

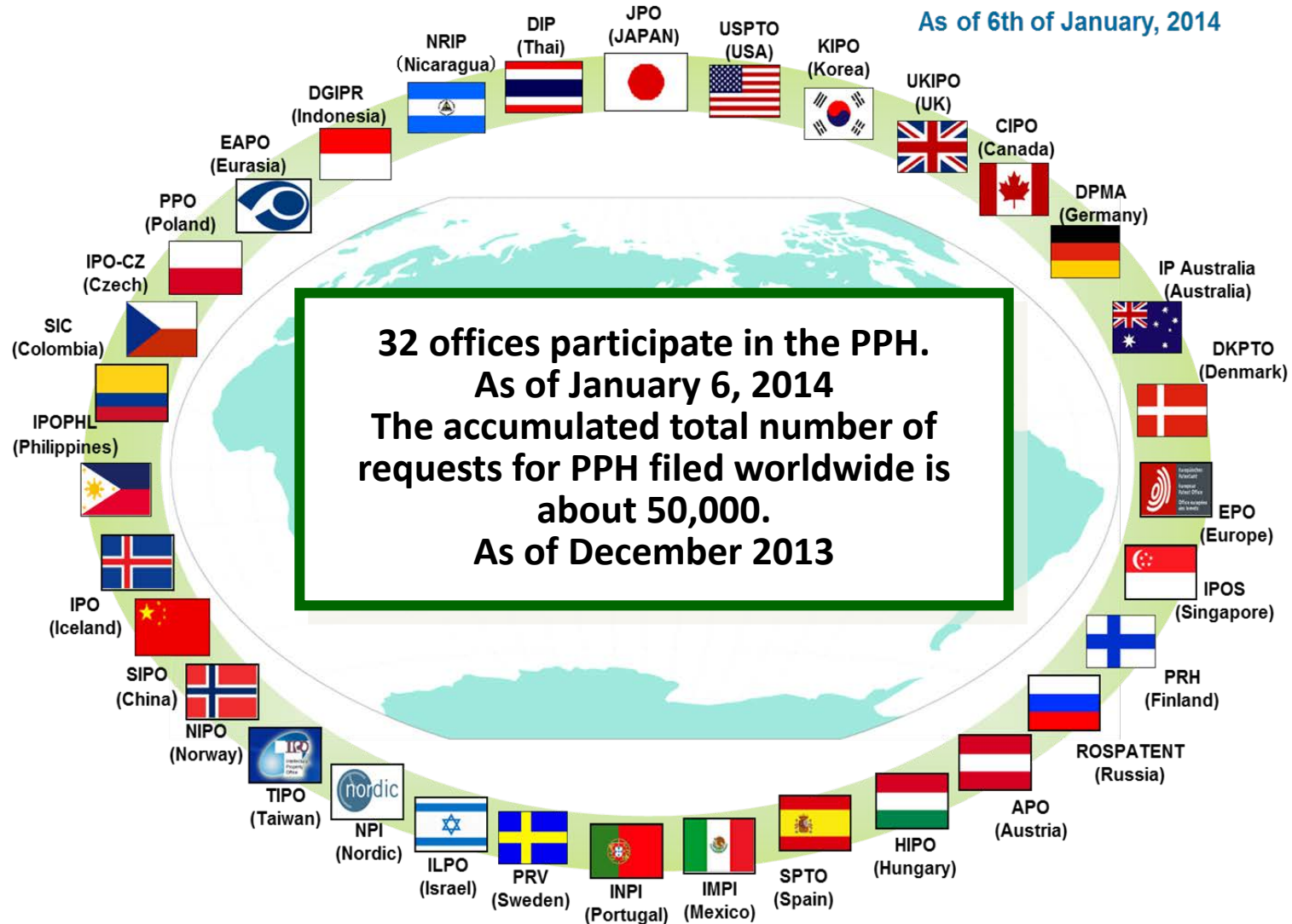


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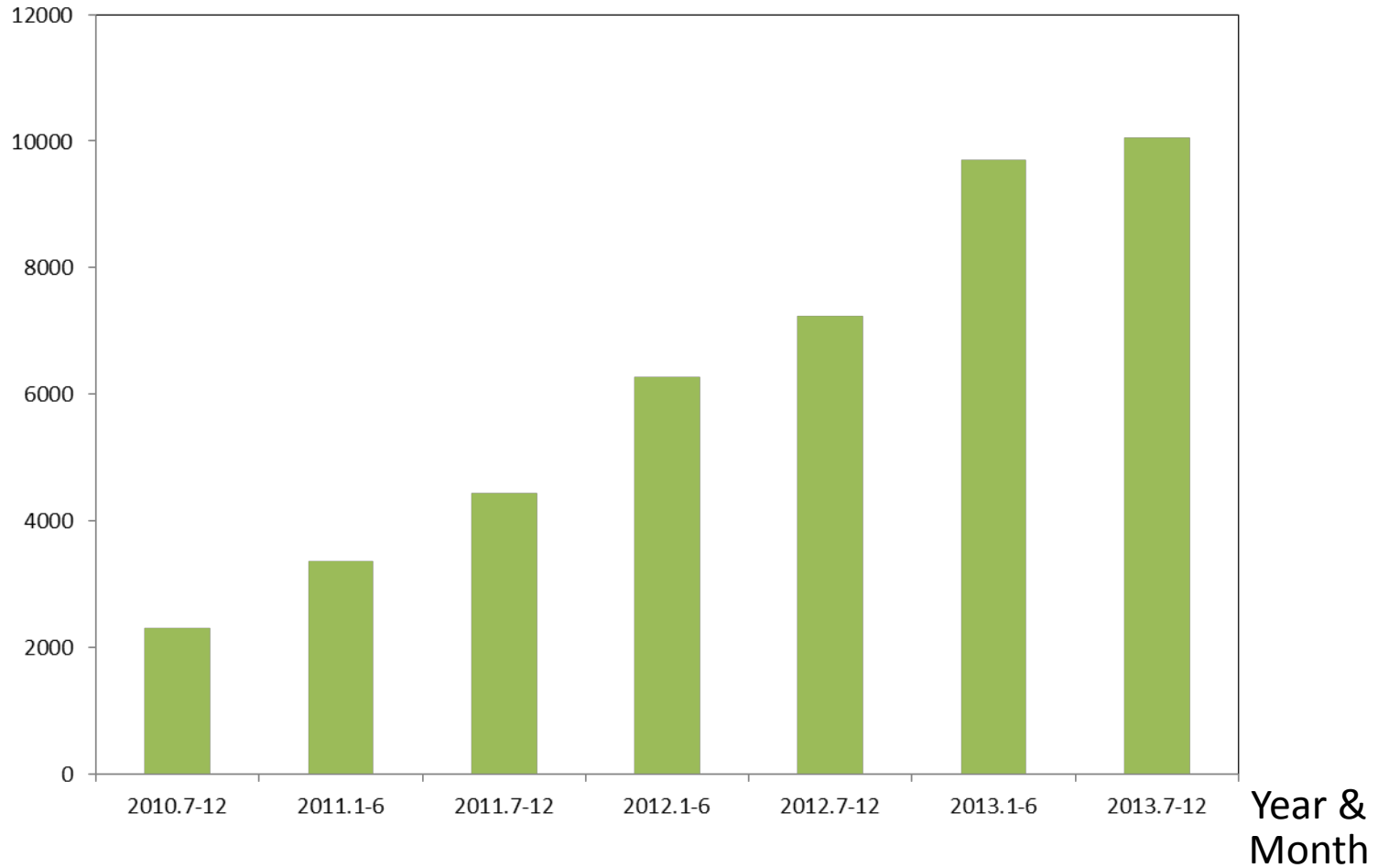
Japan Patent Office

Expansion of PPH network

The JPO proposed the patent prosecution highway (PPH) and put it into action with the United States in 2006 for the first time in the world. Since then, the JPO has been working toward expanding the PPH network and enhancing the usability of this framework.



