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A Non-Japanese Perspective on what it takes to be an in-house legal counsel

On 12 November 2015, Kobe University hosted a workshop presenting Mr Lorenz Kodderitzsch, Assistant General Counsel, of the Law Department at Johnsons & Johnsons, an American multinational medical devices, pharmaceutical and consumer packaged goods manufacturer founded in 1886; on what does it take to be an in-house legal counsel, from a non-Japanese perspective.

Mr Kodderitzsch is responsible for the legal support of the medical device franchises of Johnson & Johnson in the European Medicines Agencies. He has also been on board the European Justice Forum since 2006 and served as its chairman between 2008 and 2015.

Prior to joining Johnson & Johnson in 2003,

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Kodderitzsch worked for seven years in one of the leading German corporate law firms in Dusseldorf and Tokyo. He was also an associate professor of law at the State University of Kyushu, Japan for two years. He received his legal education at the Universities of Freiburg, Tokyo and Washington.

Professor Keith Carpenter, who also acted as the moderator of the event; Professor James Claxton; and Assistant Professor Cindy Cheong also joined Mr Kodderitzsch during the presentation as panellists;

sharing their experiences in working and finding jobs in a foreign country.

In Mr Kodderitzsch's presentation, he gave a brief overview of different law departments and organisations models and the role of law departments in companies today.

He also emphasised to the attendees, that when working in any organisation, there are a few important characteristics that should be constantly practised, amongst them are, to ensure that you always have good communication, whereby he proceeded to share his KISS principle, i.e. Keep it Simple and Short; and integrity, where he explained that in-house counsels should always have a strong moral compass.

Besides sharing with the attendees the type of qualifications which companies look for when

hiring in-house counsels, Mr Kodderitzsch also gave very meaningful advise for those unsure on where they should work in, or rather how should one choose a company which would be best suited for someone considering an in-house career to work in. The answer was simple but commending – basically one should choose a company, which does something that interests you.



Overall Mr Kodderitzsch's insight into the role of an in-house legal counsel was very beneficial in assisting all attendees in considering their future career path.

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The 10th LAWASIA International Moot 2015

The LAWASIA International Moot was hosted by LAWASIA, which is an international organisation of lawyers' associations, individual lawyers, judges, legal academics, and others that focus on the interests and concerns of the legal profession in the Asia Pacific region. LAWASIA facilitates its members' participation in the most dynamic economic region in the world. Since its inception in 1966, LAWASIA has built an enviable reputation among lawyers, business people and governments, both within and outside the region, as a committed, productive and genuinely representative organisation.

This year the oral rounds for the 10th LAWASIA International Moot was held in Sydney from the 5th of November 2015 to the 9th of November 2015.

Kobe University was represented at the LAWASIA Moot by Ms Zhang Jingyu who acted as first counsel for both the claimant and respondent; Ms Zhao Yang who acted as second counsel for the claimant; and Mr Yakubo Yusuke who acted as second counsel for the respondent.

The team was coached by Ms Cindy Cheong, Assistant Professor of Kobe University's Graduate School of Law, and supported by Ms Takada Nana, Ms Yoshida Chihiro, Ms Tang Hao Yue and Mr Li Sheng Jun.

It was an inaugural moot for all students involved and it turned out to be an enriching and interesting experience for all the students involved.

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WE HAVE A NEW WEBPAGE!!

Our new **Kobe LL.M / GMAP in LAW** webpage is now up and running!

Feel free to visit us at:

<http://www.law.kobe-u.ac.jp/GMAP/index.html>

There you will find information on our programme, such as our class schedules, people, internship programmes, events and more.

Please note that as our programme is a Masters in Law / postgraduate law degree programme, which is usually referred to internationally as LL.M, we had decided to include the words "Kobe LL.M" together with our programme description i.e. "GMAP in Law" to assist foreign students with the identification of our programme.

Please refer to **Page 6** for the application details on the **Kobe LL.M / GMAP in Law Course**

Kobe University Conference : Asian Arbitration Institutions

On the 21st and 22nd of November 2015, Kobe University held its Inaugural Conference for Leading International Arbitration Institutions in Asia.

Arbitrators from various arbitrations institutions were invited to the Conference to speak about their respective institutions.

The invited speakers together with their profile are as follows:

Ms Julia Yu who is Counsel, Head (North East Asia) for the Singapore International Arbitration Centre ("SIAC") had graduated from Yonsei University (Seoul, Korea) in Law and thereafter passed the Korean Bar Exam in 2004. She completed the mandatory courses of the Judicial Research and Training Institute supervised by the Supreme Court of Korea and was admitted to the Korean Bar in 2008. Before joining the SIAC, she practiced in commercial litigation and international transactions in a Korean law firm.

