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Announcement from Sonoda & Kobayashi

Save the date !! Sonoda & Kobayashi will provide WEBINAR concerning Intellectual Property and Virtual Reality / Augmented Reality on Oct. 27, 2017. We would like to invite anyone who is interested in the topic to the WEBINAR. Thank you !!

LATEST IP NEWS IN JAPAN

August 30, 2017

Sharp went to ITC to request an ITC investigation, alleging that Hisense' smart TV infringes Sharp's US patent concerning RF LAN technology. In July, Sharp sued Hisense group for infringement of the patent in New York.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-sharp-hisense-idUSKCN1BA0LR?il=0>

<https://headlines.yahoo.co.jp/hl?a=20170830-00000080-impress-ind>

<https://www.nikkan.co.jp/articles/view/00436201?twinews=20170719>

August 23, 2017

Toray sued Ning Bo Chang Yang Science Co for an infringement of Toray's Chinese patents concerning polyester films in Shenzhen Intermediate People's Court. According to Toray, Ning Bo Chang Yang Science Co allegedly uses the patents for their films used in reflection plates of LCD monitors for PCs.

https://www.nikkei.com/article/DGXLASDZ23HC3_T20C17A8TJ2000/

<http://www.toray.co.jp/ir/news/index.html>

Unfortunately, only the Japanese article is currently available. If you are interested in this topic, please feel free to contact us so that we can explain in detail.

July 24, 2017

WIPO issued a report of Global Innovation Index 2017. According to the report, the Tokyo-Yokohama cluster or greater area was ranked No. 1 for the filing number of PCT applications.

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pubdocs/en/wipo_pub_gii_2017.pdf (P. 171)

https://www.nikkei.com/article/DGXLASF22H03_U7A720C1EE8000/

From the Business and Technology fields in Japan

July 24, 2017

Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma Corporation announced the purchase of Newrod (Israeli pharma) with 124B JPY (1.13B USD).

http://www.mt-pharma.co.jp/e/release/nr/2017/pdf/e_MTPC170724.pdf

https://www.nikkei.com/article/DGXLASHD24H1P_U7A720C1000000/

July 20-21, 2017

SoftBank World 2017 was held in Tokyo on the 20th and 21st of July. SoftBank's CEO and leaders from the companies SoftBank acquired made interesting presentations.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=anIv9NUtlLw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zew9RU99NFg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxkTA55py30>

July 11, 2017

The CEO of Mt. GOX pleaded not guilty in the 1st hearing held in Tokyo District Court. He had been accused of pocketing the Bitcoin deposits of some customers.

<http://newsonjapan.com/html/newsdesk/article/120450.php>

<http://www.newsweekjapan.jp/stories/world/2017/07/post-7962.php>

June 28 - 30, 2017

The first AI EXPO was held in Tokyo, June 28-30. One hundred forty seven exhibitors showed up. About 42,000 visitors came from 28 countries. In 2018, the second AI EXPO will be held April 4-6. The size of the event is expected to be triple that of this year's event.

<http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20170815005391/ja/>

<http://www.ai-expo.jp/Previous-Show-Report/Previous-Show/>

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