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**Scholarship to aid a multiculturally oriented legal / patent attorney education in Japan  
Here: High school students; application deadline 31 October**

To Whom It May Concern:

Living in multicultural environments has become a reality for many, if not most people. The ability to have meaningful interactions with clients, co-workers, neighbours and friends who speak different languages and have a different cultural background from one's own is increasingly becoming a prerequisite for modern life. It is also becoming ever clearer that embracing multiculturalism as a principle on a societal level is necessary to maintain good governance and democracy within and peace and prosperous international relationships without.

Our law firm Sonderhoff & Einsel Law and Patent Office was founded on the principle of multiculturalism and has practised it for over the past 100 years. This has become part of our DNA as a firm.

In order to facilitate an education founded on the principles of multiculturalism within Japan, our firm's managing partner Felix-Reinhard Einsel founded **HEINESSEN Multicultural Support Foundation** in the summer of this year. HEINESSEN Foundation's goal is to make multiculturalism a reality in the education of future lawyers and patent attorneys in Japan. It aims at students aspiring to bridge the cultures of Europe and Japan in this line of work and wants to aid in mitigating the financial burden of getting such an education in Japan.

Besides colleagues of our firm acting pro bono for the Foundation, the Foundation has been privileged to add a diverse range of directors who are all committed to the idea of multiculturalism and its role in preserving peace, democracy, and the rule of law. They are:

- **Professor Toshiko Takenaka, Ph.D., LL.M.** (*Washington Research Foundation Simpson Professor of Law, University of Washington, Seattle, U.S.A.; Graduate School of Legal Affairs, Keio University*)
- **Professor Dr. Andreas Fuchs, LL.M.** (*Professor for Civil, Commercial, Economic and Comparative Law, University of Osnabrueck, Germany*)
- **Mr. Carl Mirwald** (*Director of Montessori Technical School Munich, Germany*)
- **Dr. Thomas Nagano** (*Physician, Tokyo International Clinic, Japan*)
- **Mr. Naoki Watanabe** (*Japanese Attorney-at-law, Sonderhoff & Einsel, Tokyo, Japan*)
- **Dr. Shigeo Yamaguchi** (*German Attorney-at-law, ARQIS, Duesseldorf, Germany*)

I, as a German attorney-at-law registered in Japan as Foreign Law Attorney (*Sonderhoff & Einsel*), am honored to act as Representative Director of the Foundation.

We would like to bring to your kind attention that Heinessen Foundation has begun accepting applications from high school students for a grant ranging from 50.000 JPY to 100.000 JPY/month (depending on the applicant's economic circumstances). The current application deadline is **October 31<sup>st</sup>**. The requirements for application are attached. They can also be found online, and entries can be made directly via the foundation's website: <https://www.heinessen-foundation.org>

In the coming year, HEINESSEN will also begin granting two scholarships for college students.

We would like to point out that applications are open to all students with a background that demonstrates a multicultural und multilingual involvement with one or more European countries (not limited to EU countries) who wish to study and graduate in Japan in order to become attorney-at-laws or patent attorneys, regardless of their nationality.

Since we assume that this information may be of interest to many families in the international community in Japan, we would like to kindly ask you to disseminate this information within the community as well as other possible contacts.

The foundation's secretariat is headed by Japanese attorney-at-law Ms. Makiko Watanabe (Sonderhoff & Einsel) and can be reached under: [office@heinessen-foundation.org](mailto:office@heinessen-foundation.org)

Please do not hesitate to contact me personally in case of any questions: [r.rauther@se1910.com](mailto:r.rauther@se1910.com)

On behalf of the Board of Directors of HEINESSEN Multicultural Support Foundation, thank you very much and kind regards,



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