

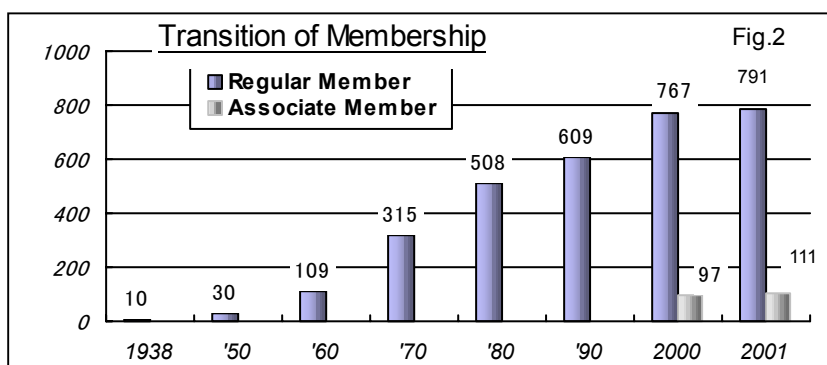
Introduction of JIPA

Japan Intellectual Property Association (JIPA), which is a non-profit, non-governmental and largest intellectual property rights (IPR) users' organization in the world, was founded as "Choyokai" in 1938 with individual patent staffs from ten electrical appliances companies. Since then, it has been promoting rational, fair and effective protection of IPR for over sixty years.

As shown in Fig. 1, the name of the Association was changed three times, and in 1994 to the present name "JIPA" with expanded its activities and the uplift in IPR awareness as trigger. Also, in 2000 the Association has opened to any public or private entity related to IPR, domestic and overseas, to become its Associate Member.

Number of its Member has been increasing as shown in Fig. 2. The current total number of its Member is nine hundreds and two, 791 Regular Members and 111 Associate Members as

	History	Fig. 1
1938.9.9	"Choyokai" starts (10 electrical appliances Companies)	
1956.9.1	Changed name to "Industrial Property Association for Business"	
1959.1.1	Changed name to "Japan Patent Association"	
1994.5.27	Changed name to "Japan Intellectual Property Association"	
2000.1.27	Revision of JIPA's Charter (Rules of Admission)	



of June 15, 2001. Recently, the new business enterprises such as bank, internet provider and amusement planner have become its Regular Members.

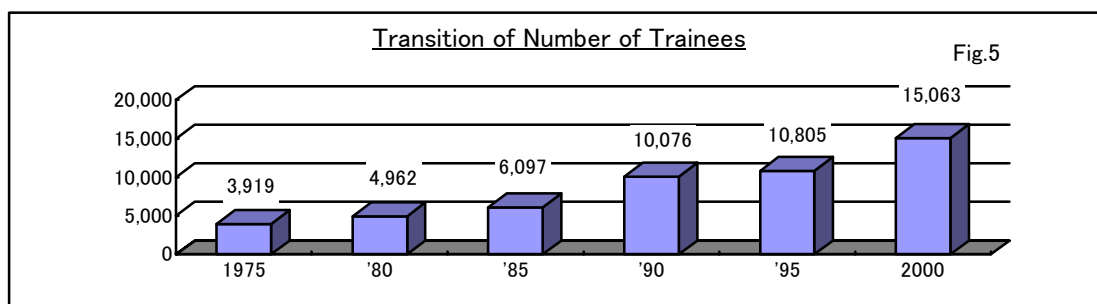
JIPA's main activities are shown in Fig. 3. First, its nineteen Standing Committees composed of over six hundreds committee members from its Members companies are studying and researching various aspects of IPR. The results from these committees are not only fed-back to its Members but also offered on numerous occasions as its opinions and requests to outside communities, domestic and overseas, such as JPO, USPTO and EPO. Fig. 4 shows some of the recent offers of its opinions. Also, JIPA has sent representatives and observers to various international conferences in order to serve internationally to improve systems for protection of IP. This year, JIPA will offer more positively and actively its opinions to them as a users' organization than before,

