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## Announcement from Sonoda & Kobayashi

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1. Sonoda & Kobayashi provided a WEBINAR concerning Intellectual Property and Virtual Reality / Augmented Reality on Oct. 27, 2017. You can see the recorded WEBINAR at <http://www.eu-jp-tthelpdesk.eu/library/video/last-webinars/webinar-15-intellectual-property-and-the-vrar-environments/>
- 2, Sonoda & Kobayashi ran a booth at the 2017 Patent Information Fair & Conference, which took place November 8-10 (Wed-Fri) in Tokyo at the Science Museum, Kitanomaru Park. Some of the newsletter subscribers kindly visited our booth at the Patent Fair. We would like to express our gratitude to such visitors for visiting our booth.

**LATEST IP NEWS IN JAPAN**

November 2, 2017

Mitsubishi Electric Settles IPR Lawsuit with German Hand Dryer Company.  
<http://www.mitsubishielectric.com/news/2017/1102-b.html>

November 1, 2017

A dispute over music copyright fees still continues between JASRAC (The Japanese Society for Rights of Authors, Composers and Publishers) and music schools. JASRAC sent a letter to request payment of music copyright fees to all music schools in Japan. Some of the music schools in the lawsuit with JASRAC calls on other music schools not to accept the request.

<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/tag/jasrac/>

<http://www.chunichi.co.jp/article/shizuoka/20171101/CK2017110102000105.html>

October 19, 2017

IP Bridge announces new \$50m fund in Malaysia as it continues ASEAN push.

<http://www.iam-media.com/blog/detail.aspx?g=14dc77ee-8f01-46ed-80bf-55fed0c49f0>

October 19, 2017

Bank of America Seeks Patent for Blockchain Processing System.

<https://www.coindesk.com/bank-america-seeks-patent-protection-blockchain-processing-system/>

<https://www.coindesk.com/rate-blockchain-patent-applications-nearly-doubled-2017/>

<https://www.coindesk.com/bank-america-filed-20-blockchain-patents-already/>

October 3, 2017

Digital home entertainment services and solutions provider, TiVo Inc. recently renewed a multi-year intellectual property (IP) agreement with Sony Corporation. However, the financial terms of the deal were kept under wraps.

<http://www.nasdaq.com/article/tivo-sony-renew-intellectual-property-licensing-agreement-cm854476>

<http://www.sankei.com/economy/news/171003/prl1710030042-n1.html>

September 25, 2017

FujiFilm files new 337 complaint regarding certain magnetic data storage tapes II .

<http://www.itcblog.com/fujifilm-files-new-337-complaint-regarding-certain->

[magnetic-data-storage-tapes-ii](#)

<http://www.ipwatchdog.com/2017/01/16/sony-files-patent-infringement-fujifilm-magnetic-tape-media/id=76649/>

<https://www.law360.com/articles/960395/itc-judge-finds-sony-infringed-fujifilm-storage-patents>

<http://www.iam-media.com/Blog/Detail.aspx?g=99064d1c-663f-4f40-bf4f-afd3c81c09c7>

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