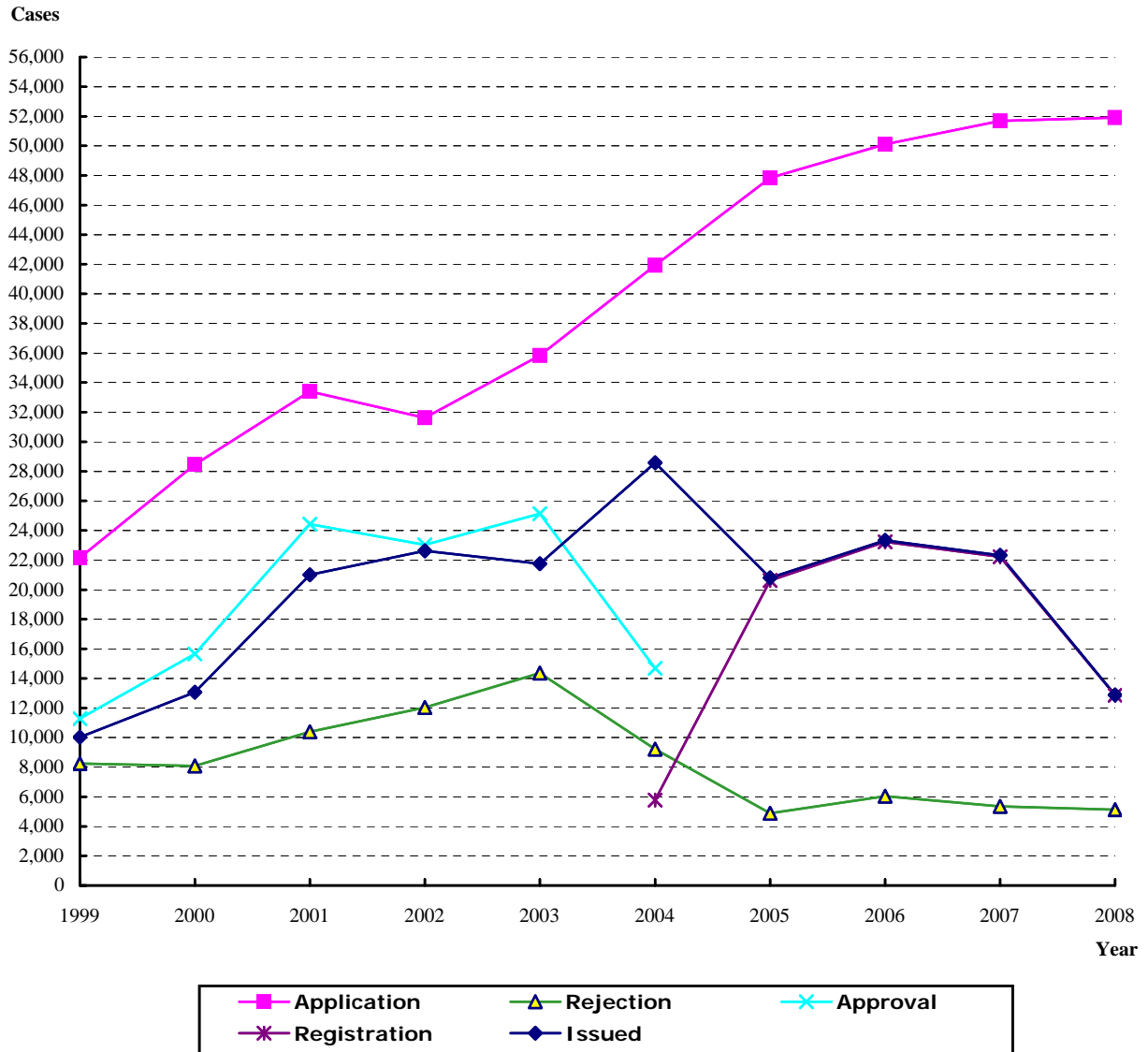


Invention Patent Application, Approval, Issued, Registration and Rejection



Year	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Application	22,161	28,451	33,392	31,616	35,823	41,919	47,841	50,111	51,676	51,909
Rejection	8,251	8,089	10,381	12,031	14,354	9,216	4,886	6,028	5,353	5,115
Approval	11,280	15,657	24,429	23,036	25,134	14,688				
Issued	10,022	13,061	21,012	22,616	21,752	28,583	20,800	23,324	22,315	12,891
Registration						5,766	20,626	23,228	22,218	12,867