INTRODUCTION

Asia has been one of the fastest growing regions in terms of its intellectual property applications, including patents, trademarks and industrial designs. Nowadays, Asian companies have become more acutely aware of the commercial value and importance of intellectual property protection. Unparalleled opportunities and challenges arise accompanying Asia’s rapid developments. Our symposium will cover a wide variety of issues related to intellectual property law in Asia, drawing upon topics such as government policies, international trade and legal trends.

SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.  Registration and Breakfast
8:30 – 8:40 a.m.  Opening Remarks
8:40 – 9:30 a.m.  Irene Calboli presentation and Q&A
9:30 – 10:20 a.m. Peter Yu presentation and Q&A
10:20 – 10:40 a.m. Coffee Break
10:40 – 11:30 a.m. Srividhya Ragavan presentation and Q&A
11:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. Takakuni Yamane presentation and Q&A
12:20 –12:25 p.m.  Closing Remarks
12:25 p.m.       Lunch
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