

Notice of Establishment of “Patent Professional Corporation”

January 2012

To our customers and colleagues:

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to all of you for your courtesy and support that have been extended to our firm for a long time.

In order that we can be flexible to various needs both at home and abroad and make sure more than ever of the sustainability of our business, we have established a Patent Professional Corporation called “TSUKUNI & ASSOCIATES” (hereinafter referred to as “this corporation”) as from 4th January 2012 whereby the management main body has been transformed into the patent professional corporation from a private firm. Taking this opportunity, we all will reaffirm our determination to work assiduously so as to continuously provide you with our higher quality services than ever before. We do hope you will give us further guidance and encouragement in the future in a like manner that you have given before.

Regarding the office location, phone number(s), facsimile number(s), English name (TSUKUNI & ASSOCIATES) and logotype, there is no change from those used in former private firm. At the time of incorporation, an individual e-mail address has been provided for each section. For more details, please see the attached paper. E-mail addresses for patent attorneys and technical staff members remain unchanged from those used in the former private firm.

We hope you will forgive us for taking the liberty of expressing our gratitude through this paper.

Very sincerely yours,

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Information & Request for your cooperation after incorporation

At incorporation, we will inform you and ask for your cooperation about the issues, as mentioned below.

1. Regarding the steps that we need to take at the Japan Patent Office

Once this corporation is registered at the Japan Patent Office, the corporation body can be a first representative on the procedure to the Japan Patent Office. In this connection, however, the Japan Patent Office and the relevant ministers and agencies have confirmed that proceeding with the cases by originally appointed attorney(s) will give rise to no problem even after this corporation was registered at the Japan Patent Office. Therefore, regarding the pending cases before the Japan Patent Office that we've already handled on behalf of you or your clients, we intend to proceed with the cases by originally appointed attorney(s) without having this corporation joined in the original representative(s) unless otherwise specially directed by you or your clients.

Regarding proceeding with new applications that we'll handle, we intend to proceed with those applications by this corporation as a first representative, after the registration of this corporation was completed at the Japan Patent Office (expected in late January). Regarding the cases that we need to file before the completion of registration at the Japan Patent Office, we intend to proceed with filings by originally appointed attorney(s) without having this corporation joined in the original representative(s).

2. Regarding a Power of Attorney

After incorporation, please note there are cases where we'll be obliged to send you a new Power of Attorney form for the appointment of this corporation. In this case, your cooperation would be appreciated by bearing a signature thereon and returning the signed form to us.

3. Regarding the contractual relationship

Regarding any and every contract / memorandum document and the like on our relationship with you or your clients concerning the transactions of a business being valid, if any, at the time when this corporation be established (e.g., a written contract relating to providing legal advice on contact basis), please understand that a legal status that the former private firm has owned will be succeeded to this corporation and the validity of the afore-mentioned contract and the like will be maintained. In addition, we are ready for the change of the name of a contractor for each case in response to you or your clients' request. If necessary, please inform us accordingly.

4. Information of a new bank account

Regarding our debit notes that will be issued hereafter from this corporation, we would like to ask you for the remittance to a new bank account of this corporation as designated on said debit notes (please see the particulars given below). In this regard, you can also make the remittance to the new bank account of this corporation for the case(s) in which our debit note(s) has (have) already been issued from the former private firm and no remittance has been accomplished yet.

【New Bank Account】 : THE BANK OF TOKYO-MITSUBISHI UFJ, LTD.
TORANOMON-CHUO BRANCH
SWIFT CODE: BOTKJPJT
ROUTING NO.: 0005 332
ACCOUNT NO.: 0074576
NAME ON ACCT.: TSUKUNI AND ASSOCIATES

5. Regarding individual e-mail address for each department

At the time of incorporation, an individual e-mail address has been provided for each department. We are sorry to trouble you, but we would appreciate it if you could send your messages to the following e-mail addresses.

“GP Dept.” Overseas (from Overseas to the JPO) filing-related affairs:	ip-firm.gp@tsukuni.gr.jp
“FP Dept.” Overseas (from Japan to Overseas) filing-related affairs:	ip-firm.fp@tsukuni.gr.jp
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