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**Asian Patent Attorneys Association
50th Council Meeting**

24-27 October 2004



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Dear Colleagues,



It gives me great pleasure to invite members and observers to attend the 50th Council Meeting of the Asian Patent Attorneys Association to be held in Fukuoka City in Japan from Sunday 24 to Wednesday 27, October 2004. APAA thanks Mr. Wataru Aso, Governor of Fukuoka Prefecture, and Mr. Hirotaro Yamasaki, Mayor of Fukuoka City, for their warm welcome to this beautiful and modern city. As a measure of our growth, we are pleased to welcome, for the first time, members from the Recognized Group of Sri Lanka, which was in 2003 confirmed as our Association's 16th Recognized Group.

As on previous occasions, the Council Meeting will be preceded by an Advisory Board Meeting, Committee Meetings and workshop. In addition to meetings of Anti Counterfeiting, Copyright, Design, Patent and Trademark Committees, at this Council Meeting, there will be, for the first time, a meeting of the Committee on Emerging IP Rights. This new Standing Committee was established by the 48th Council which met in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia last year.

Relevant, interesting and topical matters will form the subject of the workshop which would not only be of great professional interest to all participants, but will also serve as material for continuing professional education program of APAA enabling those eligible to obtain Continuing Professional Development Credit.

The Recognized Group of Japan, the organizers of the 50th Council Meeting, is planning interesting social programs for members and observers as well as accompanying persons.

I am hopeful that the 50th Council Meeting of APAA will be an enriching experience for you.

I look forward to meeting you at the 50th Council Meeting of APAA.

Dato V L Kandan
President
Asian Patent Attorneys Association



Council Meeting Program

SUN - OCT 24

10:00 - 18:00	Registration	Sea Hawk Hotel 1st Fl. Lobby
10:00 - 12:00	Executive Meeting (Executive Members only)	Board Room, 3rd Fl.
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch for Advisory Board Members and accompanying family persons	Navis A, 1st Fl.
14:00 - 17:00	Advisory Board Meeting (Board Members only)	Board Room, 3rd Fl.
17:00 - 18:30	Workshop Group Meeting	Hagi, 3rd Fl.
19:30 - 21:30	Welcome Reception	Sotokoto 4th & 6th Fls
22:00 - 24:00	Hospitality	Navis A, B, 1st Fl.

TUE - OCT 26

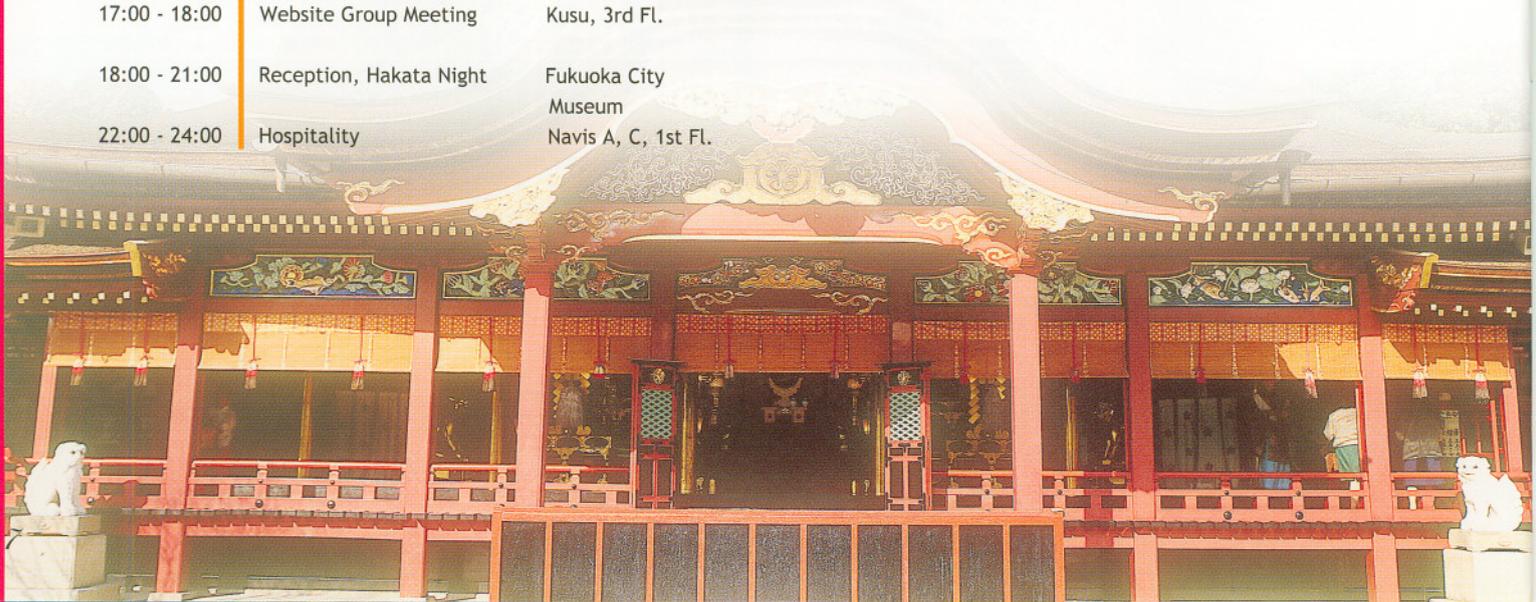
Excursion Day	
EX 01 8:30~17:00	Karatsu
EX 02 9:00~16:30	Marine World
EX 03 9:15~17:00	Dazaifu
EX 04 8:45~17:00	Toyota Factory and Space World
EX 05 7:00~18:30	Golf tournament
Own dining arrangements this evening	