	Main Activities	Fig.3
1.	Committee Activities (19 Committees, 627 Members - 2001) • Professional Studies and Researches • Offering JIPA's opinions and suggestions to outside communities.	Feed-back to JIPA Members.
2.	Training Activities (61 Regular courses & 11 Extraordinary courses, 15,063 Trainees - 2000) • IP education / training to employees of JIPA Members.	
3.	Publication • Monthly Bulletin (Circulation 3,300), Judicial Precedents, Investigation & Study Reports	
4.	Others • Communication/Coordination with various IP related Institutions and Organizations.	

while cooperating with the other private organizations in the world having the same opinion, if necessary.

Second, JIPA regularly holds a wide and unique curriculum of seminars and workshops, which are planned and operated by its Committee on Training and the Training Group of its Secretariat. Lawyers, patent attorneys, university professors, IP specialist from its Member companies and other authorities representing disciplines are invited to give lectures. The number of attendants is approximately 15,000 in 2000, as shown in Fig. 5. In addition to these courses, JIPA has sent the training group to Europe, the U.S. and Asian countries since 1983 to foster a new generation of experts who have up-to-date knowledge of IP in this age of globalization, who can take full advantage of such a knowledge. Further, for the same purposes, JIPA has a seminar held for certain duration of time in one overseas location, where a number of local experts give lectures. These courses enjoy the reputations for being one of the most highly respected and well attended IP training courses in the world with its quality and wide selection of subjects.

<u>Offer of Opinions</u>	Fig.4
◆ Hague Treaty Preparation Draft - Japan Ministry of Judicial	
◆ Bio-science Invention - JPO, USPTO, EPO	
◆ Japanese Judicial System Reforms - Council for Judicial System Reforms, Keidanren	
◆ Revision of 35 U.S.C. - USPTO	
◆ Patent term in Canadian Patent Law - Prime Minister of Canada	
◆ Revision of Standard for Patent & Utility Model Examination - JPO	
◆ Obstacle against Utilization of IT-Council for Industrial Structure	
◆ Others - Japan Ministry of Economic, Japan Trade and Industry, Japan Culture Agency, etc.	



Third, JIPA publishes approximately 3,300 circulation of a monthly bulletin, entitled “CHIZAI KANRI”, which provides useful information on IP management for business administration, and presents research papers and dissertations. Studies resulting from its Standing Committees’ activities are edited separately and published as appropriate for distribution among its Member corporations. “Records of Judicial Precedents” is issued annually as a special issue of “CHIZAI KANRI”, especially by CD-ROM from 2000, reporting the decisions of district courts of Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Kyoto, Kobe and Yokohama. Please note that all JIPA publications are principally restricted to its Members only.

Last, JIPA has communicated and cooperated with various IP related institutions and organizations in the world, as shown in Fig. 6. In 2000, JIPA sent the representative delegations to Indonesia, Australia, China and Europe in order to exchange opinions each other and to offer its opinions on the timely issues, and the study mission on the patent portfolio to the U.S. Also, JIPA has sent lecturers to various IP seminars provided from time to time to help animate awareness in IP and promote protection of IP.

Please glance over the following home page of the Association to get more information on the Association;

<http://www.jipa.or.jp/english/>

<u>Interchange with IP related Institutions and Organizations</u>
<u>1. Counterpart</u>
• Patent Offices in various Countries and Economies
• International Organizations such as WIPO
• IP related NGO's
<u>2. Manners of Interchange</u>
• Regular Sessions for Exchange of Views (Typically with JPO)
• Visits by Delegations, Study Missions, Training Groups Participation in Conferences, Meetings, Symposia
<u>3. Recent Examples of Interchange</u>
Delegations
• Delegation to Asia & Australia - Jul. 2000
• Delegation to Europe - Oct. 2000
• Delegation to China - Mar. 2001

Fig.6