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**The Geneva (1999) Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs (“Geneva Act”)**

As you may know, The Geneva (1999) Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs (“Geneva Act”) went into effect for Japan on May 13, 2015. As of December 18, 2015, more than 200 applications which designate Japan has been published. It seems that EU and other foreign countries begin to choose Geneva Act when they think about the protection under the design law in Japan.

Please note that Japan Patent Office assign Japanese Design application number to each International Registration under the Geneva Act. It processes and examines these designs based on the current examination standard.

If you have any questions concerning the Hague Agreement designating Japan, please feel free to contact us.