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y... 2-digit Japanese year*
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*Conversion rule:*
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**Japanese imperial years:**

**SHOWA (S) 昭和**
reign of Emperor Hirohito
(1926 to 1989)

**HEISEI (H) 平成**
reign of Emperor Akihito
(1989 to date)

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29条2項 特開昭 61-2827
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application number: H03-143231
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