FINDING CITED DOCUMENTS ON THE JPO'S J-PLATPAT

NOTE: Cited documents can be found in the legal status information

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1a. Click on option «1» to access the JPO's legal status information by number search

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2. Select intellectual property type

3. Select the kind of document*

4. Enter the number*

5. Search

*See following slides for explanation of kinds of documents and number formats

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Input of numbers

**publication numbers:**
- Syy-nnnnnn  (from 2000)
- Hyy-nnnnnn
- yyyy-nnnnnn

**patent numbers:**
- nnnnnnn

*Conversion rule:*
- Showa year (S) + 25 = Western year
- Heisei year (H) + 88 = Western year

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)

**NOTE:** Showa 64 = Heisei 01 = 1989!

**Example:**

10.7.21 should be understood as: 21 July of the year Heisei 10 (= 1998)
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6. Click here to access the legal status

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7. This tab contains information on cited documents

NOTE: Information on cited documents does not exist in all cases
INFORMATION ON EXAMINATION PROCEDURE

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# INFORMATION ON EXAMINATION PROCEDURE
including citations

**Cases for citations:**
- reason of rejection
- decision of rejection
- opposition/invalidation

**NOTE:** All dates are given in Japanese imperial years. For an explanation on how to convert these into Western years, see slide on number input.

### Prior Art Documents

- documents cited in examination/opposition procedures

### Documents Cited by the JPO as Reason for Rejection on 21 July 1998

- 特開 平1-157925 (J, P, A)
- 特開 昭61-56137 (J, P, A)
- 特開 昭61-27931 (J, P, A)
- 特開 昭59-176221 (J, P, A)

### Documents Cited by the Opponent in an Opposition Case on 15 February 2000

- 引用文献 起案日(平12.2.15)
- 引用文献 名称

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