

COVID-19 Update, SIKs & Co. in Japan

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We would like to inform you that our offices remain open and all of our attorneys and staff and their families are fortunately away from the effects of COVID-19 spread.

Spread of COVID-19 in Japan is not so rapid comparing to the other countries but is serious as same as in European and American countries. From the middle of February at the time the spread in Japan had appeared, our firm has started that the attorneys and staff largely work remotely by using telework system through VPN with high security, and this working style is still being continued.

Different from the IP offices in the other countries, the JPO has **not** announced to extent the due date in view of the COVID-19 spread but if we have such an announcement, we will let you know immediately. If you and/or your client has a situation not enabling you to duly proceed your case by the officially set due date, please let us know to the effect as quick as possible.

We will update our situation relating to the COVID-19 spread. Please feel free to contact us if you need any help and information from us.

Finally please note that March 20, 2020 is a national holiday in Japan.

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