



## Testimonials

*Seventh IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia Conference*

*Faculty of Law, Waseda University*

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**Yuldashov Abdumumin**  
*Tashkent State University of Law*

The IPIRA Network has served as an important platform to further strengthen my knowledge in the field of intellectual property and to share the knowledge I've gained with other scholars and researchers in this area. In particular, the 7th IPIRA Conference held this year at Waseda University was even more productive and rich in discussions. This year, I also had the opportunity to chair a panel session for the first time at the conference. I consider this both a responsibility and a sign of trust. For that, I express my sincere gratitude to the organizers of the IPIRA Network. The growing interest in this conference year by year, along with its expanding scope, is a clear indication that it is becoming a unifying network for IP researchers across the Asian continent. I regard IPIRA as a means of transforming professional relations among IP researchers into lasting friendships.



**Sonali Agnihotri**  
*Faculty of Law, Kalinga University*

Participating in the 7th IPIRA Conference at Waseda University was an enriching and transformative experience. The event brought together scholars, researchers, and professionals from around the world, creating a dynamic platform for insightful discussions on intellectual property law and its evolving landscape. We had the privilege of presenting our ideas relating to geographical indications & beyond and engaging in thought-provoking conversations with experts in the field. The organization, hospitality, and academic depth of the conference were truly commendable. We are grateful for the opportunity to be a part of such a prestigious gathering and have returned inspired to further contribute to this important area of law.



**Ahmed Essa Al-Sulaiti**  
*Office of the State of Qatar at WIPO and WTO*

My deepest thanks to IPIRA organizing committee and Waseda University for the opportunity to participate in this dynamic and forward-thinking conference. Sharing my perspective on ADR's potential to support IP dispute resolution in Qatar was a meaningful experience, made richer by the depth of exchange among fellow scholars. I remain convinced that ADR—when integrated thoughtfully—can enhance institutional trust and create a more enabling environment for creativity

and innovation. The conference was a testament to the power of academic dialogue in shaping policy and practice.



**Nur Syakirah Maimun Asqua**  
*Multimedia University*

IPIRA has been an incredibly enriching experience. The close-knit community and thoughtful feedback from fellow researchers have greatly shaped my work. Connecting with IP scholars from around the world and engaging in discussions on cutting-edge IP issues has been both inspiring and valuable. Thank you to the IPIRA organizers and community for creating such a meaningful space for learning, growth, and collaboration. Looking forward to the next IPIRA!



**A.K. Balaji**  
*SRM Institute of Science and Technology*

I wanted to extend my heartfelt thanks to you and the entire team for organizing such a well-structured and enriching conference at Waseda University. It was a pleasure to attend the 7th IPIRA Conference from April 4th to 6th, and I truly enjoyed the opportunity to present on April 4th. From the warm hospitality and seamless coordination to the thoughtfully curated sessions and engaging discussions, everything was truly commendable. The atmosphere throughout the conference was welcoming and intellectually stimulating, and the sessions were not only informative but also provided valuable insights and meaningful feedback. A special word of appreciation for the attention to detail in logistics and the excellent arrangements around food and overall participant care, it all contributed to a very smooth and pleasant experience. Thank you once again for your hard work and dedication in putting together such a successful event. I'm grateful to have been part of it and look forward to staying connected with the IPIRA community.



**Sergül Balsever**  
*Yıldız Technical University*

It was a great pleasure to take part as a speaker at the 7th IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia (IPIRA) Conference. It provided an exceptional venue for the exchanging of ideas in the field of intellectual property and innovation law. Its structure allowed for rigorous academic discussion and comparative perspectives, making it a valuable opportunity to engage with current developments across

jurisdictions. The conference succeeded in fostering a collaborative atmosphere conducive to meaningful scholarly interaction."



**Gargi Chakrabarti**  
*Dharmashastra National Law University*

I am privileged to be one of the veteran associates of IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia (IPIRA) Conference, I have been associated with the IPIRA Conference since its inception. I had the privilege to attend the Seventh IPIRA Conference in Tokyo to present my paper on patents, as well as to chair a session on GI. Like every year, it was truly an enriching and amazing experience. The conference brought together some of the brightest researchers in the field of intellectual property (IP) from across Asia and other continents. The discussions were insightful, engaging, and thought-provoking, covering a wide range of topics related to IP, innovation, and their impact on society and the economy. What stood out to me was the exceptional organization and the warm hospitality. The Waseda University in Tokyo provided an ideal backdrop for this academic gathering. The event was well coordinated, and the sessions were conducted with utmost professionalism. IPIRA has once again demonstrated its commitment to fostering a community of scholars dedicated to advancing our understanding of IP and innovation in the Asian context. I left the conference with a deeper appreciation for the importance of IP in driving innovation and economic growth in the region. I look forward to the future editions of the IPIRA Conference and the continued exploration of critical issues in IP and innovation.



