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Data Protection Laws on the Move in the Asia-Pacific Region

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Greetings from LAWASIA.

It is my pleasure to welcome you to LAWASIA's Data Protection Workshop in Tokyo. The theme of the workshop 'Data Protection Laws on the Move in the Asia-Pacific Region' is of particular significance. The words 'on the move' allude to the elusive nature of data, which often leads to its casual treatment. Today, even reading the news online requires you to trade your data either by subscribing or by creating a so-called 'free' account. This 'free' access is a misnomer; the real cost is the information you hand over. The moment you click the button, your data begins globetrotting.

In the digital world, it is imperative that data protection comports with fair treatment within the framework of economic Rule of Law. Foundational Rules of Law principles underpin good economic governance: certainty, predictability, fair rules made in a fair manner, and transparency. This last value, transparency, is of particular relevance if we are to protect liberty in its modern avatar, privacy.

In the current digital landscape, the informational asymmetry is so extreme that Big Tech knows everything about us and the citizen knows next to nothing about the technology companies. While good legal governance attracts investment, regulates competition for fair markets and enables growth, it is extremely difficult to design appropriate institutions and regulatory frameworks where the functioning of technology companies and platforms are near opaque. The unregulated universe of artificial intelligence exacerbates the challenge.

Since we are constantly tracked at every turn, perhaps there is a need to gain control over our own digital ledgers enabling us to see how our data is used and to track where it travels. Stronger regulations are essential to build public trust.

I am sure your deliberations at the workshop will strengthen our understanding of digital governance and proffer principles to protect privacy rights in their widest amplitude.

I thank the Japan Federation of Bar Associations and Chuo University, Institute of Comparative Law in Japan for their steadfast support throughout the planning and execution of the event. My heartfelt thanks to Dr. Sunil Abeyaratne, Chair, and Prof. Hiroshi Miyashita, Vice Chair of the LAWASIA Communications, Technology and Data Protection Committee for conceiving and delivering this important LAWASIA workshop.

I urge each one of you to consider joining the LAWASIA family and participating in a range of events throughout the year.

Shyam Divan
President

Dear Esteemed Guests, Speakers, and Participants,

It is my immense pleasure to welcome you to the LAWASIA Data Protection Workshop, organised by the LAWASIA Communications, Technology and Data Protection Committee and sponsored by Chuo University, Institute of Comparative Law in Japan and the Japan Federation of Bar Associations (JFBA).

We find ourselves at a pivotal juncture in data privacy and protection. As we navigate the complexities of digital transformation, we encounter both remarkable opportunities and significant challenges. In an era where data stands as one of our most valuable assets, the necessity of safeguarding this information while harnessing the power of artificial intelligence cannot be overstated. Our distinguished lineup of speakers including industry pioneers will lead these critical discussions.

This workshop convenes thought leaders, industry experts, and passionate advocates from around the globe who have a shared commitment to protecting personal information in an increasingly digitalized world. Together, we will explore pressing topics such as regulatory compliance, ethical AI practices, and innovative solutions to enhance data security.

Your active participation during the workshop is essential in our collective endeavour to foster a safer and more secure digital environment for all. Let us foster a collaborative environment where knowledge is shared, ideas are sparked, and new partnerships are formed.

We look forward to an inspiring and fruitful workshop.

With best regards,

Dr. Sunil D.B. Abeyaratne, Attorney-at-Law

Chairman, Communications, Data Protection, and Technology Committee of LAWASIA





29 AUGUST (FRI)

10:00–12:30

Academic Session (Side-Event)

Invited experts' talks on the cutting-edge topics such as AI, dynamic consent model, neurotechnology, data transfer and taxpayer rights, and cross-border data flow in relation to data protection laws.

- Prof. Xiangshun Ding, Beijing Foreign Studies University
- Yuto Noro, Partner, TMI Associates
- Dr. Haotian Ma, Doctoral Student, Renmin University of China, Law School
- Prof. Hiroshi Miyashita, Chuo University, Faculty of Policy Studies
- Wonjun Chung, Research Fellow, AI Legislation Team Leader, Korea Legislation Research Institute
- Dr. Hui Yuan, Assistant Professor, Tianjin University of Finance and Economics, Law School
- Yoichiro Itakura, Partner, Hikari Sogoh Law Offices
- Prof. Nohyoung Park, Korea University Law School
- Jie Meng, Partner, Global Law Office
- Satoe Takahashi, Associate Professor, Musashino University, Faculty of Business Administration
- EungJun Jeon, Partner IP/Data Protection Team Lead, LIN LLC

14:00–15:00

Registrations

15:00–15:15

Opening Remarks

- Dr. Sunil Abeyaratne, Chair, Communications, Technology & Data Protection Committee, LAWASIA
- Tsutomu Shimizu, Japan Federation of Bar Associations, Committee of Information Issues Measures
- Prof. Tatsuya Kitai, Director, Institute of Comparative Law in Japan, Chuo University



29 AUGUST (FRI)

15:15-15:30

Data Protection Law Report by Japan Federation of Bar Associations

*-Kaori Deguchi, Japan Federation of Bar Associations,
Committee of Information Issues Measures*

15:30-17:00

Session 1: Crossing Data Protection Laws and Artificial Intelligence Laws

Since AI training often involves the use of personal data, personal data protection laws also come into play in the context of AI usage. This prompts consideration of how data protection laws and AI laws can create synergies.

