

**MINUTES OF THE ASIA PACIFIC COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**18<sup>th</sup> October 2007**  
**3:30pm – 4:30pm**  
**Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre**

**Chair:** Masashi Kurose

**Present :**

- LES ANZ**  
Simon Rowell
  
- LES China**  
Chi Shaojie  
Yvonne Chua
  
- LES Japan**  
Kiyohide Okamoto  
Torahiko Maki  
Masau Takayanagi  
Junko Sugimura  
Kei Konishi
  
- LES Philippines**  
Patricia Bunye

1. Kurose san reported that a proposal for workshop has been submitted on behalf of our Committee to take place in Chicago 2008. This would be a part II of the workshop in Seoul ie. "A comparative study of well-known trade mark protection in the Pan Asian region" (covering in particular ANZ, Thailand and the Philippines). All agreed that there should preferably be 3 speakers and one moderator. The 3 speakers would include Patricia Bunye from the Philippines, Simon Rowell or another person from ANZ and Vipa Chuenjaipanich from Thailand. For the moderator, Anniza Jamaluddin or Clara Yip both of Malaysia is preferred. In addition, there would be 2 panelists from India and China respectively to give a brief update on the developments in these regions. Mr Chi would provide recommendation for the Chinese panelist.
  
2. Manila 2009 – Patricia reported that the theme of the Manila conference is "Licensing in emerging economies". It is proposed that there will be 3 workshops to be presented by the Asia Pacific Committee, namely, one on China, another on India with the third on South East Asia. The time table of these workshops should not overlap. In addition, Patricia would like to invite a special speaker from China to speak in the plenary session. Kurose san suggested a senior executive from Huaiwei, a major Chinese Corporation. Alternatively, a senior person from IBM or GE serving in China was proposed by Mr Chi to speak on their experience in doing business in China.
  
3. Joint meeting between LES Japan and LES India – Kurose san reported that preparations are on the way by LES Japan and the joint meeting is proposed to take place in late January 2009 to coincide with the LESI President's meeting

which is tentatively planned to take place in India around 26<sup>th</sup> January 2009. Apart from LES Japan and India, all other LES members are invited to participate. It is LES Japan's plan to have a one-day symposium in New Delhi followed by visits to Toyota or other automobile companies and/or IT companies. The meeting will be organized with the help of the Indian law firm Anand and Anand. There will be one speaker from Japan eg. Toyota company, one from India and may be another from a US company. English would be the medium of instruction. Kurose san would coordinate with Simon Rowell regarding this joint meeting to coincide with the LESI President's meeting.

4. Kurose reported that he has recommended Yvonne Chua as the new Chair with Patricia Bunye and Torahiko Maki as Co-Vice Chairs.
5. Networking meeting in Adelaide – Where feasible Kurose san would arrange for such meeting on the occasion of the 2007 APAA conference in Adelaide and will announce the date, time and venue.
6. Yvonne proposed to try to have a liaison in each chapter to facilitate coordination between LES members in each chapter as well as the Chair of the Asia Pacific Committee.