Kyushu regions can participate in the three meetings of the district council that are held every year.



*Regional division meeting*

### Industrial Groups

Every regular member can attend four to five meetings of the relevant industrial group for JIPA's Kanto Division or Kansai Division: the Metal/Machinery Group; the Electrical/Electronics Group; the Chemical Group; the Trading Company Group; or the Construction Group. An industrial group holds seminars and provides other opportunities for regular members to study issues concerning their industry.



*Industrial group meeting*

### Committees

Every regular member can participate in meetings of JIPA's committees, which continuously research and study domestic and overseas IP. JIPA has 21 committees: the General Planning Committee; the Training Planning Committee; the Publication, Journal & Public Relations Affairs Committee; the First Patent Committee; the Second Patent Committee; the First International Affairs Committee; the Second International Affairs Committee; the Third International Affairs Committee; the Fourth International Affairs Committee; the Medicinal and Biotechnology Committee; the Software Committee; the Copyright Committee; the First Management Committee; the Second Management Committee; the Information System Committee; the Information Search Committee; the First License Committee; the Second License Committee; the Industrial Design Committee; the Trademark Committee; and the Fair Trade Committee.

### Projects

Projects are launched to carry out activities related to proposing policies and other activities dealing with more than one IP field. At present, JIPA has seven ongoing projects: the Project on Strategy for Asian Countries; the Project on Corporate Cooperation between Japan and China; the Project on International Policy and Strategy; the Project on Symposiums; the Project on Cooperation with WIPO; the Project on the Revitalization of Intellectual Property; and the Project on Next-generation Content.



*Symposium for business owners*



*JIPA Symposium*

# Membership Requirements and Admission Procedure

## Regular Membership

Available to any party that meets all of requirements (1) to (6)

- 1 Is a Japanese juridical entity
- 2 Conducts business as a private entity
- 3 Conducts business mainly for profit
- 4 Creates, protects, and utilizes intellectual property (IP) for its business
- 5 Has a department responsible for IP and employs an individual who is in charge of IP on a full-time basis
- 6 Supports the purposes of JIPA and is willing to cooperate with other regular members

## Associate Membership

Available to juridical entities, organizations, or institutions that are not eligible for regular membership, but support JIPA's objectives

- 1 Government offices or organizations/auxiliary organs of the national government or local governments
- 2 Public interest corporations, incorporated educational institutions, incorporated administrative agencies, or government-affiliated special corporations
- 3 Entities or organizations related to IP
- 4 Law offices, patent attorney offices, patent search companies, or TLOs
- 5 Non-Japanese juridical entities, institutions, or organizations

## Admission Procedure

After submitting the documents listed below, a membership applicant is required to attend an interview (only for regular membership applicants). The applicant is admitted if the membership application is accepted by JIPA's Board of Directors.

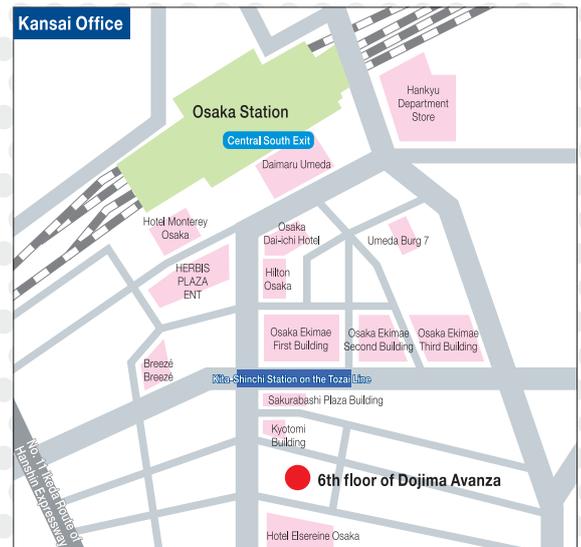
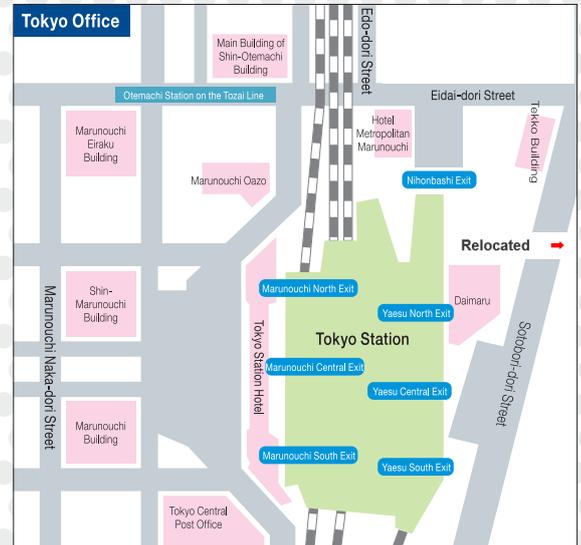
- 1 The membership application (must be accompanied by a recommendation from a regular member and the signature and seal of the applicant's representative)
- 2 A company (office) profile
- 3 A document describing the organization, internal status, and number of staff of the applicant's IP department\*
- 4 A document stating the number of patent rights, utility model rights, design rights, and trademark rights owned in Japan and overseas and the number of pending applications\*

\* Only applicants for regular membership need to submit these documents.

## Admission Fee and Annual Membership Fee

Admission fee	100,000 yen
Annual membership fee	250,000 yen

125,000 yen for the first half of the year (April to September) and 125,000 yen for the second half of the year (October to March)



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