

Recent Developments in Intellectual Property in the EU and Japan

Date & Time	Tuesday, 6 October 2015, 14:00 - 19:00
Place	Delegation of the European Union to Japan (Tokyo) (Europa House, 4-6-28 Minami-Azabu, Minato-ku Tokyo 106-0047)
Co-organised by	EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation Sonderhoff & Einsel Law and Patent Office
Participation	Free (pre-registration required)
Language	English / Japanese (simultaneous interpretation)

Overview

In Europe, necessary procedures for introducing the much anticipated “Unitary patent” are proceeding steadily. What are the potential impacts of the introduction of the unitary patent system on the Japanese enterprises which are major applicants for patents in Europe?

In Japan, the bill for the act for the patent revision passed the Diet in July 2015. With its revision of the provision on the employee invention system, it is anticipated that the act will contribute to further the promotion of innovations. Moreover, these influences of the revision are expected to spread not only to Japanese companies, but also to European companies operating in Japan.

With due regard to these developments, the seminar will try to shed light on the recent trends of intellectual property protection systems in Europe and Japan, and how the corporations are coping with these changes. In the second half of the seminar, the trending topic of “trade secrets” will be focused on through introductory presentations followed by a panel discussion. The seminar will be followed by a networking reception which will allow further exchanges between participants.

Programme

14:00-14:05 Opening Remarks by Mr. Silviu Jora, General Manager, EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation

<Session 1: Presentations on Recent Developments in Intellectual Property>

14:05-14:25 “Recent Developments in European Unitary Patent”
Speaker: Mr. Gergely Sulyok, First Secretary, Trade Section, Delegation of the European Union to Japan

14:25-14:55 “Recent Changes of Japanese Patent Law and Practice from a European Point of View”
Speaker: Mr. Felix-Reinhard Einsel, Managing Partner, Sonderhoff & Einsel Law and Patent Office

14:55-15:25 “NTT Docomo’s IT Strategy and Importance of EU Patents”
Speaker: Mr. Yutaka Nakamura, General Counsel and Managing Director of Legal Department
(Admitted in New York), NTT DOCOMO, INC.

15:25-15:55 “European Unitary Patent Viewed by a European Patent Attorney”
Speaker: Dr. Gunnar Paesold, European Patent Attorney, Sonderhoff & Einsel (Beijing)
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15:55-16:05 Questions and Answers

16:05-16:20 Coffee Break

<Session 2: "Trade Secrets">

16:20-16:30 "Trade Secret Protection in Japan"

Speaker: Mr. Zensho Imari, Deputy Director, Intellectual Property Policy Office, Economic and Industrial Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

16:30-16:40 "Support for Protecting Trade Secrets and Establishing IP Strategies"

Speaker: Mr. Toshinao Yamazaki, Deputy Director, Policy Planning and Research Division, General Affairs Department, Japan Patent Office

16:40-17:40 Panel Discussion on "Recent Trends in Trade Secrets" followed by Questions and Answers

Moderator: Mr. Luca Escoffier, Japan Technology Transfer Helpdesk Project Manager, EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation

Panelists: ■ Mr. Zensho Imari, Deputy Director, Intellectual Property Policy Office, Economic and Industrial Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

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17:40-17:50 Closing Remarks by Mr. Toshiro Fukura, Manager, Policy Analysis & Seminars, EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation

18:00-19:00 Networking Reception

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