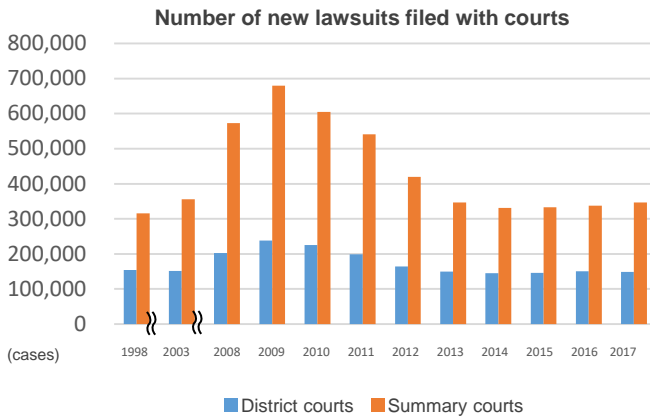


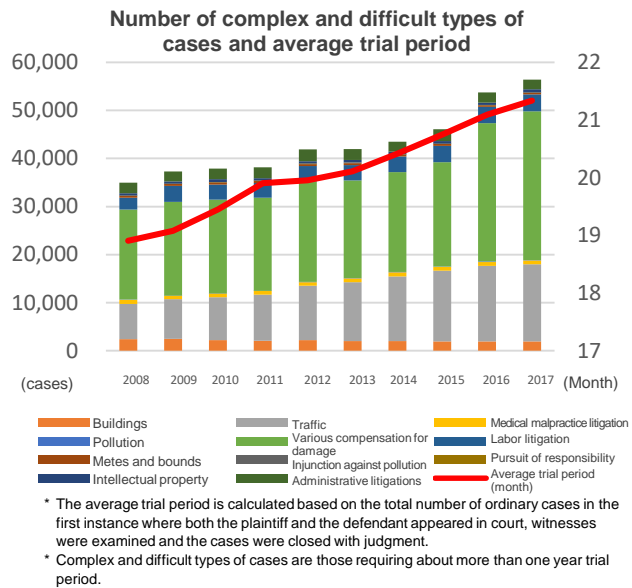
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## Trend of Cases



- \* District courts: Total number of ordinary lawsuits, administrative litigations and actions on bills and notes
- \* Summary courts: Total number of ordinary lawsuits, actions on small claims and actions on bills and notes



- \* The average trial period is calculated based on the total number of ordinary cases in the first instance where both the plaintiff and the defendant appeared in court, witnesses were examined and the cases were closed with judgment.
- \* Complex and difficult types of cases are those requiring about more than one year trial period.

## Circumstances Surrounding IT Conversion

- January 1998:** The current Code of Civil Procedure came into force.
- March 2002:** The Supreme Court's Framework for Promoting Reform of the Justice System (referred to the subject of "IT conversion").
- July 2004:** A trial of e-filing of petitions started at the Sapporo District Court.
- April 2005:** Article 132-10 of the Code of Civil Procedure that enables Petitions, etc. by Means of Electronic Data Processing System came into force.
- September 2006:** The demand procedure online system came into operation.

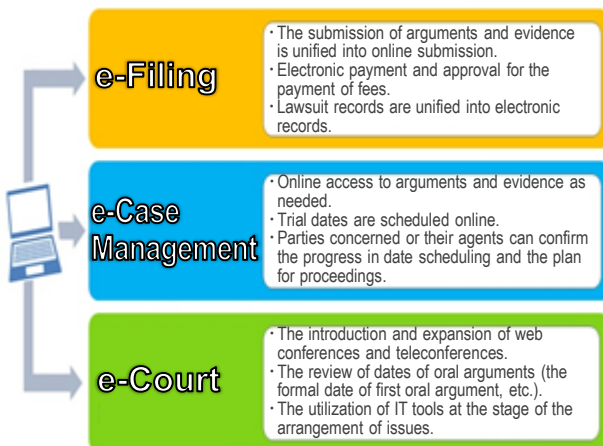
\* Introduced internal systems, etc. thereafter.

## Recent Developments

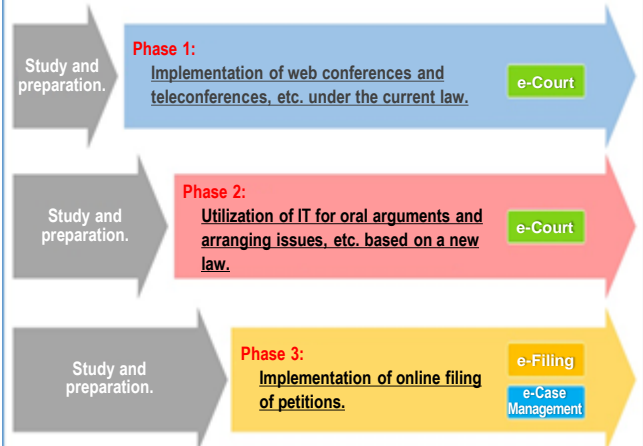
- June 9, 2017:** Cabinet decision on "Future Investment Strategy 2017." ....In order to realize prompt and efficient trials with a general point of view such as a guarantee of procedure at court, we will promptly consider the measures to promote IT conversion. Such includes procedures related to judgment from the user's perspective while considering the circumstances of other countries, and will draw conclusions during the current year.
- October 30, 2017:** The Cabinet Secretariat launched the "study committee on IT conversion of court procedures" (an expert panel).
- March 30, 2018:** The "study committee on IT conversion of court procedures" compiled a report.
- June 15, 2018:** Cabinet decision on "Future Investment Strategy 2018." ....While respecting autonomous decisions by the judicial branch about IT conversion of court procedure, the government aims to realize the total IT conversion of civil procedure.
- July 24, 2018:** A study group was launched to research IT conversion of civil trial procedures.

## Summary of the Report compiled by the "study committee on IT conversion of court procedures" (excerpts)

### The main points of IT conversion of court procedure



### Image of IT conversion process desired from the user's perspective.



# Image of Digitalization of Civil Procedure

