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知的財産制度の普及啓蒙活動

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2024年11月22日、私共の東和国際特許事務所は、将来を担う学生に対する知的財産制度の普及啓蒙活動のため、神奈川県横浜市にある私立サレジオ学院中学3年生15名の校外授業として職場訪問を受け入れました。

当日、生徒の皆さんには、特許・意匠・商標などの知的財産の所轄官庁である日本特許庁のご理解ご支援を得て、現役の審査官から審査官や審判官の役割りや仕事をわかり易くご説明を戴き、特許・意匠・商標などの審査事例についてJ-Platpatシステムを使った文献調査の実務体験や実際に使用されている審判廷への出廷体験に臨んで戴きました。その後、私共の弁理士、知的財産管理技能士から、知的財産に関する代理業務を担う特許事務所の具体的な役割りや仕事ぶりについてもお話させて戴きました。

この日の校外授業にとっても真剣に取り組まれた生徒さんから、審査官や弁理士に必要なスキル、知的財産の道を選択した動機、業務スケジュール、仕事のやりがい、審査一件当たりの所要時間、印象深い事例などについて様々な質問があり、知的財産に対する関心や期待感を頼もしく感じ取ることができました。

明日の社会を切り開く知的財産は、頭脳資源により創出される産物です。この頭脳資源豊かな私立サレジオ学院の生徒さんから、近い将来に審査官や弁理士が誕生して戴ければ、たいへん嬉しく光栄に思います。



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Activities to promote and raise awareness of the intellectual property system

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On November 22, 2024, our firm, Towa International Patent Firm welcomed 15 third-year students from Salesio Gakuin Junior High School in Yokohama-city, Kanagawa, as part of their off-campus study program aimed at raising awareness and understanding of intellectual property systems among students who will be major players in the next generation.

On the day of the visit, the students participated in various activities with the cooperation and support of the Japan Patent Office (JPO), the governmental body responsible for patents, designs, trademarks, and other forms of intellectual property. They received clear and engaging explanations from active JPO examiners about the roles and duties of examiners and trial judges. The students also gained hands-on experience through practical exercises such as conducting prior art searches using the J-PlatPat system, analyzing examination cases involving patents, designs, and trademarks, and participating in a simulated court session in an actual trial room. Following this, our patent attorneys and certified intellectual property management specialists provided insights into the specific roles and responsibilities of patent firms in representing clients and managing intellectual property rights.

The students approached the off-campus study program with remarkable enthusiasm and seriousness. They posed a wide range of thoughtful questions regarding the skills required to become an examiner or patent attorney, the motivations for choosing a career in intellectual property, work schedules, job satisfaction, the time required for examining a single case, and memorable experiences in the field. Their curiosity and genuine interest in intellectual property left us with a strong sense of optimism and anticipation for the future.

Intellectual property, which serves as a driving force for tomorrow's society, is a product of intellectual resources. If, in the near future, some of the brilliant students from Salesio Gakuin Junior High School were to pursue careers as examiners or patent attorneys, it would be a great honor and a source of immense pride for us.

