Notice of the National Holidays in 2018.

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, 2018 |
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| Coming-of-Age Day | January 8th |
| National Founding Day | February 11th |
| Substitute Holiday | February 12th |
| Vernal Equinox Day | March 21st |
| Showa's Day | April 29th |
| Substitute Holiday | April 30th |
| Constitution Day | May 3rd |
| Greenery Day | May 4th |
| Children's Day | May 5th |
| Marine Day | July 16th |
| Mountain Day | Aug 11th |
| Respect-for-the-Aged Day | September 17th |
| Autumnal Equinox Day | September 23rd |
| Substitute Holiday | September 24th |
| Health-Sports Day | October 8th |
| Culture Day | November 3rd |
| Labor Thanksgiving Day | November 23rd |
| The Emperor's Birthday | December 23rd |
| Substitute Holiday | December 24th |
| Year-End and New-Year Holidays | From December 29th, 2018 through January 3rd, 2019 |

* 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.