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Mr. Takafumi Yamamoto is Chief Executive Officer and President of TODAI TLO, Ltd. (CASTI), which is a technology licensing organization of the University of Tokyo. He heads the primary technology licensing office for Japan's top school - the University of Tokyo. He had work experiences at Recruit, Ltd. as a planner of new business development and technology transfer from universities to industries. He established this business scheme with consulting efforts of Mr. Niels Reimers, who was a first director of OTL, Office of Technology Licensing, at Stanford University and got involved with other technology transferring organizations such as M.I.T., UC Berkeley and UCSF. He established the Technology Management Division at Recruit, Ltd in 1998.

He joined TODAI TLO in July 2000. He is also one of the Board Members of UNITT (AUTM Japan). He is appointed as an Expert Member to Prime Minister's IP Strategy Headquarters.

ICHIRO NAKATOMI

Mr. Ichiro Nakatomi is the President and Chief Executive Officer of NanoCarrier Co. Limited.

He received his B.S. in Pharmaceutics at Science University of Tokyo in 1974; his M.S. in Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Pharmacology at Northeastern University Graduate School in the U.S. in 1978; and his Ph.D. in Pharmacology at Gifu Pharmaceutical University in 1988.

From 1978, he was responsible for the Pharmacology, Research Planning and Business Development of Hisamitsu Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. for 12 years. In 1991, he joined TheraTech, Inc. in the United States as Vice President in charge of Business Development, and concurrently assumed the position of President of its Japanese subsidiary, TheraTech Japan, from 1993. TheraTech became a public company at NASDAQ in 1992. He resigned in September 1999 to assume his present position.

He founded NanoCarrier in Japan and started really in January 2000. He acts as President and CEO of NanoCarrier, which became a public company at Mothers of Tokyo Stock Exchange in March 2008. He also acts as Executive Director from iPS Academia Japan (Kyoto).

He has over 30 years of professional experience on the research and development, business development, and finance globally in pharmaceutical/biotech industries.

He received the Entrepreneur of the Year Japan 2002 Award. He plays an active role as an international delegate and President of Licensing Executives Society Japan. He is co-founder of Samurai Biotech Association.

MASAKI OKAMOTO

Mr. Masaki Okamoto is Counsellor/Acting Head of the WIPO Japan Office in Tokyo.

Mr. Masaki OKAMOTO joined the Japan Patent Office (JPO) in April 2001. He was an assistant examiner for four years and then was promoted to an examiner. He has conducted patent examinations, including PCT applications, in the field of optical communication systems, cellular communication systems, digital broadcast systems, and circuit elements such as ceramic condensers.

In addition, from October 2006 to September 2008 he was involved in expanding cooperative relationships between the public and private sectors in the area of protecting intellectual property at home and abroad by serving as a deputy director of the Office of Intellectual Property Protection of the Manufacturing Industries Bureau at the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.

Furthermore, from April 2011 to September 2012 he engaged in enhancing quality management systems for patent examination at the JPO by serving as a deputy director of the Quality Management Office in the Administrative Affairs Division.

He joined the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in August 2013 as a counsellor of the WIPO Japan Office (WJO). From April 2014 he was assigned to serve as the Acting Head of the WJO. He leads the promotion of WIPO's services in Japan and its neighboring countries in consultation with WIPO headquarters.

TAKASHI UCHIYAMA

Mr. Takashi Uchiyama is Director, IP Exploitation Policy Planning Coordination, Policy Planning and Research Division, Policy Planning and Coordination Department, Japan Patent Office, Tokyo.

Mr. Uchiyama joined the Japan Patent Office in April, 1996 as an Assistant Examiner. He became Director for IP Exploitation Policy Planning Coordination in July, 2014. Mr. Uchiyama and his team are involved in planning promotion for IP exploitation, IP activities at universities and IP human resources development in Japan. In addition, since his tenure in the Technology Research Division started in 2002, he has been involved in efforts toward improvement of IP human resources development in Japan. He worked in planning cooperation to China, Korea and Taiwan as well as making improvements toward successful IP enforcement among these countries. He also worked at Interchange Association (JAPAN) in Taiwan assisting Japanese companies in 2011.

Mr. Uchiyama obtained a Master's Degree in Engineering from Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Technology, Japan, in March 1996.

SURESH SACHI

Mr. Suresh Sachi is the Deputy Managing Director and General Counsel of A*STAR. He currently oversees the corporate and legal functions for the Agency and supporting the Research Councils and Exploit Technologies including Finance, Corporate Communications, Infrastructure Planning & Facilities Management, and Information Systems & Technology. Part of his role is to ensure that A*STAR's resources are deployed in an efficient and integrated manner.