**Ning Chengzhe**  
*Faculty of Law, Waseda University*

I would like to express my immense gratitude to the organizers of the conference and all its participants. IPIRA has not just offered me a great opportunity to know what is happening in the field of IP in other parts of the world but also give me a chance to meet so many scholars with the same concern, same question, but with different opinion. I felt honored to have a chance to connect with all of them. To exchange our view, and even able to work with some of them. Through the two-day intensive participation, I have felt so much hospitality, warmth, and enthusiasm, which just keeps holding me from returning to my own research.



**Rico Lee Ting Cho**  
*National Chung Hsing University*

I am truly grateful for the opportunity to participate in the Seventh IPIRA Conference. The event offered a valuable forum for in-depth exploration of intellectual property issues and for engaging in thoughtful dialogue with scholars from across Asia and around the world. My sincere thanks to the organizers and all fellow participants for making the experience both insightful and inspiring. Look forward to seeing everyone next year in Singapore!



**Paramita Dasgupta**  
*West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences*

That the IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia (IPIRA) Conference has indeed cemented its place, not just within Asia, but globally, as one of the most anticipated and well-regarded conferences that year upon year, has successfully brought together a wide, diverse, yet qualitatively discerning minds within the domain of Intellectual Property Law is now a well-established fact. Be it pedagogues, policymakers, or practitioners within the subject domain, IPIRA provides an excellent forum for academics, scholars, and researchers to present and discuss their papers and works-in-progress with eminent seniors and peers from across the spectrum. This initiative has, over a sustained period of seven years, created its own inimitable niche promoting truly enriching discussion and interaction, which makes a significant positive contribution towards individual enrichment as well as collective enhancement of the academic discourse. I consider it a matter of immense honour and pleasure to have now become a part of the IPIRA family and to continue to present my research at this august gathering yet again. My warmest congratulations and sincerest thanks to Prof. Irene Calboli's superlative helming of the IPIRA over the years, ably assisted by her team, associates and collaborators, and my heartfelt regards to Prof. Suzuki and team's exemplary contribution on behalf of Waseda University, an eminent institution in and of itself, and of course to the supporting institutions for ensuring the resounding success of this seventh oeuvre of IPIRA. I wish IPIRA all the very best, and look forward to many more years of this mutually happy collaboration.



**Lihini De Silva**  
*Faculty of Law, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU)*

The IPIRA Conference held at Waseda University was truly very vibrant with an amazing set of participants from across the world. The ideas shared on diverse IP issues and the feedback received for the papers presented was an incredible experience. A big thank you to Prof Irene and her team for organizing such a successful event. I must also mention how much I cherished experiencing the cherry

blossom season and immersing myself in the beautiful culture of Japan after the conference. This is an added delight of the conference which helps to explore the country beyond academic setting. Looking forward for many more IPIRA Conferences. IPIRA already feels like family, and this time, it grew even bigger.



**Mauricio Figueroa**  
*Newcastle University*

As an early-career scholar, participating in IPIRA has been a fascinating experience! The conference offers a rare opportunity to engage meaningfully with both established and emerging voices in the field, fostering dialogue that transcends conventional Euro-American paradigms in Intellectual Property and technology law. It has rich platform to present and refine research, while also gaining insight into global scholarly trends. Additionally, and importantly, IPIRA serves as an unparalleled space for building intellectual community and fostering scholarly growth!



**Lakmali Fonseka**  
*Open University of Sri Lanka*

This was my first time participating in the IPIRA Conference, and it has been an incredibly rewarding experience. IPIRA provided a valuable opportunity to gain insights into the developments in the field of intellectual property across different parts of the world. I was truly excited to meet and engage with so many esteemed scholars from around the globe. The presentations, discussions, and feedback on our papers were all excellent and deeply inspiring. I look forward to staying involved with the IPIRA Conference in the future.



