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Legal Reform Projects as an Infrastructure for Foreign Investments in Japan

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Summary

The purpose of this presentation is to present Japan's legal system regarding international company law, including recent legislative changes, and to present some concrete issues which are currently being discussed in Japan. How far have the recent revisions of *Hōrei* (the Japan's legislation relating to Private International Law) and the Commercial Code, as well as the enactments of the Act on the General Rules of the Application of Laws and the Company Act changed the legal situation regarding

companies in Japan, at least with regard to conflict-of-laws situations? How these changes affect foreign direct investments in Japan?

This presentation will deal in particular with the issue of the regulation applying to the so-called "pseudo-foreign companies" (or "quasi-foreign corporations"), whose head office is located in Japan or the primary purpose of whose business is to carry on operations in Japan.

Short Biography of HAYAKAWA Yoshihisa



HAYAKAWA Yoshihisa is a Professor of law at Rikkyō University (Tokyo), where he teaches private law and conflict of laws. He is also attorney-at-Law. In addition, he has been appointed Secretary General of the Research Section of Japan Association of Arbitrators in 2003, and he is also a

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NB : The presentation will be followed by a discussion with the participants (in English, no translation).

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Nichifutsu Kaikan (MFJ) : Shibuya-ku, Ebisu, 3-9-25

▷ From the Ebisu JR station take the Skywalk Exit, turn left and walk 5 mn alongside Yebisu Garden Place.

