



Hong Kong Intellectual Property Agent

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INFORMATION SHEET FOR TRADEMARK APPLICATION IN JAPAN

Filing Language	Japanese
Official Search	Not available
Power of Attorney	Not required
Applicable	Ordinary Trade Marks, Collective Trade Marks, Defensive Marks
Specification of goods/services	Nice Classification 9 th Edition, specification required to be standardized
Examination	Formality and Substantive Examination
Time from Filing to Registration	18 months for straight forward cases
Publication	After registration of the mark, the details of the registration will be published in the Official Gazette for public inspection
Opposition Term	2 months from publication
Registration Duration	10 years from Registration Date
Renewal	Every 10 years
Renewal Term	Trade Mark can be renewed within 6 months before its expiry date. Extra renewal fees are required if the registration is renewed after the expiry date.
Use Requirements	Continued non-use for 3 years makes the Registration vulnerable to revocation
Assignment	Deed of assignment is required
Licensing	Licensing document is required
Marking Requirement	Use of ® is optional

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