

**Opening Remarks at ASEAN-Japan Good Practice Seminar
on Intellectual Property 2024 (JSIP follow-up seminar)
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It is a great honor for me to make an opening remarks at the ASEAN-Japan Good Practice Seminar on Intellectual Property 2024(JSIP follow-up seminar) .

I would first like to express my great appreciation to everyone from both ASEAN and Japan who made this ASEAN-Japan Good Practice Seminar possible to enhance capabilities to address IPR-related disputes in the region.

ASEAN and Japan have built a relationship of trust over half a century. On October 10, the 27th ASEAN-Japan Summit was successfully held in Vientiane, Lao PDR.

Japan has been promoting cooperation with ASEAN across various fields. Recently, the challenge of dealing with IPR-related disputes has been emerging in both Japan and the entire ASEAN region. Companies from many

countries outside the ASEAN region, including Japan, are expanding their businesses in the growing ASEAN, bringing about many opportunities to both ASEAN and Japan. At the same time, challenges related to IPR issues, such as trademark infringement and cross-border disputes, often increase rapidly.

Japan is supporting capacity building activities in the field of IPR for ASEAN Member States through the ASEAN-Japan Work Plan on Law and Justice (Work Plan), the framework of ASEAN-Japan Heads of IP Offices Meeting and the ASEAN-Japan IPR Action Plan. I would like to emphasize that the Work Plan includes the promotion and exchange of information on legal systems and/or good practices on Intellectual Property dispute resolution. Japan has been coordinating and facilitating the participation of legal practitioners from ASEAN Member States to the Judicial Symposium on Intellectual Property Seminars for AMS. This is to improve knowledge and understanding on issues that are key to further promoting the rule of law in the region.

The seminar is based on this background and framework, and is managed in cooperation with so many organizations, such as JICA, ERIA, WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization), JETRO, JFBA (Japan Federation of Bar Associations), JPO (Japan Patent Office), IPL-Net (IP

Lawyers Network), in addition to the ASEC, ACPF, and the Japanese government (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Justice).

I would like to take this opportunity to convey my heartfelt gratitude to everyone from both ASEAN and all partners dedicated to promote and exchange the information on legal systems and/or good practices on IPR dispute resolution in the region.

Japan will further advance our IPR cooperation with ASEAN, in collaboration with all partners, to improve knowledge and understanding on IPR related issues that are one of the key to further promoting the rule of law in the region and beyond.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

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