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Biographies of Speakers


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	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Dean		
Short Bio				
<p>Tetsushi Sonobe is the Dean and CEO of the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), the Tokyo-based think tank of the Asian Development Bank that promotes the realization of a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific through policy research and capacity building.</p> <p>Born in 1960 in Tokyo, Dean Sonobe obtained his PhD in economics from Yale University and BA in economics from the University of Tokyo. His research interests are centered on the empirics of economic development, particularly the roles of industrial clusters, human capital, social capital, management practices, and market competition in industrial development in developing Asia and other regions.</p> <p>Before joining ADBI in April 2020, Dean Sonobe served for six years as a vice president of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) in Tokyo and taught economics for thirty years at Tokyo Metropolitan University and GRIPS. Dean Sonobe is a recipient of the Nikkei Book Publication Prize and the Masayoshi Ohira Memorial Prize, and a founding board member of the Japanese Association for Development Economics.</p>				

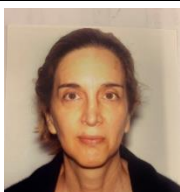
	<i>Last Name</i>	Kim	<i>First Name</i>	Yongrae
	<i>Institution</i>	Korean Intellectual Property Office		
	<i>Position</i>	Commissioner		
Short Bio				
<p>Dr. Kim Yongrae has been appointed as Commissioner of Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) on 15 August 2020.</p> <p>Dr. Kim previously served as Deputy Minister for Industry and Enterprise Innovation at the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE) where he managed the overall coordination of MOTIE's industrial technology innovation policy, regional economic revitalization policy and middle market enterprise fostering policy. He also worked as Deputy Minister for Trade at MOTIE, responsible for the formulation and coordination of Rep. of Korea's overall trade strategy.</p> <p>Since joining MOTIE, Dr. Kim has served in many roles including Director-General for Trade Policy, Policy Advisor to the Minister, Director-General for Energy Industrial Policy, Director-General for Materials and Components Industries, Director for General Affairs Division, Director for Gas Industry Division.</p> <p>Dr. Kim is a graduate of Yonsei University. He has also earned a Doctor's degree from Leeds University Business School.</p>				


	<i>Last Name</i>	Hirshfeld	<i>First Name</i>	Drew
	<i>Institution</i>	United States Patent and Trademark Office		
	<i>Position</i>	Performing the functions and duties of the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director		
Short Bio				
<p>Drew Hirshfeld is the USPTO Commissioner for Patents, currently performing the functions and duties of the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), pending nomination and confirmation of a permanent Under Secretary and Director.</p> <p>As Commissioner for Patents, he manages and leads the Patents organization at the USPTO as its chief operating officer, and is responsible for managing and directing all aspects of patent operations, examination policy, patent quality management, international patent cooperation, resources and planning, and budget administration. Prior to serving as Commissioner, he held the positions of Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy and as the Chief of Staff to the Under Secretary and Director. He began his career as a Patent Examiner, became a Supervisory Patent Examiner in 2001, and was promoted to the Senior Executive Service in 2008 as a Group Director in Technology Center 2100.</p> <p>Mr. Hirshfeld received a Bachelor of Science from the University of Vermont and a J.D. from Western New England College School of Law.</p>				


	<i>Last Name</i>	Baek	<i>First Name</i>	Seungju
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Deputy Dean		
Short Bio				
<p>Prior to joining ADBI, he served as Deputy Minister for Planning and Coordination at the Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Korea.</p> <p>He has 30 years of economic and development policy experience. His other previous roles include serving as a senior policy analyst focused on developing countries for the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, as well as an international development expert at the World Bank Institute.</p> <p>His capacity building and training interests include post-COVID-19 recovery and inclusive growth for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific.</p> <p>He earned his doctor of public administration degree in public policy from Korea University.</p>				


