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## *ACTIVITIES of JIPA*

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### International Activities of JIPA ( F/Y 2002 )

- (1) Visit of students of Zurich Engineering Graduate School to JIPA on April 9, 2002
- (2) Meeting with AIPLA• JPC on April 12, 2002  
 Eight members of a delegation from American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA), led by Mr. Alan J. Kasper, visited JIPA on April 12.  
 The delegation was received by 11 members from International Patent Committee and IP Management Committee incl. JIPA President, Mr. Masahiro Ezaki (General Manager, IP Department of Toyota Motor Corp.) and Managing Director, Mr. Kazuo Kamisugi (General Manager, IP Department of Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.). The Agenda are as follows; 1) Compare Japan and US using domestic and international application policy 2) Effect of the R&D cost on Application, 3) SPLT and 4) PCT reform. We promised that we asked all parties concerned such as, WIPO and patent authorities in countries to take measure to protect our common interest.  
 AIPLA and JIPA have had meetings every spring for years.
- (3) Meeting with FICPI on April 12, 2002  
 Five members of delegation from International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys (FICPI), led by Mr. Francis Ahner came to JIPA on April 12.  
 Eight members from International Patent Committee and IP Management Committee incl. JIPA President, Mr. Masahiro Ezaki (General Manager, IP Department of Toyota Motor Corp.) and Managing Director, Mr. Kazuo Kamisugi (General Manager, IP Department of Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.) attended the meeting and they exchanged their opinions lively about; 1) IP system progress in Europe, 2) Status quo of amended EPC, 3) CPC, 4) Agreement on translation for European patent, 5) European Patent Litigation Protocol, 6) EU Directive plan for software protection, 7)International Patent System.
- (4) Visit of examiners of the Korean Intellectual Property Office to member companies on May 7 and 8, 2002
- (5) Visit of officers of Sri Lanka IP Division to JIPA on May 13, 2002
- (6) Dispatch of the Representative Delegation to Korea and Taiwan from May 26 to June 1, 2002  
 JIPA sent the Representative Delegation consisting of eight members, led by JIPA Vice-President, Mr. Kazumasa Abe (Counselor and General Manager, IP Department of Nippon Steel Corp.), to Korea and Taiwan from May 26 to June 1, where the Delegation made a request for improvement of the intellectual property system and application thereof in intellectual property-related agencies in both countries.  
 As far as counterfeit goods are concerned, the most counterfeit goods seized at Japanese customs are made in Korea. In addition, there are some problems in Korean intellectual property system, such as submission of translation at the time of claiming priority and a trial system in which the scope of right is confirmed. In Taiwan, on the other hand, as criminal punishment imposed against patent infringement was abolished last year, the protection of intellectual property rights might be weaken, which is worried about.  
 In Korea, the Delegation visited the Intellectual Property Office and courts, and in Taiwan, the Delegation visited the Intellectual Property Office, the Department of Economy and the Department of Justice. Particularly in the Department of Economy and the Department of

Justice, the Delegation also met officers of the government offices concerned, who are equivalent to parliamentary-vice ministers, and held a strained discussion. As a result thereof, it is confirmed that solution of many problems is now under way, however, some of them remain unsolved due to complicated matters of politics characteristic of respective countries. In the future, JIPA will keep a careful watch on unsolved problems on the basis of a group sharing links and pipes formed during this visit.

- (7) Visit of examiners of the Chinese State Intellectual Property Office to member companies on June 5, 2002
- (8) Visit of examiners of the Taiwanese Intellectual Property Office to JIPA on June 20, 2002
- (9) Dispatch of two lecturers to WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization), seminar in Thailand from September 9 to 10, 2002
- (10) Dispatch of the Representative Delegation to Europe and the U.S. from September 15 to 21, 2002 (Counterfeit alliance)

JIPA sent the Representative Delegation consisting of six members, led by JIPA Vice-President, Mr. Takashi Nakayama (General Manager, IP Department of Toshiba Corp.), to Europe and the U.S. from September 15 to 21, where the Delegation exchanged opinions on construction of counterfeit alliance.

In Europe, the Delegation visited SNB• REACT (Amsterdam), APM (Berlin) and GACG• Union de Fabricant (Paris) that belong to counterfeit alliance, and in the U.S., the Delegation visited IACC (International Anti Counterfeiting Coalition) and INTA (International Trademark Association) that belong to counterfeit alliance, and exchanged opinions on construction of counterfeit alliance based on trilateral private organizations among Japan, the U.S. and Europe.

Although each of them is carrying out activities against counterfeit goods, this matter is now on a worldwide level, and it is confirmed that mutual cooperation is essential.

- (11) Dispatch of the Intellectual Property Management Investigation Team to China from September 15 to 21, 2002

JIPA • the Intellectual Property Management Committee sent the Investigation Team consisting of five members, led by the Chairman, Mr. Ogura (General Manager of IP Department of Sony Corp.), to Beijing, Qingdao and Shanghai from September 15 to 21, where the Delegation exchanged opinions on the intellectual property management in China with Chinese companies. Purposes of this Investigation Team are to provide Japanese companies intending to make R&D advance into China in the future with information on policies and practices of invention management that is useful for such Japanese companies. The Investigation Team exchanged opinions on problems and measures regarding the method to acquire intellectual property rights for R&D results achieved in China and examined how local companies (Japanese, the U.S. and Chinese companies) are actually handling intellectual property-related matters.

