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The Chair of the Coordination Committee of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Mrs. Hilde Skorpen, presents her compliments and has the honor to refer to Circular N. 2833, dated November 13, 2007, inviting candidates for nomination to the post of Director General of WIPO.

A copy of the letter from His Excellency Mr. Masahiko Koumura, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan proposing the candidacy of Mr. Yoshiyuki Takagi for the said post is enclosed. *[Signature]*

February 5, 2008

Enclosure: Letter of His Excellency the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
TOKYO, JAPAN

February 5, 2008

Your Excellency,

I acknowledge receipt, with appreciation, of your note dated November 13, 2007, concerning the expiration of the term of office of the present Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Dr. Kamil Idris, and the formalities for the submission of candidatures for the succession.

Japan attaches the greatest importance to intellectual property and the role of WIPO as a leader of intellectual property. Japan welcomed this opportunity, gave a due consideration to decide on the candidature, and is pleased to propose Mr. Yoshiyuki Takagi as a candidate for the post of Director General of the Organization. Japan considers Mr. Yoshiyuki Takagi as the best candidate for the post, taking into account all the requirements for leading this important organization. He currently occupies the post of Executive Director, Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Development and Worldwide Academy, WIPO. In accordance with your request, his curriculum vitae is enclosed.

Thank you in advance for your kind cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Masahiko Koumura
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan

H.E. Ms. Hilde Janne Skorpen
Chairman of the Coordination Committee
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

Enclosure

CURRICULUM VITAE OF MR. YOSHIYUKI TAKAGI

Date of Birth: December 13, 1955
Place of Birth: Osaka, Japan
Nationality: Japanese
Married Status: Married, two children
Languages: English (fluent) and French (working level)

Educational Qualifications:

1974-1979 Kyoto University (Chemical Engineering)

Professional Experience:

1994 to present *World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO):*

- Executive Director, Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Development and the Worldwide Academy (from December 2003 to present)
- Senior Director, Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Development (June 2002 to November 2003)
- Director, Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Development (December 1999 to May 2002)
- Director of the Inter-Office Information Services and Operational Affairs Department (IT, Building and Procurement Divisions; November 1998 to November 1999)
- Director of the Inter-Office Information Services Department (January 1998 to October 1998)
- Director, Industrial Property Information and International Classifications Department (August 1996 to December 1997)
- Director, Industrial Property Information Division (October 1994 to July 1996)

1991-1994 Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Japan in Geneva, responsible for WTO and WIPO.

1988-1991 Ministry of International Trade and Industry of Japan, Deputy Director, International Affairs Division, Japan Patent Office
A delegate of Japan to the GATT for the TRIPS negotiation (1988-91)

1986-1988 *World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO):*

	Associate Program Officer, Asia and the Pacific Bureau; Associate Legal Officer, Industrial Property Law Division
1985-1986	Deputy Director, Office of Legal Counsel, Japan Patent Office
1983-1985	Patent Examiner, Japan Patent Office, Ministry of International Trade and Industry of Japan
1979-1983	Assistant Patent Examiner, Japan Patent Office, Ministry of International Trade and Industry of Japan

Mr. Takagi represented WIPO at numerous meetings to speak on WIPO's vision, strategy, IP policy matters and WIPO programs.

Selected Publications:

- “Teaching of Intellectual Property” (co-editor), to be published in March 2008, Cambridge University Press.
- “Harnessing the Power of Intellectual Property, Strategy and Programs of the WIPO Worldwide Academy,” (article, co-authored) , World Patent information (June 2007), Elsevier;
- IP Annual Report 2005, 2006 and 2007, Yuhikaku Publishing Co., Tokyo (Chapter on international issues on IP)
- “Intellectual Property Encyclopedia” (2003), Maruzen Publishing Co., Tokyo (Chapter on WIPO)
- “The Internet and its Value for Industrial Property Offices,” (article, co-authored) World Patent Information (June 1997), Elsevier;
- “GATT and the Uruguay Round” (1993), Toyo Keizai Publishing Co., Tokyo (Chapter on “TRIPS Agreement”);
- Regular contributor to the Journal of AIPPI Japan

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