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## Notice of the National Holidays in 2016.

We will have the national holidays indicated below. The Japan Patent Office, the IP High Court as well as our firm will be closed on these days.

New-Year Holidays	January 1st – 3rd, 2016
Coming-of-Age Day	January 11th
National Founding Day	February 11th
Vernal Equinox Day	March 20th
National Holiday under The National Holidays Act	March 21st
Showa's Day	April 29th
Constitution Day	May 3rd
Greenery Day	May 4th
Children's Day	May 5th
Marine Day	July 18th
Mountain Day	Aug 11th
Respect-for-the-Aged Day	September 19th
Autumnal Equinox Day	September 22nd
Health-Sports Day	October 10th
Culture Day	November 3rd
Labor Thanksgiving Day	November 23rd
The Emperor's Birthday	December 23rd
Year-End and New-Year Holidays	From December 29th, 2016 through January 3rd, 2017

\* All deadlines falling on a holiday for filing patent/design/trademark applications, responses to an office action, oppositions, appeals and related documents with the Japan Patent Office are automatically extended to the next working day by law. Our facsimile machines continue to receive messages even on holidays. However, should you have any imminent deadlines or urgent cases, we recommend that you send instructions well before a holiday.

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