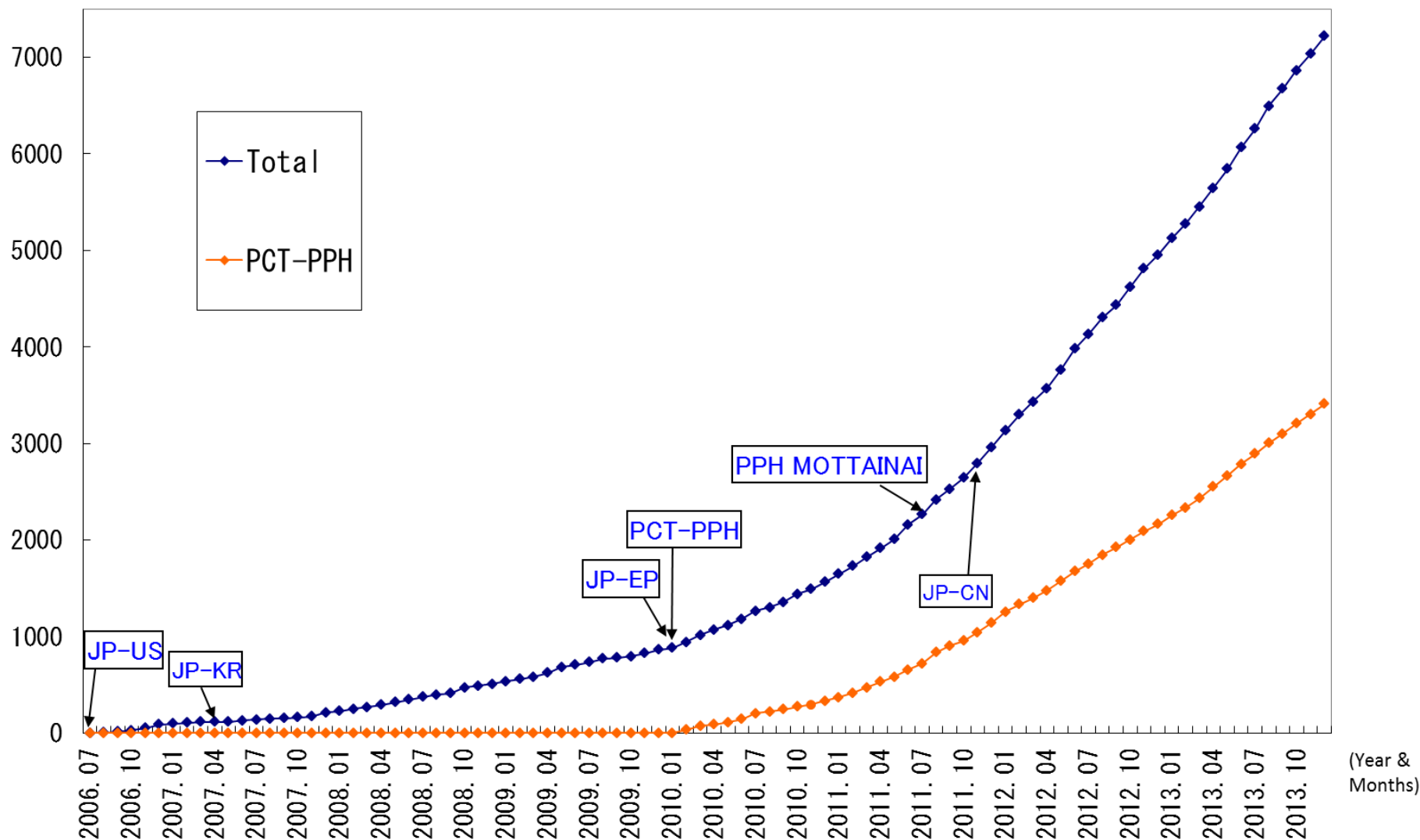
Number of PPH request



Number of applications for the PPH (received by JPO)

as of December 2013

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The JPO proposes (i)unification of PPH requirements, (ii)improvement of quality and (iii)internal management at IP5 level.

