



## **LATEST IP UPDATE FROM POTTER CLARKSON**

### **March 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Japan**

We have been moved by the images of the devastation caused by the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, and wish to express our sympathy for the loss of life, homes and businesses. Although the immediate effects of the natural disaster were centred around the north eastern coastal parts of Japan, we appreciate that the consequences are far more widespread. We hope that the impact on your clients, staff and family members is minimal.

We understand that the consequences of this unprecedented natural disaster will be long-lasting, and that there may be some immediate disruption to your daily lives. We wish to assist you in any way we can.

In these circumstances, we will be pleased to obtain any available extensions of deadlines before the EPO, OHIM and the UKIPO at no cost. We will also aim to provide you with instructions as early as possible for actions before the JPO.

We are monitoring the position of the EPO, OHIM, and the UKIPO and will let you know how they will deal with deadlines affecting Japanese applicants.

We have been impressed by the resolve and determination of the Japanese nation to move forward and rebuild the damaged areas, and we are confident of the recovery.

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