- (12) Dispatch of two lecturers to the Japan Institute of Invention and Innovation, seminar in China from October 10 to 11, 2002
- (13) Visit of examiners of the Korean Intellectual Property Office to JIPA member companies from October 30 to 31, 2002
- (14) Dispatch of two lecturers to the Japan Institute of Invention and Innovation, seminar in Thailand on November 6, 2002
- (15) Dispatch of the Representative Delegation to Europe (establishment of the World IP Users Union) from November 4 to 8, 2002

JIPA sent the Representative Delegation consisting of eight members, led by JIPA President, Mr. Masahiro Ezaki (General Manager, IP Department of Toyota Motor Corp.), to Europe from November 4 to 8, where the Delegation exchanged opinions on establishment of the World IP Users Union consisting of private IP organizations.

In particular, the Delegation agreed with the IP Committee of UNICE, a European private organization, that Japan, the U.S. and Europe should discuss common matters and give their opinions to outside, and thus the Delegation accomplished its main purpose.

In addition, the Delegation exchanged opinions on reduction of patent costs, PCT reform,

harmonization of substantivity and software invention with WIPO and EPO (European Patent Office), and made a request from the users' viewpoint.

Furthermore, the Delegation participated in the twentieth anniversary symposium of the Japanese, the U.S. and European Trilateral Patent Offices, held on November 7. JIPA President, Mr. Ezaki, made a presentation of expectation and desire about the Trilateral Patent Offices on behalf of Japanese users, and tried to form a group sharing links and pipes with the Trilateral Patent Offices and interested users.

(16) Visit of the Study Delegation of the China Intellectual Property Society to JIPA from November 18 to 26, 2002

(17) Dispatch of Representatives to WIPO/SCP (Standing Committee on Patent) from November 25 to 29, 2002

(18) Participation in the public-private mission to China of the International Intellectual Property Protection Forum in Japan (IIPPF) from December 2 to 6, 2002

IIPPF sent the public-private mission, led by Mr. Morishita, the Chairman (Chairman of Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), to Beijing, Hangzhou in Zhejiang and Guangzhou in Guangdong in China, and JIPA Vice-President, Mr. Takashi Nakayama (General Manager, IP Department of Toshiba Corp.) joined with such mission.

In those cities, opinions were exchanged with the Central Government, and local governments and relevant authorities where many Japanese companies suffered damage (Provincial Government in Zhejiang, and Provincial and City Governments in Guangdong) on a request from the Japanese industries and cooperative measures in the future.

(19) Dispatch of a lecturer to JETRO, seminar in China from December 2 to 6, 2002

(20) Dispatch of a lecturer to WIPO, seminar in Philippine from December 3 to 5, 2002

(21) Dispatch of the Representative Delegation to Southeast Asia from December 12 to 21, 2002

JIPA sent the Representative Delegation consisting of eleven members, led by JIPA Vice-President, Mr. Hisashi Tsuda (General Manager, IP Department of Matsushita Electric Works, Ltd.), to Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam and Thailand, where the Delegation exchanged opinions on problems of intellectual property and counterfeit control with thirteen organizations in those countries, including the Patent Offices, customs, courts and intellectual property-related organizations, and made a request from the users' viewpoint.

Particularly those countries are trying to prepare the legal system steadily in order to catch up advanced nations. Establishment of infrastructure, including investment of human resource, will be required in the future.

(22) Dispatch of a lecturer to Singapore Enforcement seminar from January 20 to 23, 2003

(23) Dispatch of the Representative Delegation to the U.S.A. (establishment of the World IP Users Union) from February 23 to 27, 2003

JIPA sent the Representative Delegation consisting of five members, led by JIPA President, Mr. Masahiro Ezaki (General Manager, IP Department of Toyoda Motor Corp.), to the U.S.A. from February 23 to 27, where the Delegation exchanged opinions on establishment of the World IP Users Union.

When the JIPA Representative Delegation visited UNICE in November 2002, the Delegation proposed an idea of the World IP Users Union. As a result of such proposal, it was decided that the Japanese, U.S. and European Trilateral Users Organizations would hold a meeting for the first time on April 7, 2003, and the Delegation exchanged opinions thereon with interested persons of IPO (Intellectual Property Owners Association) and AIPLA (American Intellectual Property Law Association). In addition, the Delegation exchanged opinions with USPTO (United States Patent and Trademark Office) on the 21st Strategic Plan and made a request from the users' viewpoint.

Furthermore, the Delegation exchanged opinions with interested persons of IACC (International Anti Counterfeiting Coalition) on cooperation on counterfeit goods among the Japanese, U.S. and European Trilateral Private Organizations and seminars to be held. It was decided that a project conference would be held in June 2003 (expected) among three parties.

- (24) Visit of the Chinese State Intellectual Property Office, information service officers to JIPA on February 25, 2003
- (25) Dispatch of a lecturer to WIPO • Asia Wide Area Workshop (Thailand) from February 25 to 27, 2003
- (26) Dispatch of the Representative Delegation (measures against counterfeit) to China from March 16 to 22, 2003

JIPA sent the Representative Delegation consisting of sixteen members, led by JIPA Vice-President, Mr. Takashi Nakayama (General Manager, IP Department of Toshiba Corp.), to Shanghai, Yimu, Xiamen and Beijing in China from March 16 to 22, where the Delegation exchanged opinions on measures against counterfeit and made a request of enhanced regulation. This is the second time for JIPA to dispatch the Representative Delegation regarding measures against counterfeit, following the Representative Delegation sent to Beijing, Guangzhou and Shanghai in November 2001.

Members of the Delegation were divided into two groups, and they visited fifteen places, including the counterfeit regulation organizations Chinese companies, QBPC (Quality Brand Protection Committee) and the Intellectual Property Group in Shanghai and Beijing consisting of Japanese companies in China. Recently Chinese companies have been suffering damage due to counterfeit as well, and the members agreed to exchange relevant information in the future. They also had a constructive discussion on cooperation with QBPC.

