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**Re: Announcement of Retirement and Succession at  
Fukami Patent Office, P.C.**

To our clients and associates,

This letter is to respectfully announce our personnel changes and new administration as of the beginning of October 2019, on the 50th anniversary of our office.

Effective the end of September 2019, Mr. Hisao Fukami, founder of our firm, retired from the position of Chairman and assumed the position Of Counsel. At the same time, Mr. Tadashi Ishii retired from the position of Vice-Chairman and assumed the position of Special Adviser, and Mr. Yutaka Horii retired from the position of Vice-President and assumed the position of Adviser. We are also pleased to announce that Mr. Nobuo Arakawa and Mr. Masato Sasaki succeeded positions of Vice-President as of the beginning of October 2019. Mr. Arakawa will also hold the post of Divisional Manager of the 2nd Mechanical Division and Mr. Sasaki will also hold the post of Divisional Manager of the International Patent/Design Division.

Fukami Patent Office was founded in 1969 by founder Mr. Hisao Fukami to fulfill its mission of “serving as a one-stop office providing intellectual-property-related services in Osaka.” We would like to thank you again for your ongoing support, which enabled us to continue our practice over the past 50 years.

As technology is becoming increasingly sophisticated and complex, and the economy and intellectual property-related activities are becoming more globalized, under our new management we are confident that we will continue to deliver the highest quality services that satisfy our clients' needs and their rigorous standards in every technological/industrial field. We at Fukami Patent Office appreciate your continued patronage and support.

Very truly yours,

Yoshitake Kihara  
President, Patent Attorney

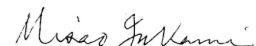
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**Announcement of Retirement from Fukami Patent Office, p.c.**

Thank you very much for your continued support. I have retired from the position of Chairman of Fukami Patent Office, P.C. effective the end of September 2019. I would like to express my deep gratitude for our relationship over the past 50 years, both officially and privately. I appreciate your continued support and encouragement to Fukami Patent Office, P.C. under the new administration.


Very truly yours,

  
Hisao Fukami  
Patent Attorney

**Announcement of Retirement from Fukami Patent Office, p.c.**

Thank you very much for your continued support. I have retired from the position of Vice-Chairman of Fukami Patent Office, P.C. effective the end of September 2019. I assumed the position of Vice-Chairman of Fukami Patent Office, P.C. since 2011, and wish to express my great appreciation for all the kindness and support I have received. I request your continued support and encouragement under the new administration.

Very truly yours,

  
Tadashi Ishii  
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