MON - OCT 25

09:00 - 18:00	Registration	Sea Hawk Hotel 1st Fl. Lobby
09:00 - 12:00	Committee Meetings Anti-Counterfeiting Copyright Design Emerging IP Rights Patents Trademarks	Navis C, 1st Fl. Vega, 3rd Fl. Rigel, 3rd Fl. Board Room, 3rd Fl. Navis A, 1st Fl. Navis B, 1st Fl.
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch for all participants	Argos B,C,D, 1st Fl.
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch for officers of APAA and invited guests	Sotokoto
14:00 - 17:00	Workshop	Argos E,F, 1st Fl.
17:00 - 18:00	Website Group Meeting	Kusu, 3rd Fl.
18:00 - 21:00	Reception, Hakata Night	Fukuoka City Museum
22:00 - 24:00	Hospitality	Navis A, C, 1st Fl.

WED - OCT 27

09:00 - 11:30	Business Meeting of Council (Council Members only)	Navis A,B,C, 1st Fl.
11:30 - 12:00	Group Photos (Council Members and invited guests)	
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch for all participants	Argos B,C,D, 1st Fl.
13:30 - 15:30	Council Meeting (Continues) (Open to all Participants) Committee Reports Coffee Break	Navis A,B,C, 1st Fl.
15:30 - 16:00		
16:00 - 17:00	Recognized Group Reports	
18:00 - 24:00	Farewell Banquet	Argos A,B,C,D,E,F 1st Fl.



Invitation to Workshop and Committee Meetings

The 50th Anniversary Workshop and all committee meetings are open to all attendees. Attendees may observe any committee meeting, even if not a member of that committee.

Workshop: Resolution of Intellectual Property Disputes in the 21st Century

Intellectual property practitioners and the general public alike have felt the dramatic increase in size of IP disputes in recent times. A less noticeable but no less important trend which has grown in tandem is that the relevant activities often take place in more than one jurisdiction and involve different legal implications.

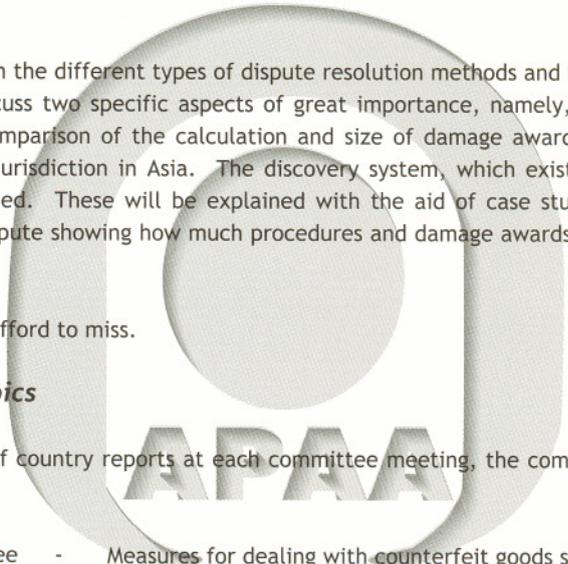
A distinguished panel consisting of a District Court Judge from Japan, a speaker from WIPO, a leading arbitrator, and an eminent mediator, from both Asian and Non-Asian regions, will convene in Fukuoka to share with us their wisdom on the "Resolution of Intellectual Property Disputes in the 21st Century" under the present climate.

After giving a presentation on the different types of dispute resolution methods and their own experience of them, the panelists will discuss two specific aspects of great importance, namely, discovery and damage awards. There will be a comparison of the calculation and size of damage awards in Japan, the United States, and a common law jurisdiction in Asia. The discovery system, which exists in most common law jurisdictions, will be examined. These will be explained with the aid of case studies involving a patent dispute and a trade mark dispute showing how much procedures and damage awards can differ from system to system.

This is a session you cannot afford to miss.

Committee Meeting Topics

In addition to presentation of country reports at each committee meeting, the committees will discuss the following special topics:

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| Anti-Counterfeiting Committee | - Measures for dealing with counterfeit goods sold via the Internet.
- Border measures to stop importation of goods infringing on patent rights. (Chaired by Masashi Kurose and Jennifer Lin) |
| Copyright Committee | - How free are consumers under the copyright system? (Chaired by Lorna Patajo-Kapunan and J. K. Lin) |
| Design Committee | - Protection of Functional Designs. (Chaired by Hiromichi Aoki and Chris Owens) |
| Emerging IP Right Committee | - The reconciliation of patent law with the requirements of the Bio-Diversity Convention. (Chaired by Pravin Anand and Seong-Ki Kim) |
| Patents Committee | - The influence of Global Patent Harmonization on the Asian region. (Chaired by Motohiko Fujimura and Yang-Oh Kim) |
| Trademarks Committee | - Examination standards for written consent obtained from the owner of a cited prior similar mark.
- A comparison of how the designation of retail store services is viewed by various trademark examining authorities in the APAA region. (Chaired by Fumihiko Hirose and Ho-Hyun Nahm) |