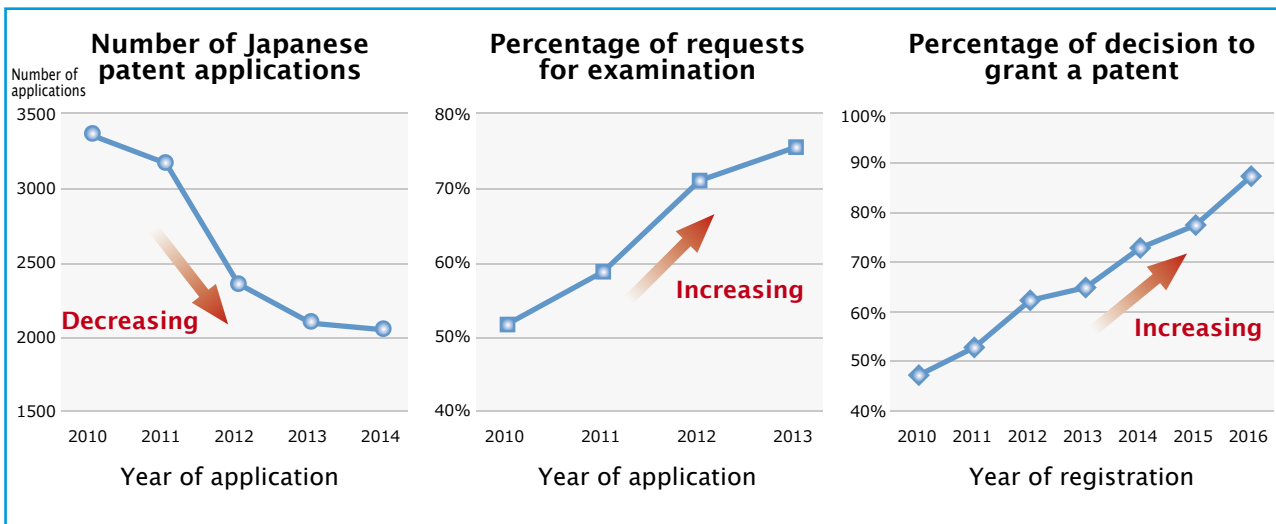


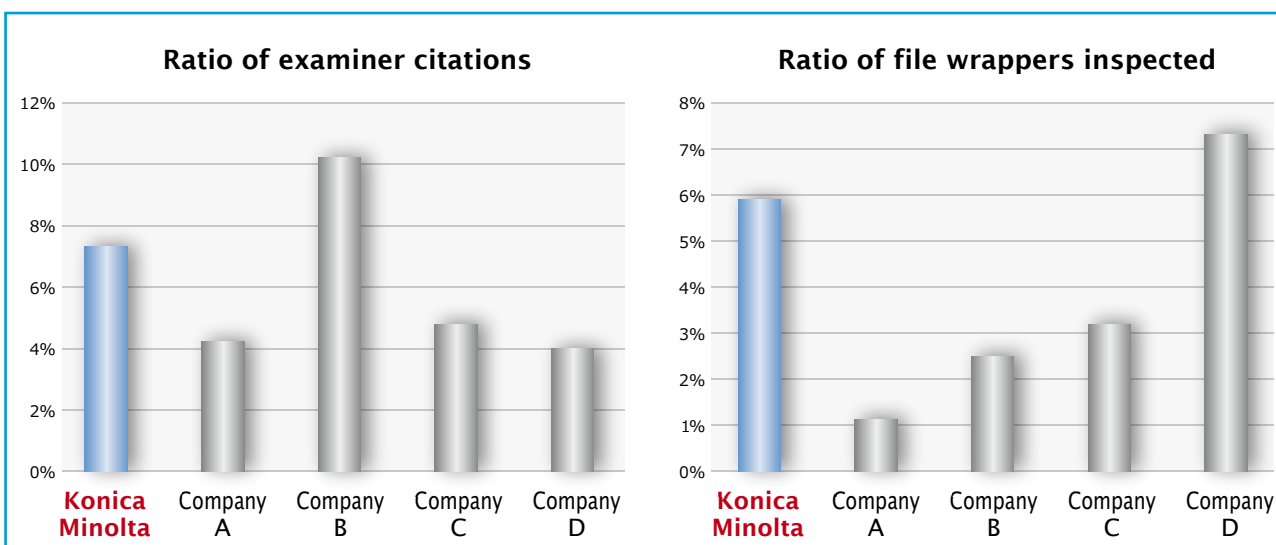
# 3. Intellectual Property Activities in Japan



Konica Minolta enhances return on investment concerning intellectual property by making intellectual property portfolios robust. To this end it is increasing the number of percentage of both examination requests and decision to grant a patent while keeping the number of patent applications low.



If, during the course of another party's patent application examination, Konica Minolta's patent application is cited as prior art or inspected by such other party, the relevant patent application of Konica Minolta can be deemed as having an outstanding value. To measure these, indexes have been provided in the form of ratio of examiner citations<sup>\*2</sup> and ratio of file wrappers inspected<sup>\*3</sup>. Our scores are high in both indexes, reflecting the large number of outstanding inventions we have filed in recent years.



\*2 An index derived by dividing the number of Konica Minolta's patent applications cited by Japan Patent Office examiner as reason for rejection in patent application filed by another party, by the total number of applications. Calculation was conducted by Konica Minolta using a commercially available search system (Companies A to D in the graph are competitors).

\*3 An index derived by dividing the number of Konica Minolta's patent applications with respect to which file wrappers (folders containing communications between Japan Patent Office and applicants that took place after the filing of relevant applications) were inspected, by the total number of applications. Calculation was conducted by Konica Minolta using a commercially available search system (Companies A to D in the graph are competitors).