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Keitaro Uzawa's practice focuses on tax (international tax and domestic tax), customs duties, international disputes, mergers & acquisitions, various regulatory matters and wide range of general corporate matters.

Keitaro is a qualified Japanese lawyer (bengoshi) and a member of Tokyo Bar Association as well as a current member of the Special Committee on Tax Matters of Tokyo Bar Association.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- Japanese

EXPERIENCE

- Representing a Japanese rail car manufacture in their APA and MAP between IRS and NTA and provide broad advice in connection therewith
- Assisting a Japanese consumer product manufacture in their renewal of APA between IRS and NTA and provide broad tax advice in connection therewith
- Representing a Japanese subsidiary of an US-based multinational e-commerce service provider with respect to the tax dispute pending at National Tax Tribunal
- Advising a global semiconductor manufacturer with regard to international tax restructuring and transfer pricing analysis for its Japanese business
- Advising a global medical device manufacturer with respect to commissionaire (toiya) scheme implementation from regulatory and tax perspective
- Advising a VAT consulting firm with regard to potential tax refund of Japanese consumption tax paid by offshore tour operators for guided group trips to Japan and for international roaming services
- Advising an American multinational manufacturer of major home appliances with respect to its tax audit by the Tokyo Customs with respect to the application of Japan's consumption tax (customs valuation) on imported goods
- Representing a US-based computer software company with respect to the copyright infringement litigation against a Japanese

RELATED SERVICES

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Corporate
- Tax
- VAT and Customs Duties
- Transfer Pricing
- Mergers and Acquisitions

RELATED SECTORS

- Life Sciences
- Hospitality and Leisure
- Media, Sport and Entertainment

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English Japanese

medical device manufacturer

- Representing a Japanese subsidiary of an Indian IT company with respect to the litigation brought by the former president
- Advising a Japanese solar energy EPC company with respect to the commercial litigation in Texas, US. brought by the supplier

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Bengoshi registered with the Tokyo Bar Associations

Education

- Chuo University, B.A. in Law, 2007
- University of Tokyo, J.D., 2009

Memberships

- Member of Tokyo Bar Association Special Committee on Tax Matters

INSIGHTS

Publications

Japan exempts virtual currencies from consumption tax

31 MAR 2017

Comparable treatment can be found in Europe, where EU member states exempt virtual currencies from taxation as a result of a CJEU ruling.

Articles/books

- "Tax heaven rules in Japan," co-authored book published by Okura Zaimu Kyokai, March 6 2018
- "Note on the Consumption Tax Exemption for Virtual Currency", article in *Asia-Pacific Tax Bulletin*, 2017(Volume 23), No.3
- "PE Taxation," co-authored book published by Okura Zaimu Kyokai, Dec 28 2016
- "An update on Japan's consumption tax", article in *Bloomberg BNA (Volume 12, no. 5)*, May 2014
- World Legal News, *Recent Trend on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting, Bijinesu Houmu* (in Japanese), December 2013
- *Significance and Backgrounds of JOBS Act supporting fund raising by emerging growth companies and employment creation*, The Lawyers (in Japanese), April 2013 (co-author)
- *Gaming Developments in Japan - iGaming Business* (in English), Issue 81, July/August 2013 (co-author)

NEWS

Japan External Trade Organisation appoints DLA Piper lawyers as outside counsel in Japan

12 OCT 2017

JETRO, Japan External Trade Organisation has appointed DLA Piper Corporate of counsel Mitsuharu Kataoka and Tax associate Keitaro Uzawa specialists or outside counsel in Japan.
