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PROGRAM

for the international conference
Independent Directors in Japan and Other Major Asian Jurisdictions

from Thursday, July 17 to Friday, July 18, 2014
at the JDZB, Saargemuender Str. 2, 14195 Berlin

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Thursday, July 17

9.00 h *Registration*

9.30 h **Welcome Addresses**
Friederike BOSSE (JDZB)
Harald BAUM (MPI)
Jan GROTHEER (DJJV)

General Introduction and Comparative Overview
Chair: Souichirou KOZUKA (Gakushuin University, Tokyo)

9.45 h **Theoretical Framework: The Role of Independent Directors**
Georg RINGE (Copenhagen Business School)

10.30 h *Discussion*

11.00 h *Coffee break*

11.30 h **The Comparative Context: Independent Directors in the EU, USA and the
Asia/Pacific Region**
Harald BAUM (MPI)

12.15 h *Discussion*

13.00 h *Lunch*

14.00 h **Corporate Governance Structure and Reforms in the Asian Region (Part I) –
China, Japan and Korea**
Kon Sik KIM (Seoul National University)
Presentation paper co-authored with Dan W. PUCHNIAK (National University
of Singapore)

14.30 h **Corporate Governance Structure and Reforms in the Asian Region (Part II) –
Hong Kong, India, Singapore, Australia**
Luke NOTTAGE (University of Sydney)
Dan W. PUCHNIAK (National University of Singapore)

15.00 h *Discussion*

Focus Japan

Chair: Dan W. PUCHNIAK (National University of Singapore)

- 15.15 h **Empirical Study of Independent Directors in Japan**
Souichirou KOZUKA (Gakushuin University, Tokyo)
Presentation paper co-authored with Manabu MATSUNAKA (University of Nagoya)
- 16.15 h *Coffee Break*
- 16.45 h **Reform of Company Law in Japan and Independent Directors: A Judicial and Political Analysis**
Gen GOTO (University of Tokyo)
- 17.30 h **Case Studies**
Bruce ARONSON (Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo)
- 18.15 – 18.45 h Discussion
- 20.00 h *Buffet Reception*

Friday, July 18**Country Reports and Analyses I**

Chair: Luke NOTTAGE (University of Sydney)

- 9.00 h **Korea**
Kyung-Hoon CHUN (Seoul National University)
- 9.40 h Discussion
- 10.00 h **Taiwan**
Ying-Hsin TSAI (National Taiwan University)
(Paper co-authored by Hsin-Ti CHANG, National Taipei University, and Yu-Hsin LIN, National Chengchi University)
- 10.40 h Discussion
- 11.00 h *Coffee Break*
- 11.30 h **PR China**
Xin TANG (Tsinghua University)
- 12.10 h Discussion
- 12.30 h *Lunch*

Country Reports and Analyses II

Chair: Harald BAUM (MPI)

- 13.30 h **Hongkong**
Vivienne BATH (University of Sydney)
- 14.10 h Discussion

- 14.30 h **India**
Vikramaditya (Vic) KHANNA (University of Michigan)
Presentation paper co-authored with Umakanth VAROTTIL (National University of Singapore)
- 15.10 h Discussion
- 15.30 h **Singapore**
Dan W. PUCHNIAK (National University of Singapore)
- 16.10 h Discussion
- 16.30 h *Coffee Break*
- 17.00 h **Australia**
Luke NOTTAGE (University of Sydney)
Presentation paper co-authored with Fady AOUN (University of Sydney)
- 17.40 h Discussion

18 – 19.00 h **Concluding Panel Discussion**
Chair: Moritz BÄLTZ (University of Frankfurt)

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