**Grace Njeri Gatere**  
*Technical University of Kenya*

I attended the 7<sup>th</sup> IPIRA conference at Waseda University in Japan during the breathtaking cherry blossom season. For me, it was a life-changing experience both culturally and intellectually. The conference brought together academics and researchers of IP from Asia and other European countries. I was elated to meet people whose books have inspired my PhD thesis writing process. Actually, I was star-struck. I attended sessions that helped me unlearn and relearn Copyright law regarding creativity and Artificial Intelligence, all from very different perspectives. I got insight as to how legal

professionals view creatives like me. Beyond the academic richness, I got a chance to visit Kyoto's historic sites and walked through Tokyo's vibrant neighborhoods under the beautiful Sakura trees and stunning neon lights. The mannerisms of the Japanese left an awe in my heart. I returned to Kenya inspired, informed, and ready to apply global insights to local solutions in Kenya's design industry. The conference wasn't just an academic endeavor but a place to create new perspectives, expand my networks, and develop a sense of purpose. Thank you, Prof Irene Calboli and Prof Masabumi Suzuki, for inviting me to Tokyo and giving me a new lease of life. It was surreal.



**Bon Gyoung Goo**  
*Chungnam National University*

It was a tremendous honor to attend and present at the 7th IPIRA Conference. I was deeply impressed by the insightful presentations and discussions led by the speakers and session chairs. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to the organizers for their meticulous planning and warm hospitality. Through this opportunity, I hope to further deepen the scope of my research, and I look forward to continuing to explore compelling and meaningful topics. Wishing you all continued health, happiness, and academic success.



**M. Hawin**  
*Faculty of Law, Universitas Gadjah Mada*

I am honored to have participated in the Seventh IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia (IPIRA) Conference held at Waseda University, Tokyo. The event was a truly enriching experience, bringing together a vibrant community of scholars dedicated to the advancement of IP and innovation law in Asia and beyond. During the conference, I had the opportunity to present my paper titled "Addressing Evergreening Practices: Examining Indonesia's New Policy on the Patentability of New Uses." The presentation went smoothly and was attended by esteemed academics and researchers with expertise in patents and the pharmaceutical industry. I am deeply grateful for the chance to engage in meaningful discussions, exchange insights, and be part of this growing network of scholars. My sincere thanks to the organizers, Waseda University, and all those who contributed to making the conference such a successful and memorable event.



**Lital Helman**  
*Ono Academic College Faculty of Law*

The 2025 IPIRA Conference in Tokyo provided an excellent forum to present our 'Artificial Inventorship' research. The intellectual discussions were substantive and insightful. I appreciated connecting with colleagues from Asia and elsewhere who offered fresh perspectives on our work. The conference struck a perfect balance between formal sessions and professional and social networking opportunities. Well-organized and engaging throughout, it was a worthwhile experience for any IP scholar.



**Hina Kausar**  
*School of Law, UPES*

The 7th IPIRA Conference offered me a fantastic opportunity to connect with academicians, professionals, researchers working in the domain of IP and related areas. I would like to congratulate the Organizers for carving out and executing this remarkable event . During those three days of extensive discussion and debate, the presenters were able to receive insightful comments on their papers, as well as it opened up new vistas towards future collaboration in their areas of interest. I would definitely recommend this conference to all those who are interested in intellectual property and innovation.



**Abhijeet Kumar**  
*University of Leicester*

Delighted to have participated and presented at the IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia (IPIRA) Network conference hosted at Waseda University. The conference has become a great platform for global dialogue on ongoing intellectual property discourses. A sincere thank you to the IPIRA organizers, especially Irene Calboli, Masabumi Suzuki, Tatsuhiro Ueno, and Christoph Rademacher, for their superb organisation. Special thanks to Roberto Carapeto for expertly moderating my session, and to the attendees for their thought-provoking questions. Beyond the stimulating academic exchange, I was fortunate to immerse myself in Japan's rich heritage: witnessing the breathtaking sakura blossoms, exploring serene temples, and experiencing traditional practices. And of course, the grandeur of Mount Fuji! A memorable and culturally fulfilling journey.



**Jingwen Liu**  
*Faculty of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong*

Attending the 7th IPIRA Conference in Tokyo was an invaluable experience. My heartfelt thanks to the organizers for crafting such a dynamic, intellectually enriching event. It provided an exceptional platform to connect with brilliant scholars, engage with diverse perspectives, and learn from their cutting-edge insights that will inspire my work. The collaborative atmosphere and thoughtfully curated sessions have fostered meaningful discussions and deepened my passion for this field. Thank you for this opportunity and looking forward to all future conferences!



