

Intellectual Property Report

Overview of Intellectual Property Activities in Core Competence Areas

1. Number of Patent Applications Published in Japan and Overseas in Core Competence Areas

(1) Japan

The number of patent applications published in Japan increased from the previous fiscal year in Optical Technology, whereas patent applications declined slightly in Electronic and Imaging Technology, Precision Technology, and Biomechanical and Biological Fundamental Technology. Overall domestic patent applications, however, were largely unchanged from the previous fiscal year.

(2) Overseas

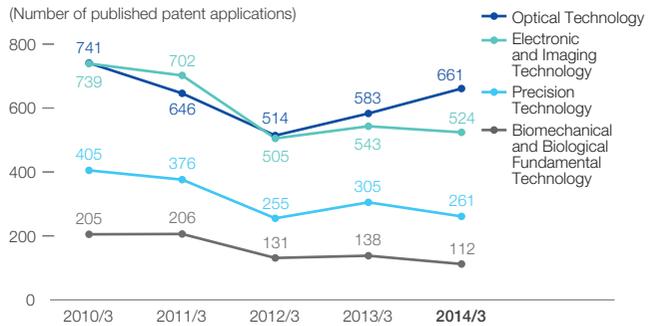
Following measures to increase overseas patent applications, the number of patent applications published overseas rose year on year in Optical Technology, Electronic and Imaging Technology, Precision Technology, and Biomechanical and Biological Fundamental Technology. The Company will continue to build its global patent portfolio going forward, with a particular focus on the United States and China.

2. Breakdown of Patents in Core Competence Areas as Part of All Patents Held

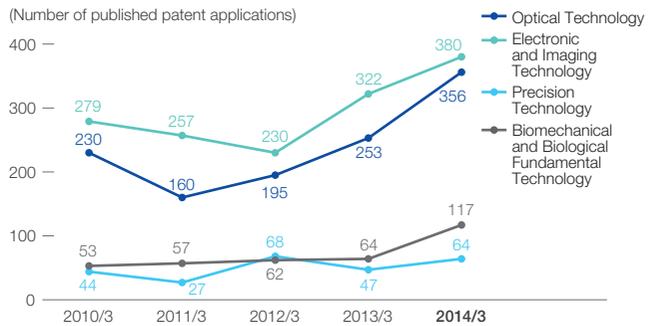
The core competence areas account for 59% of the total patents held, which is unchanged from the previous fiscal year.

The percentage of each core competence area to the total did not change significantly, and Optical Technology and Electronic and Imaging Technology accounted for 46% of the total.

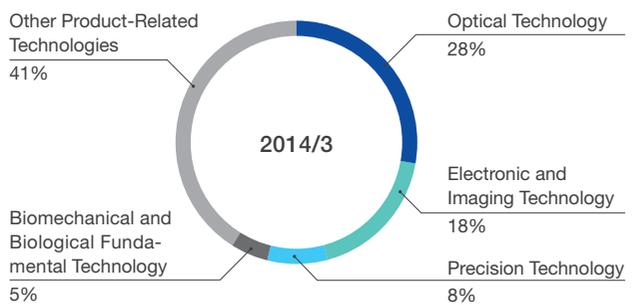
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Core Competence Area Ratios as Part of All Patents Held



Number of Patents Held by Country

Change in the number of patents held by country over the past five years is shown in the graph. As with the previous year, the Company is working to acquire rights under its policy of increasing the number of patents acquired overseas.

In fiscal 2014, the number of patents held in Japan increased by 8% and the number of patents held overseas increased by 5%.

Number of Patents Held by Country