	<i>Last Name</i>	Stopp	<i>First Name</i>	Courtney
	<i>Institution</i>	United States Patent and Trademark Office		
	<i>Position</i>	Patent Attorney		
Short Bio				
<p>Courtney Stopp is a patent attorney in the Office of Policy and International Affairs (OPIA) at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). In her role at the OPIA, she works closely IP offices around the world in multilateral fora such as the IP5, ID5, WIPO, and the Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC). Additionally, Courtney promotes the development of robust intellectual property systems both domestically and internationally and consults with foreign governments and other U.S. Government agencies on substantive intellectual property laws. Courtney started her career at the USPTO as a primary patent examiner in the area of business methods. Prior to coming to the USPTO, Courtney focused on commercial sales and technical maintenance terms of agreement, export issues, and intellectual property concerns as a contracts negotiator at Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford, Connecticut.</p> <p>Courtney received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering with honors from the Georgia Institute of Technology and a J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law.</p>				

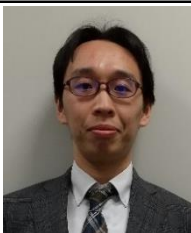
	<i>Last Name</i>	Rada	<i>First Name</i>	Nicholas
	<i>Institution</i>	United States Patent and Trademark Office		
	<i>Position</i>	Deputy Chief Economist		
Short Bio				
<p>Nicholas Rada is the Deputy Chief Economist at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Nicholas brings with him a decade of research at the Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. Between 2009 and 2019, Nicholas led a research program into the nexus of science policy, food security, and agricultural total factor productivity (TFP) – including technological progress and efficiency gains – in rapidly emerging agricultural competitors Brazil, Russia, India, Indonesia, and People’s Republic of China, as well as in the United States and countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. In addition, Nicholas steered a research project that examined the changing relationship between farm size and agricultural TFP as countries reached different stages of economic development. Nicholas started his career by receiving a BS in Economics and an MS in Agricultural Economics from West Virginia University, and a PhD in Agricultural Economics from Oregon State University.</p>				


	<i>Last Name</i>	Moezie	<i>First Name</i>	Minna
	<i>Institution</i>	United States Patent and Trademark Office		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Patent Attorney		
Short Bio				
<p>Ms. Moezie began with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in 1992 as a pharmaceutical patent examiner. In 2000, she became a Supervisory Patent Examiner in an art unit examining pharmaceutical patent applications. Ms. Moezie moved to USPTO’s Office of Policy and International Affairs (OPIA) in 2002 to work as a patent attorney, handling a variety of international intellectual property policy matters. In 2006, she accepted a position as the Regional Intellectual Property Rights Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Cairo. In 2008, she returned to her position in OPIA, where she remains currently as a Senior Patent Attorney. Ms. Moezie has been licensed to practice as a pharmacist and as an attorney in Virginia.</p>				