**Jiang Ludi**  
*Zhongnan University of Economics and Law*

It was a great honor to participate as a speaker at the 7th IPIRA Conference held from April 4th to 6th. The conference covered a wide range of cutting-edge topics in the field of intellectual property, and what impressed me most was the open and engaging academic atmosphere. Each speaker was given sufficient time not only to present their research but also to engage in meaningful exchanges with the audience, which sparked new insights and inspiration. One particularly memorable session was the panel on Artificial Intelligence and Copyright, where scholars held divergent views on whether AI-generated content based on user prompts should be protected by copyright. The debate was lively and thought-provoking, offering the audience a deeper understanding of the complex legal and theoretical issues involved.



**Doan Duc Luong**  
*University of Law, Hue University*

The IPIRA Conference is a highly engaging forum that brings together intellectual property researchers from diverse countries and cultural backgrounds to share knowledge and perspectives on an annual basis. Its inclusive and interdisciplinary nature fosters a dynamic academic exchange that enriches the global discourse on IP law. I sincerely hope that, in the near future, the IPIRA Conference will be hosted at the University of Law, Hue University, Vietnam. It would be a great honor for our institution to welcome this distinguished community of scholars and contribute to the ongoing success of this important academic initiative.



**Biyu Ma**  
*Law School of Yunnan University*

I truly appreciate the vibrant and welcoming atmosphere of the IPIRA Conference. It offers not only a valuable platform for intellectual exchange but also an opportunity to build lasting friendships. Each time I attend, I come away inspired by meaningful conversations and new connections with IP scholars from around the world — and often, the seeds of future collaborations are planted.



**Henny Marlyna**  
*Faculty of Law, Universitas Indonesia*

Attending the Seventh IPIRA Conference was a truly enriching experience. The conference brought together an inspiring mix of scholars, practitioners, and policymakers, all deeply engaged in advancing the conversation around intellectual property and research alliances. Each session was thoughtfully curated, sparking meaningful discussions and offering fresh insights into the evolving global IP landscape. What made this experience even more special was the timing—coinciding with the breathtaking cherry blossom season. The serene beauty of the blooming sakura created a perfect atmosphere for reflection and connection. Strolling beneath the blossoms between sessions added a peaceful rhythm to the intellectually stimulating days. A heartfelt thank you to our colleagues at Waseda University as the organizers for their exceptional effort in creating such a well-rounded, welcoming, and memorable event. I'm leaving this conference both inspired and grateful.



**Timo Minssen**  
*University of Copenhagen*

Once again, I am so extremely grateful and impressed by the program that the IPIRA's organizers have put together. The setting was wonderful and so was the Sakura season, which we could enjoy with so many wonderful new colleagues and old friends. Coming from Germany and Scandinavia, I am so amazed about the dynamics in this fascinating region of the world. I thoroughly enjoyed discussing pressing issues with fellow IP experts from such a diverse background! Learning from various perspectives and experiences is so incredibly valuable not only for finding inspiration, but also for testing your own perceptions, opinions and ideas in an increasingly complex world. I learned so much. A huge THANK YOU to IPIRA's powerhouse, Irene Calboli, as well as Masabumi Suzuki, Christoph Rademacher, Tatsuhiro Ueno, Jacques de Werra and their teams for pulling this off.



**Debmita Mondal**  
*Hidayatullah National Law University*

Attending the Seventh IPIRA Conference at Waseda University Tokyo was a genuinely enriching experience. The event brought together a vibrant community of scholars, professionals, and policymakers worldwide, fostering a space for meaningful dialogue and exchange. What stood out to me most was the collaborative spirit of the 3-day-long conference. I particularly value the constructive feedback I received during the paper presentation session, which has significantly shaped my ideas and strengthened my research. Many thanks to Prof. Irene, Prof. Suzuki and the IPIRA Team for organizing this conference smoothly and giving me a platform to showcase my research.



**Ho Bich Hang Nguyen**  
*University of Eastern Finland*

The first time I participated in IPIRA Conference in Malaysia in 2018, I was quite overwhelmed and unsure of what to expect. Everything was new to me - the people, the setting, the experience. But as time went on, whether joining online or attending in person, I began to feel something very special: like coming home. Each conference felt like a reunion with family and close friends. Through all the changes and challenges over the years, the IPIRA community has remained a place of warmth, care, and genuine connection. We care about each other not only as researchers but as people — and that has made all the difference. Together, we continue to grow, not just in our friendship, but also in our shared passion for advancing Intellectual Property and innovation research. It's inspiring to be part of a community that blends both heart and intellect so beautifully. This year, the conference takes place in Waseda University, Tokyo - right in the season of cherry blossoms. It is impossible to put into words the extraordinary effort of the organizers to make this conference possible. The delicate petals of the sakura are like tiny flames, torches of hope and belief passed down from one generation to the next. They remind us that while knowledge evolves, the spirit of connection and shared purpose within IPIRA continues to bloom, year after year.



