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**Nothing is Impossible for a Willing Heart**

**Report on IPBA 21<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Held in Japan from April 21 to 24**

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My heart is filled with thankfulness and comfort when I begin with my report. The year of 2011 is an unusual year for Japan and IPBA. Before the 21<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Japan experienced massive earthquake, tsunami and ongoing nuclear crisis. My great excitement of being selected as a scholar is weakened by the disaster to some extent. As I prepare for attending the Conference, some friends and relatives are trying to persuade me into canceling. To be frank I am afraid of nuclear reaction, but I determine to attend the Conference. Why? Because I believe in the Host Committee of IPBA 21<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and I do not want to miss such a grand gathering of world-wide lawyers. In the late afternoon of April 20, when I arrived in the Kyoto International Conference Center, a very famous beautiful historic site, I told myself that coming to Japan to attend the Annual Conference will be a right decision. In fact the four-day Annual Conference proves to be a great success and what I obtain from the Conference will benefit me for my whole life.

The IPBA Secretariat, Scholarship Committee and Host Committee spare no efforts to arrange everything well for us during the Conference. In the morning of April 21, accompanied by three Japanese lawyers, all scholars observed two court cases in Kyoto District Court and local Japanese lawyers patiently and accurately introduced legal system of Japan to us. Then we visited Oike Law Office and had a pleasant lunch with one partner of the law office. By visiting local court and law office, we come to know about the advanced legal system of Japan in a short period of time. In the afternoon we took part in the Reception for Women Business Lawyers & Scholars and every scholar was warmly welcomed. In the evening, we attended the Welcome Reception. On the Welcome Reception, we had chances to communicate with lawyers from other jurisdictions. I strongly sense that IPBA is really like a big family and every member can find his/her own position in the big family.

In the morning of April 22, we took part in the Opening Ceremony in the Main Hall of ICC. Then in the Plenary Session we listened to speeches presented by four prominent speakers and we know that “Innovation is a lever in Japan’s economy growth strategy”. So we believe that with the spirit of innovation, Japanese people will recover from the disaster very soon. As a lawyer, we also need the spirit of innovation to advance our legal career. In the evening, we enjoyed the Kyoto Night in Ninna-ji Temple/Kodai-ji Temple.

On April 23, I attended the sessions of Role of In-House Counsel in Risk Management and Innovative Due Diligence Techniques. All speakers are very knowledgeable and experienced. Sometimes it’s really difficult for me to choose one session since most sessions are attractive. In the evening, we attended the Gala Dinner. We enjoyed the traditional Japanese play and food. On the Gala Dinner, we come to know more about IPBA and sense a kind of special harmonious and cozy atmosphere of IPBA.

On April 24, I attended the Sessions of Facilitating IP in Innovation and Innovative Cross-Border Investment Techniques. In the evening I took part in the River Night organized by Osaka and Kyoto Bar Association. We had an enjoyable and relaxed time there.

It’s really difficult for me to fully express my experiences and feelings about the four-day Conference. There are so many touching moments, e.g. the Host Committee of IPBA conquered all difficulties to successfully hold the magnificent Conference and make every participant enjoy; in spite of nuclear reaction threat, participants from all over the world come to attend the Conference and etc. Four days are short in a person’s life. But these four days (from April 21- April 24) are very very meaningful and valuable for a young lawyer from a developing country. By attending the Conference, I have chances to communicate with lawyers from other jurisdictions, I am pushed to think about how to innovate my legal service and I can get the first-hand information regarding legal issues in other jurisdictions. In the end, I want to use one saying to conclude my report: Nothing is impossible for a willing heart.