

## 1. Topics

The Patent Act was revised as described below, and these revisions took effect in 2015.

### (1) Expanding Relief measures for deadline expiration

The following procedures may be carried out under predetermined conditions even if the deadline for the procedures have passed.

- Priority Claim based on patent application (Art.41(1))
- Procedures for a priority claim under the Paris Convention (Art.43(6))
- Period of requesting for examination of application (Art.48-3 (6))
- Payment of patent fees (Art.108(4))

### (2) Introduction of the Post-Grant Opposition System

Any person may file an opposition to registration within six months from the date of publication (Art.113) (cf. 3-11 Post-Grant Opposition System & Invalidation Trial)."