**Ngoc Phuong Hong Nguyen**  
*University of Economics and Law - Vietnam National University*

This is my second time attending the IPIRA Conference, and the 2025 IPIRA Conference at Waseda University was one of the most inspiring and intellectually enriching experiences. The diversity of perspectives—from seasoned scholars to emerging voices—fostered deep discussions on IP and

innovation in Asia. Waseda's warm hospitality and vibrant academic atmosphere made it a truly memorable event. I left with new insights, meaningful connections, and a renewed passion for research in the IP field.



**Saad Nusrullah**  
*Punjab University Law College, University of Punjab*

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for the exceptional experience I had attending and presenting my paper at the IPIRA Conference in Tokyo. The conference was a truly enriching and valuable event, and I am delighted to share my positive feedback. From the moment I arrived, the organization was impeccable. The registration process was smooth, and the conference materials were comprehensive and well-prepared. The venue-Waseda University in Tokyo provided a fantastic setting, offering a stimulating and comfortable environment for learning and networking. The quality of the presentations and discussions was outstanding. Presenting my own paper was a rewarding experience, and I appreciated the thoughtful questions and engaging discussions that followed. The feedback I received was invaluable and will undoubtedly contribute to the further development of my research. Beyond the formal presentations, the conference provided ample opportunities for networking with researchers and practitioners from around the world. The informal interactions, coffee breaks, and social events fostered a collaborative and inspiring atmosphere. I made valuable connections and had stimulating conversations that have broadened my perspectives and potential future collaborations. Overall, the IPIRA Conference in Tokyo was a well-organized, intellectually stimulating, and professionally rewarding event. I was particularly impressed by the traditional Japanese hospitality throughout the conference. This aspect truly enhanced my conference experience. I left feeling energized, inspired, and with new knowledge and connections that will undoubtedly benefit my future research endeavors. Thank you to the entire organizing committee for your hard work and dedication in creating such a successful and impactful conference. I highly recommend the IPIRA Conference to anyone teaching in the field of IP and look forward to the possibility of attending future IPIRA events.



**Arzu Oguz**  
*Ankara University*

IPIRA was truly an extraordinary event. I would like to thank our dear friend Prof. Irene Calboli and her team for organizing such a valuable event and bringing us together. I would like to thank Prof. Suzuki and the esteemed members of Waseda University.



**Zehra Özkan Üner**  
*Ankara University Faculty of Law*

This is my first time attending the IPIRA conference in person. I initially hesitated to submit a paper because Japan felt quite distant. However, I am truly excited to be part of the conference, especially in such a turbulent world. Connecting with the colleagues and engaging in the discussions has been a fantastic experience. I eagerly anticipate the next edition.



**Jacob George Panickasseril**  
*School of Law, Bennett University*

Coming for IPIRA 2025 at the picturesque Waseda University has been an excellent opportunity to meet fellow IP enthusiasts and share our distinct insights on the functioning of IP systems in our respective countries. Having the conference in Tokyo has been a perfect blend of culture and technology amidst the lovely cherry blossoms to witness for all the participants which was aptly reflected in the three day sessions of the IPIRA conference.



**Elizaveta Pletneva**  
*BRICS Competition Law and Policy Centre*

I would like to sincerely thank Professor Irene Calboli and the entire organizing committee for their outstanding efforts in making the IPIRA Conference such a vibrant and inclusive platform. This year's focus on the rapid development of AI and the importance of global collaboration truly reflected the evolving challenges and opportunities in the field. The conference offered a unique and timely space for scholars—including early-career researchers—to engage in thoughtful dialogue, share insights, and build connections across borders. It is an honour to be part of such a dynamic and forward-looking community.



