

## Epson Named Among Top 100 Global Innovators for Sixth Consecutive Year

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Seiko Epson Corporation (TSE: 6724, “Epson”) was listed among the 2016 Top 100 Global Innovators announced by Philadelphia-based Clarivate Analytics, formerly the Intellectual Property & Science business of Thomson Reuters. Epson has been named to the list every year since its inception in 2011.

Hirofumi Hino from Clarivate Analytics’ office in Japan presented Toshiya Takahata, executive officer and general administrative manager of Epson’s Intellectual Property Division, with a trophy to commemorate the occasion.



Takahata (right) accepting the trophy from Hirofumi Hino of Clarivate Analytics

### Reasons for selection (cited by Clarivate Analytics)

The Top 100 Global Innovators methodology analyzes patents across four main criteria (volume, success, globalization, and influence). Epson has been selected for the list largely in recognition of its success rate, a metric that indicates the ratio of patents granted to the number of applications filed.

### Intellectual property at Epson

Epson files about 4,000 patent applications a year. It holds and maintains about 50,000 patents globally and is working with patent agencies in 20 countries or more at any given time. In the patent rankings for the 2015 fiscal year, Epson ranked 7th in Japan for the number of patents awarded, 16th in the United States, and 15th in China (among foreign companies). Epson possesses world-class IP capabilities and is an industry leader in patent quantity and quality in product categories such as inkjet printers and projectors.

### **Comments from Toshiya Takahata, executive officer and general administrative manager of Epson's Intellectual Property Division**

"I am extremely pleased and proud that Epson has once again been honored with inclusion on the Top 100 Global Innovators list. Epson's business strategies and intellectual property strategies are closely linked under the Epson 25 Corporate Vision. The acquisition of high-quality patents that contribute to our business is a high priority for us. I think Clarivate Analytics was able to see and appreciate what we have been doing, and that's why we again made the Top 100 Global Innovators list. Intellectual property expands the potential of Epson's current businesses as well as our future businesses. The Intellectual Property Division will continue to work closely with research and development departments to achieve Epson's aim of becoming a truly indispensable company by creating products and services that help to make the world a better place."

### **Top 100 Global Innovators**

Clarivate Analytics analyzes intellectual property and patent trends based on proprietary data to determine the world's most innovative corporations and institutions. The analysis covers four main criteria: volume, success, globalization, and influence. Begun in 2011, the Top 100 Global Innovators report is now in its sixth year.

For details, please see the Clarivate Analytics press release.

<http://news.clarivate.com/2017-01-10-Clarivate-Analytics-Names-2016-Top-100-Global-Innovators>

For more details about Epson's intellectual property activities, click on the link below.

[http://global.epson.com/innovation/intellectual\\_property/](http://global.epson.com/innovation/intellectual_property/)

### **About Epson**

Epson is a global technology leader dedicated to connecting people, things and information with its original efficient, compact and precision technologies. With a lineup that ranges from inkjet printers and digital printing systems to 3LCD projectors, smart glasses, sensing systems and industrial robots, the company is focused on driving innovations and exceeding customer expectations in inkjet, visual communications, wearables and robotics.

Led by the Japan-based Seiko Epson Corporation, the Epson Group comprises more than 73,000 employees in 91 companies around the world, and is proud of its contributions to the communities in which it operates and its ongoing efforts to reduce environmental impacts.

<http://global.epson.com/>

**About Epson Southeast Asia**

Since 1982, Epson has developed a strong presence across major markets in Southeast Asia. Led by the regional headquarters Epson Singapore, Epson's business in Southeast Asia spans an extensive network of 11 countries with a comprehensive infrastructure of close to 500 service outlets, 7 Epson solution centres and 7 manufacturing facilities. <http://www.epson.com.sg>

**About Epson Singapore**

Epson is the world's leader in digital imaging solutions. The company's Singapore operation is also the Regional Headquarters of Seiko Epson Corporation. The company markets and supports Epson printers, scanners, projectors, electronic devices including liquid crystal displays, semiconductors and system devices in South East and South Asia. <http://www.epson.com.sg>

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