*Moderator: Prof. Nohyoung Park, Korea University
Law School (Korea)*

-Yuto Noro, Partner, TMI Associates (Japan)

*-Krishnan Nandakumar, Law Office of Nair and Nair
(Ireland)*

*-Xingjie Huang, City University of Hong Kong (Hong
Kong)*

*- Dr. Sunil Abeyaratne, Chair, Communications,
Technology, and Data Protection Committee,
LAWASIA (Sri Lanka)*



30 AUGUST (SAT)

9:30–10:45

Session 2: Profiling and Scoring

Consider the actual use and legal regulation of profiling technologies and scoring in the Asia-Pacific region. To what extent are credit scores used by financial institutions and predictive policing by law enforcement agencies permitted?

Moderator: Prof. Xiangshun Ding, Beijing Foreign Studies University (China)

– Miyako Ikuta, Kitahama Partners (Japan)

– Jie Meng, Partner, Global Law Office (China)

11:00–12:15

Presentations: Landmark Judgements on Data Protection

Speakers from several jurisdictions will each give a short presentation introducing landmark cases related to data protection law.

Moderator: Prof. Nobuyuki Sato, Chuo University (Japan)

Australia: TBC

Bangladesh: TBC

China: Yuan Hui, Ph.D Assistant Professor, Tianjin University of Finance and Economics

Hong Kong: Ahmed Ashfaq, Solicitor

India: Neelu Mohan, Partner, Nora Chambers

Japan: Yutaka Saito, Saito Yutaka Law Office, JFBA

Nepal: TBC

Maldives: TBC

Malaysia: TBC

South Korea: EungJun Jeon, Partner, LIN LLC

Sri Lanka: Venuke Cooray–Senior Partner, Cooray & Cooray International Legal Consultants

Pakistan: TBC

Philippines: TBC



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13:30–14:45

Session 3: Biodata Protection: Data Protection in Human Bodies

Fingerprint identification began to be used in India and has since become widespread across the Asia-Pacific region. Technologies such as facial recognition, voice, iris scanning, and even emotion prediction are now widely used as tools for identifying individuals. How do personal data protection laws address these challenges?

Moderator: Prof. Hiroshi Miyashita, Chuo University (Japan)

- Takeshi Hayakawa, Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu (Japan)
- Shouryendu Ray, Nora Chambers (India)
- Ramani Muttettuwegama, Managing Partner, Tiruchelvam Associates (Sri Lanka)

14:45–15:00

Closing

Meals will not be provided, as the event is offered free of charge.



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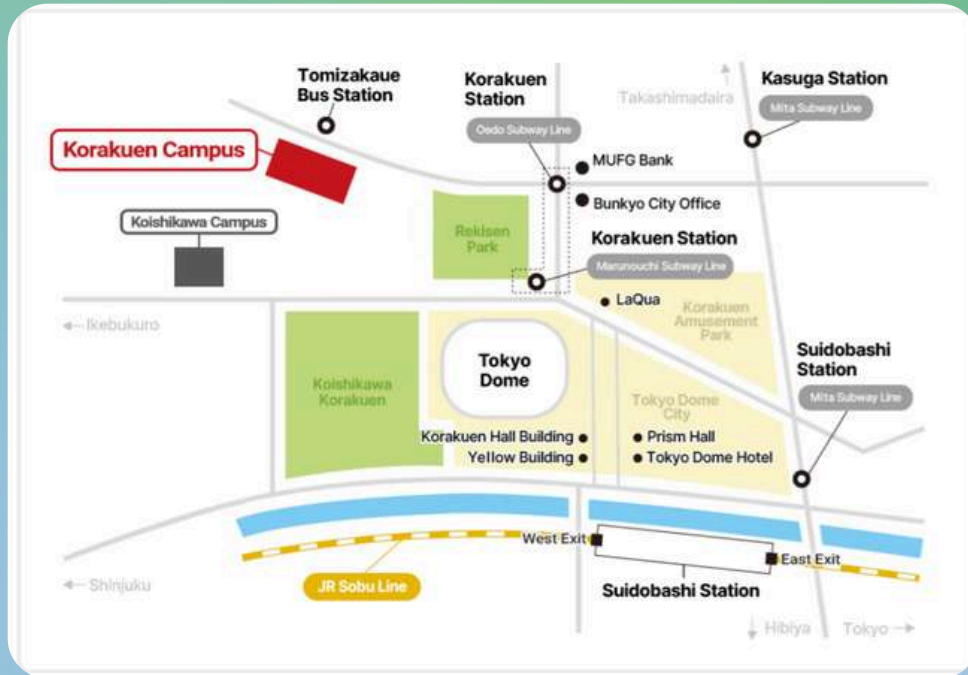


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The Institute has been actively engaged in research, forming organizations comprising Institute staff as well as outstanding external researchers to undertake joint research projects that focus on a number of themes.

Research results are published in the quarterly journal Hikakuho Zasshi (Comparative Law Review) in the Institute's monographs, as well as in many other forums, such as research conferences.

The Institute is also actively involved in academic exchange with other universities and research facilities in and outside Japan. As well as pursuing exchange of papers and information, it also arranges international symposia and lectures by visiting foreign researchers.



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