

**S**HUSAKU YAMAMOTO is delighted to present its nineteenth issue of *I.P. JAPAN®*. We begin with an important Message from Founder-Owner, Shusaku Yamamoto, Esq. This is followed by an analysis of the Firm's recent trademark victory at the Intellectual Property High Court (IPHC) and current trademark appellate trends. We also discuss biotech life cycle management patenting strategies, dosage inventions, patent term extensions and the follow on biologics system in Japan. The 2009-2011 patent examination fee deferral system is described. Details of the new pro-applicant IPHCJ obviousness determination standard are provided. We examine a recent Osaka District Court design infringement matter where estoppel was used to limit the scope of infringement. The issue will conclude with news of the Firm's recent notable achievements and an account of the Firm's wonderful 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Party. We hope that the topics explored in the current issue of *I.P. JAPAN®* will be of interest to all our cherished clients and associates. Enjoy reading!

## ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS

### Trademark Similarity & Invalidation

- ★★ *IPHC Progressive Similarity Examination & Appellate Trends*

### Biotech Life Cycle Management

- ★★ *Follow On Biologic Regulatory Pathway, Dosage Inventions & Biotech PTE IP High Court Decision*

### Examination Fee Deferral

- ★★ *Prosecution Costs Deferral Possible*

### IP High Court 2009 Landmark Obviousness Rulings

- ★★ *Applicants Have More Leeway to Overcome Obviousness Rejections*

### Design Infringement & Estoppel

- ★★ *Prosecution statements could Limit Scope of Design Protection*

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