

# **GMAP Internship Report / GMAP インターンシップ報告書**

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## **I. Basic information / 基本情報**

- 1) Name / 名前 : Sonny Widya Utama Raudin
- 2) Enrolled year / 入学年 : 2019
- 3) Period of internship / インターン期間 : 2020.1.14 – 2020.2.14
- 4) Place of internship / インターン場所 : Kitahama Partners
- 5) Person who accepted your internship / インターン受入担当者 : Mr. Yasumasa Sakamoto
- 6) Content of work in your internship / インターン中の作業内容 Legal Issues in Cross-Border Transactions

## **II. Details and impressions / 詳細と感想**

My experiences during my Internship at Kitahama Partners could be divided into two broad areas which were learning about legal issues that arise in cross-border transactions and learning about areas of Japanese law.

In cross-border transactions, I learned that lawyers assist clients in all stages of the investment process and that problems may arise at any stage of the process. Providing legal advice to clients concerning a foreign law is particularly challenging and, in most cases, close collaboration with lawyers from foreign jurisdictions is essential to ensure the interests of the client. In particular, I became aware that cross-border transactions with Indonesia brought its own complex legal questions and I was glad to be able to research on these topics and subsequently provide my own advice on various issues of Indonesian law including in the areas of contract law, securities law, and employment law. The lawyers expressed their gratitude to be able to have Indonesian law explained in detail to them. On the other hand, I became aware of the areas of Indonesian law which are of concern towards lawyers conducting cross-border transactions in Indonesia.

I learned that to give legal advice from one's own legal system to a lawyer from another legal system in the best way, an understanding of the opposite party's legal system is required. Therefore, to be able to provide legal assistance to Japanese lawyers and clients in future, knowledge of the Japanese legal system shall be essential for me. The internship was a valuable opportunity for me to get to know areas of Japanese law. While before my internship I had previously studied Japanese, I challenged myself to use the Japanese ability that I had acquired in my internship. I found it was a great to use Japanese in the context of the workplace and particularly relating to legal issues. Encountering Japanese Legal language for the first time, was a very daunting task and it proved to be an opportunity to read texts and materials that I would never have encountered in the course of my studies. Having the opportunity to clarify certain Japanese legal concepts which were new to me with the lawyers at the law firm was

a great help in this regard.

A particularly memorable experience during the internship period was the experience of observing a civil court cross-examination and a criminal cross-examination at a district court. Seeing how contentious cases are resolved in the courts made a great impression on me. Reading through the court documents including a lawsuit, an indictment, witness statements, and evidence was also of great interest. As a whole, I was able to understand a lot more of the Japanese legal culture by being given the chance to follow a real case in court.

Apart from the practical lessons learned during my Internship, the cultural knowledge I gained from observing the day-to-day activities of the office and interacting with the lawyers is I believe an equally important lesson that shall serve me well in future. The connections that I was able to make with the lawyers at Kitahama Partners during this internship will surely be valuable in my future career as a lawyer. Using the lessons learned during this internship, I hope to be able to work with Japanese lawyers in future in providing legal advice for cross-border transactions. I am grateful for the generous advice and encouragement that the lawyers at Kitahama Partners have given to me as motivation to pursue my ambition of becoming a cross-border transaction lawyer in future.



(At the Office's New Year Party)



(At Shinsaibashi)

(14th February 2020)