

# KIMAP Internship Report / KIMAP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 : Wong Kwok Tung
- 2) Enrolled year / 入学年 : 2023
- 3) Period of internship / インターン期間 : July 29 – August 9, 2024
- 4) Place of internship / インターン場所 : Higashimachi LPC, Kobe
- 5) Person who accepted your internship / インターン受入担当者 : Mr. Peter Cassidy, Mr. Shohei Tezuka.
- 6) Content of work in your internship / インターン中の作業内容 :
  - Reading and analyzing shipping contracts
  - Conducting legal research on applicable laws
  - Drafting advice to clients
  - Engaging in discussions on maritime law

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

### 1. Introduction

During my two-week internship at Higashimachi LPC, I had the opportunity to delve into a field of law that, despite my previous experience in legal practice, was largely new to me: maritime law. As a current student in Kobe University's LLM program focusing on global business law, this internship provided a unique chance to bridge my legal expertise with new challenges.

### 2. Overview of Work

From the very first day, I was tasked with reviewing and analyzing shipping contracts, a subject that, while unfamiliar, has soon become part of my daily work. The guidance I received from Mr. Peter Cassidy was invaluable. The opportunity to read, dissect, and discuss these contracts allowed me to apply my legal background in a new context, while also enhancing my understanding of maritime law.

One significant aspect of my internship was the legal research I conducted on the English laws governing these contracts. This not only broadened my knowledge of maritime regulations but also highlighted the complexities involved in cross-border legal issues—a topic of increasing relevance in our interconnected world.

During the internship, I had the opportunity to meet other firm’s counsels in Osaka via online meeting. This experience provided me with insights into their enthusiastic attitude in their works. I also had the opportunity of observing how the lawyers communicated with the client in Japan, especially in the context of negotiating complex legal issues, which was particularly instructive.

### **3. Insights and Reflections**

One of the most rewarding aspects of my time at Higashimachi LPC was the daily interaction with other lawyers over lunch. These informal conversations were not only a chance to build rapport but also to discuss various legal topics, such as the legal environment and career prospects in the legal industry in Japan. This allowed me to learn more about Japanese legal practice and understand their devotion to the profession and their aims to practice outside legal experts.

Meeting with Tezuka San, though brief, was another highlight. His willingness to share his extensive legal knowledge provided me with a broader perspective on the legal issues we were handling. His insights, particularly on the strategic aspects of maritime cases, were both thought-provoking and enlightening. I strongly believe, in the near future, the shipping team in Higashimachi LPC, will be one of the most prominent legal experts in Japan shipping business.

### **4. Conclusion**

In conclusion, my internship at Higashimachi LPC was an enriching experience that allowed me to expand my legal expertise into the realm of maritime law. The hands-on work, coupled with the supportive environment, made for a productive and engaging two weeks. I am grateful to Mr. Cassidy and Tezuka San for their mentorship and to the entire team at Higashimachi LPC for their welcoming and collaborative spirit. This experience has not only deepened my legal knowledge but also inspired me to continue exploring new areas within this field of law.



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