



## **AKSET Hosts Japan Desk in Cooperation with Mori Hamada & Matsumoto**

AKSET is pleased to announce the opening of a Japan Desk at our Jakarta offices staffed by lawyers from Mori Hamada & Matsumoto (MHM), a major law firm headquartered in Tokyo, Japan.

In recent years, Japan has been one of the largest sources of foreign investment in Indonesia, with the range of business activity continually growing in significance and diversity. After two years of cooperation with MHM, our firms are deepening the alliance, with MHM providing two full time attorneys to staff the Desk and an AKSET lawyer stationed in MHM's Tokyo office to assist with Indonesia-related transactions.

MHM is one of the four largest law firms in Japan and has a broad regional profile, being among the first Japanese firms to expand into China (Beijing and Shanghai), Singapore, and Myanmar, and establishing a Bangkok office last year. Working closely with AKSET lawyers, the Japan Desk will provide MHM clients comprehensive legal services to support their investments and projects in Indonesia.

The Desk will be headed by Tetsu Takeuchi, a graduate of Tokyo University and the University of Pennsylvania in the United States who has a wealth of experience dealing with Indonesian matters. Mr. Takeuchi will be joined by another esteemed lawyer, Reiji Hosokawa. Together with AKSET lawyers, they will advise clients on M&A, joint ventures, financial transactions, licensing and regulatory affairs, and dispute resolution. They will also guide Japanese clients about doing business in Indonesia, providing insights on compliance and labor relations and updates on important policy developments.

The creation of the Japan Desk reflects the synergy between the firms and our mutual desire to leverage high quality and a wide range of services through one team.

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