Comparison of Proceedings at Summary Courts

Proceedings		Applicable to:	Presided over by:	Characteristics
Civil suit	Ordinary suit	Cases where the value of the subject matter of litigation is ¥1.4 million or less	Judge	 Oral argument held in courtroom open to the public Disputes resolved through judgment
	Action on small claim	Cases where the value of the subject matter of the action is ¥600,000 or less		In principle, proceedings are concluded within a day
Civil conciliation		All civil cases (regardless of amount sued for)	Conciliation committee	Aim to resolve disputes through discussions
Demand for payment		Mainly cases claiming monetary payment	Court clerk	Proceedings purely based on documents