	<i>Last Name</i>	Chia	<i>First Name</i>	Walter
	<i>Institution</i>	Intellectual Property Office of Singapore		
	<i>Position</i>	Deputy Director, Partnership and Programme		
Short Bio				
<p>Walter is currently the Deputy Director of the Partnership and Programme Department (PPD) of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS). At PPD, Walter helps manage IPOS relations with stakeholders like its customers, domestic industry groups, members of the innovation ecosystem and the creators/artist community. Walter is also the Quality Service Manager for IPOS.</p> <p>Walter’s team engages with these stakeholders to promote greater use of IP to help drive growth either directly, via partnerships and programmes with various trade associations and industry groups as well as through flagship events like the annual IP Week @ SG and World IP Day. Walter was also part of the team that established Singapore as an International Search Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty in 2014 and a member of the campaign team for Singapore’s successful bid for WIPO DG in 2020.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	Park	<i>First Name</i>	Jinseok
	<i>Institution</i>	Darae Law & IP Group		
	<i>Position</i>	Partner		
Short Bio				
<p>“Jinseok Park”, Ph.D. is a partner & senior patent attorney of DARAE Law & IP Group in Republic of Korea. He is responsible for IP prosecution, litigation, technology transfer and licensing in the areas of electronic and computer technology. Dr. Park formerly worked for the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) in various positions, including Director of International Cooperation, Director of Intellectual Property Human Resource Development Division He also served as the IPR counselor of the Korean embassy to the EU from 2011 to 2014, and as a Vice President for International Affairs at the Korea Patent Attorneys Association (KPAA) in 2019.</p> <p>Since 1993, he has been involved in patent law and policy, patent examination and trial. Dr. Park has represented the Republic of Korea Government at various international meetings including the WIPO, WTO and APEC and was a former member of intellectual property negotiation group of the Republic of Korea government for the Free Trade Agreement between Republic of Korea and Chile.</p> <p>Dr. Park has authored a number of articles on computer-implemented invention, patent portfolio, IP licensing, the TRIPS Agreement, arbitration & mediation, and has widely spoken on various intellectual property issues over the past decades. Dr. Park received his Ph.D. in law from the University of Sheffield, UK. He is a licensed patent attorney in Republic of Korea and speaks fluent English.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	Lee	<i>First Name</i>	Soowon
	<i>Institution</i>	Lee International IP & Law		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Advisor		
Short Bio				
<p>Mr. Soowon Lee had served as a Korean Government officer for 32 years. He served mainly at economic related Ministries like as Economic Planning Board(EPB), Ministry of Planning & Budget(MPB) and Ministry of Economy and Finance(MoEF). His last position at MoEF was Deputy Minister for Fiscal Affairs.</p> <p>He also served as a Secretary to the President for Financial Crisis Management at Presidential Office and served as the 21st Commissioner of Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO).</p> <p>He majored Business Administration at Korea University and got M.A. of Policy Science at Saitama University in Japan.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	Yamasaki	<i>First Name</i>	Yuji
	<i>Institution</i>	Japan Patent Office		
	<i>Position</i>	Assistant Director		
Short Bio				
<p>Yuji Yamasaki graduated from the University of Tokyo in 2017 with a Master's Degree in applied physics. After graduation, he joined the Japan Patent Office and have four years of experience examining patents about power inverters and converters. Now he is committed to communicating and coordinating with domestic/overseas people in the International Policy Division/International Cooperation Division.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	Jeong	<i>First Name</i>	Ji-Woo
	<i>Institution</i>	Korean Intellectual Property Office		
	<i>Position</i>	Presiding Administrative Trademark Judge		
Short Bio				
<p>I have been working for Korean Intellectual Property Office (“KIPO”)’s Trial and Appeal Board as an Administrative Trademark Judge since September 2017. I joined the KIPO by the government headhunting. Before joining the KIPO, I had worked as a patent attorney for nearly fourteen(14) years being specialized in trademarks and design. I have handled both out-bound cases to help leading Korean companies register, protect and enforce their trademarks aboard, and in-bound cases to represent foreign companies in trademark filings, appeals, oppositions and invalidation/cancellation trials before the KIPO and Tribunal, and subsequent litigations before the Korean Patent Court and Supreme Court.</p> <p>- Work Experience</p> <p>2020. 7. ~ Present: Presiding Administrative Trademark Judge</p> <p>2017. 9. ~ 2020. 7.: Administrative Trademark Judge</p> <p>2005. 9. ~ 2017. 9.: Patent Attorney at FirstLaw P.C.</p> <p>2004. 5. ~ 2005. 2.: Patent Attorney at Park&Partners</p> <p>2003 Admitted to the Korean Patent Bar</p> <p>- Education</p> <p>1999 Seoul National University, Master’s Degree in Textile Science</p> <p>1997 Seoul National University, B.A. in Clothing & Textile</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	Almarshadi	<i>First Name</i>	Ahmed
	<i>Institution</i>	Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property, Saudi Arabia		
	<i>Position</i>	Executive Director		
Short Bio				
<p>International Partnerships Professional, Translator, Patent Specialist, and ToT on Intellectual Property with more than 15 years of work experience at the Saudi Patent Office (KACST) and the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP).</p> <p>Passionate about Intellectual Property and competent at prior art search, data cleansing, translation, international relations, MoU drafting, negotiations, project management, and team leading.</p> <p>Holding a Master's Degree in Applied Linguistics & a Bachelor's Degree in English Language and Literature from King Saud University (KSU).</p>				