As the Agency's General Counsel, Mr. Suresh Sachi has responsibility for all its legal and intellectual property matters. He is responsible for establishing, implementing and maintaining A*STAR's legal, intellectual property, risk management and compliance policies.

Before joining A*STAR, he was in private legal practice in a leading law firm where he was a partner in the Technology and Intellectual Property Department.

He has served on the Boards of a number of A*STAR companies, including Exploit Technologies. He was on the Board of Governors of the IP Academy for several years and currently serves as an advisor to the IP Academy. He is a founding member, Past-President, and currently Vice-President of the Licensing Executives Society Singapore. He served for more than 10 years on the Ethics Committee of the Singapore Eye Research Institute and is now a member of the SingHealth Centralized Institutional Review Board. He was an active member of the Biomedical Sciences Executive Committee, Intellectual Capital Working Group (Intellectual Property Sub-Committee) and is a member of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore Mentorship Funding Scheme Committee.

DENIS CROZE

Mr. Denis Croze has been nominated, as of June 18, 2012, Director of the Singapore Office of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), covering the Asia Pacific region.

Prior to this, Mr. Croze held various positions at WIPO, such as Director of the Assemblies and Documentation Affairs Division (AADD) in the Office of the Director General (2010 -2012), Acting Director Advisor in the Executive Office of Mr. Michael Keplinger, Deputy Director General in charge of the Copyright and Enforcement Sector (2006 – 2009), Acting Director Advisor in the Executive Office of Mr. Geoffrey Yu, Deputy Director General, Economic Development Sector (2004- 2006), Head of the International Law Development Section (Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications) from 2002 to 2004 and Head of the Trademark Law Section in the Industrial Property Law Division of WIPO, from March 1999 to 2002.

Mr. Croze headed the Multilateral Affairs Department of the French Patent and Trademark Office (INPI) in Paris, France from 1996 to 1999, and was WIPO Consultant to set up the WIPO Mediation and Arbitration Center from 1994 to 1996. His previous experiences were with the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) in Paris as Head of the Legal Division (1990-1994) and as an Attorney with the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations in New York (1987-1990).

Mr. Denis Croze, a national of France, holds a DEA (Master) in International Economic Law from the University of Paris II (Assas) and a DEA in Political Science from the University of Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne). He also followed the Program of Instruction for Lawyers (PIL) of the Harvard Law School.

SZE TIAM-LIN

Dr. Sze Tiam Lin is a Director at Intellectual Property Intermediary (IPI) Singapore, a newly setup organization under the national Research, Innovation & Enterprise 2015 (RIE 2015) Plan to be the nexus for enterprise to access, acquire and capitalize on IP to upgrade their products, processes and businesses. IPI works with enterprise to source for relevant technologies and partners both locally or from abroad. Prior to IPI, Dr. Sze held several Senior Vice President appointments at ETPL, the commercialization arm of Agency for Science, Technology And Research (A*STAR), Singapore. He was actively involved in IP management and strategy, technology intelligence and competitive intelligence, licensing and commercialization of new technologies from A*STAR. He has successfully commercialized technologies ranging from infocomm, manufacturing, semiconductors, materials, chemicals, nanotechnologies to medical devices. Dr. Sze is a Certified Licensing Professional (CLP) and a council member of the Executive Committee of the Licensing Executive Society (LES), Singapore. He contributes actively to various national IP initiatives including the IP Competency Framework, Singapore IP Master Plan and Tech-Connect Task Force. Dr. Sze is a panel and review member in various government grant committees including National Research Foundation, Ministry of Education, A*STAR and SPRING. Dr. Sze holds a Ph.D and B.Eng in Automatic Control & Systems Engineering from the University of Sheffield, UK and received an executive education in Strategic R&D Management at INSEAD, Fontainebleau.

PETER WILLIMOTT

Mr. Willimott is an experienced intellectual property expert, having worked in the IP field for more than 14 years initially for the Australian IP Office, and now with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). His main area of expertise lies in the IP communications field where he has led a number of large projects both in Australia and in the Asia-Pacific region. At WIPO his role as Senior Program Officer requires him to work with member states and businesses throughout the Asia-Pacific region in order to increase IP awareness, understanding and strategic use of the global IP systems. Mr. Willimott has also worked for one of the largest law firms in Australia as their Business Development Manager.

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