She was involved in various international affairs as a Deputy Secretary General of the Korean Bar Association. She actively took part in reviewing Korea Free Trade Agreements and the Foreign Legal Consultant Act in collaboration with the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. In 2011, she spent her time in the US as an Eisenhower Fellow to research ADR. While on the Eisenhower Fellowships, she was engaged in a project on "Investing Across Borders" under the World Bank Group, as a contributor to the Korean chapter about commercial arbitrations and regulations of Korea.

She is a member of the Korean Bar Association and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators.

Mr Ioannis Konstantinidis who is the Head of Investment Treaty Arbitration and International Law at the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre of Arbitration ("KLRCA") has a BA from the University of Athens (Greece), an MA from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po, Paris, France), and LL.M (International Law and International Organisations) and a PhD (International Law) from the Sorbonne Law School (Ecole de droit de la Sorbonne – Université Paris 1 Pantheon – Sorbonne, Paris France).

Prior to joining the KLRCA, he worked as an associate at a leading public international law/international arbitration firm in London, where he advised and represented sovereign States, State entities and companies on a wide range of contentious and non-contentious public internal law and related dispute resolution issues, including the protection of foreign investments under international investment agreements, international trade, treaty interpretation, sovereign immunity, law of the sea and natural resources, land and maritime boundary issues, and international energy disputes. He advised disputes heard at the International Court of Justice, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea ("ITLOS") and at a multitude of ad hoc and institutional arbitral fora (including UNCLOS, ICSID, PCA, ICC and UNICITRAL Rules). He has also previously worked at the ITLOS and the United Nations's Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, and was a visiting fellow at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law (University of Cambridge) and at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law.

Professor James Claxton from Kobe University; a graduate from Tulane University, the London School of Economics and Political Science, and the University of Colorado. Prior to joining the University as a Professor of Law, Professor Claxton who is a qualified lawyer in California as well as France practised at two international law firms for six years before joining the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes ("ICSID") as a legal counsel. Prior to his current stint, Professor Claxton has also regularly lectured in various American law schools

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on topics related to International Arbitration, International Investment Law and ICSID Procedures. For more information on Professor Claxton kindly refer to the fourth issue of our newsletter which was published in July & September 2015.

Ms Chiann Bao, Secretary General of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre ("HKIAC"). Ms Bao functions as the chief executive officer of the HKIAC and oversees the administration of a full range of ADR support services. She is a Councillor of the International Federation of Commercial Arbitration Institutions ("IFCAI"). In addition, she serves as a board member of the Practical Law Company, the Association of Corporate Counsel's International Advisory Board and the Asian Dispute Review's Editorial Board.

A New York qualified lawyer, Ms Bao practiced at an international law firm in New York before joining the HKIAC in 2010. Ms Bao is a graduate from the Cornell University and is a Fullbright Scholar of China. She obtained a Juris Doctor from the University of Wisconsin and a Master of Arts in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution from the City University of Hong Kong.

Ms Jie Wang, Director at the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission ("CIETAC"). Ms Wang had joined CIETAC as Director of the International Case Department, where she led a group of case managers assisting in arbitral tribunal administering arbitration cases. She became a CIETAC panel-arbitrator in 1999 and has chaired CIETAC arbitral tribunals or served as sole arbitrator in over 100 cases that involved disputes relating to intellectual property, joint ventures and international sale of goods.

Ms Wang has also been a frequent speaker at international conferences on arbitration. She was admitted to the National Bar of China in 1996 and became a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in 2004.

Mr Masaharu Onuki who is the Executive Director of the Japan Commercial Arbitration Association. He is also the managing director of the Japan Association of Arbitration, Director of Academy of International Business Transactions and Advisor of the Institute of Economic and Political Studies in Kansai University.

He is a leading expert in arbitration in Japan with experience in agency and distribution, International Commercial Contract, Franchising, Licensing, Joint Ventures, International Investments, Trade Law and import or export matters.

Mr Onuki is also a lecturer at Kansai University (International Trade Law & Dispute Resolution) and Kyoto Sangyo University's School of Law (International Trade Law).

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Application for the GMAP in Law Course

Students wishing to apply for the GMAP in Law Course, may find the details for the course and application procedures on the Kobe University Graduate School of Law & Faculty of Law website, or our webpage at:

<http://www.law.kobe-u.ac.jp/GMAP/admissions/index.html>

Admission requirements include the submission of your test score for an English proficiency test (e.g. TOEIC, TOEFL, IELTS etc.); a research plan of 1,500 words; and an interview (via Skype for foreign students).

Foreign students are welcome to apply for this programme!

TOLES (Test of Legal English Skills)

We are pleased to announce that Kobe University has been appointed as an official TOLES test centre. The Graduate School of Law provides Legal English courses so students will have the opportunity to take exams on campus and obtain the internationally recognised TOLES legal English certificate.

For more information on TOLES please see the TOLES website at www.toleslegal.com or feel free to contact Professor Keith Carpenter at keith@people.kobe-u.ac.jp

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