**Anna Pokrovskaya**

*Law Institute of the People's Friendship University of Russia*

I would like to express my immense gratitude to the organizers of the IPIRA Conference and all its participants for making this event such a memorable experience. Over the course of the three days, I gained tremendous positive emotions and insights that will stay with me for a long time. The conference, set against the stunning backdrop of Tokyo in full bloom, provided the perfect environment for inspiration, collaboration, and learning. It is always a pleasure to meet both familiar and new faces, exchanging ideas and engaging in meaningful discussions that contribute to the growth of our field. The variety of presentations and workshops—spanning innovative research, case studies, and emerging trends—left me feeling not only more knowledgeable but also deeply inspired to pursue new directions in my work. Being part of the IPIRA Community for the past three years has been a truly enriching experience. This community continuously brings fresh perspectives to research and fosters a supportive network of driven, passionate individuals from around the world. The exchange of knowledge and ideas in this vibrant, collaborative setting is a testament to the incredible value of this conference. I am grateful for the incredible efforts of the organizers, keynote speakers, presenters, and participants who made the event a fantastic success. Conferences like IPIRA remind us of the importance of coming together, sharing our work, and forging connections that drive innovation and growth. I am already looking forward to the next event and continuing to contribute to this exceptional community!



**Mani Pratap**

*Faculty of Law, CUSB*

I am truly honored to have participated in the 7th IPIRA Conference held at Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan. The conference was a gathering of intellectual minds in the fields of IP laws, AI, digital, and other connected laws. It served as a confluence of diverse intellectual exchanges, vibrant and thought-provoking ideas on intellectual property, innovation, cyber and internet-related laws, AI, culture, competition, and the use of IP in AI and sustainability. Discussions also encompassed existing laws, their challenges, and regulatory aspects. The feedback and suggestions received have enriched and broadened my academic perspectives. The event was well-organized, fostering a scholarly atmosphere with engaging sessions that brought together the international IP community. I personally extend my heartfelt gratitude to the organizers, particularly the IPIRA Secretariat and Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, for orchestrating such a wonderful conference and providing a valuable platform, complemented by delicious Japanese cuisine. This conference has significantly contributed to my academic and professional development. Additionally, I had the opportunity to closely experience various aspects of Japanese culture, such as the Sakura (Cherry Blossom) and Asakusa Temple, which will remain memorable. I look forward to continued collaboration and participation in future IPIRA events.



**Yue Qing**  
*Law School of Yunnan University*

I am fortunate to have participated in the IPIRA Conference held in Tokyo. I would like to express my gratitude here. Thank you to the conference organizers and all the staff who worked hard. The conference was arranged in a professional and meticulous manner, providing a platform for communication and cooperation, which enabled us to understand the latest developments in the field of intellectual property. The keynote speeches, sub-forums, and interactive sessions were all wonderful. During the conference, I had the opportunity to meet many outstanding foreign scholars. The exchanges broadened my academic horizons, and I felt the charm of intellectual property research in different cultural backgrounds.



**Ziyan Qiu**  
*East China University of Political Science and Law*

Returning as a speaker to the Seventh IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia (IPIRA) Conference 2025 in Tokyo was an inspiring and transformative experience. This year's event delved deeper into emerging intellectual property challenges, including AI-driven innovations and cross-border IP governance. The sessions, enriched by panels of global scholars and industry leaders, sparked dynamic debates on balancing technological advancement with ethical frameworks. This year's participation solidified my appreciation for IPIRA's role as a catalyst for innovation in Asia. I leave with fresh insights, renewed motivation, and anticipation for 2026's edition. Grateful for the platform, I eagerly look forward to contributing to future dialogues shaping the IP landscape.



**T.H. Rathnayake**  
*The Open University of Sri Lanka*

I had the privilege of participating in the Seventh IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia (IPIRA) Conference, held from 4th to 6th April 2025 at the Faculty of Law, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan. The conference brought together an exceptional gathering of IP scholars, researchers, and professionals from around the world, providing an intellectually stimulating environment for sharing knowledge and advancing discussions on contemporary issues in intellectual property and innovation. Presenting my research paper at this prestigious forum was an immensely rewarding experience. The insightful feedback and constructive discussions that followed enriched my perspective and deepened my understanding of the global IP landscape. The event was not only well-organized but also fostered

meaningful academic exchange, collaboration, and networking opportunities. I am grateful to the IPIRA Network and Waseda University for hosting such a high-caliber academic event, and I look forward to contributing to future conferences. Participating in the IPIRA Conference has been a significant milestone in my academic journey.



**Subhash Chandra Roy**  
*Chanakya National Law University*

I would like to extend my deep gratitude to the organizers for assigning the duty of Chairing session 6F of 7th IPIRA on 6th April 2025. In this session, Brian Amy Prastyo and Agus Sardjono from University of Indonesia, Ziyang Qiu from East China University of Political Science and Law, Prof. Rostam Neuwirth from University of Macau, and Mauricio Figueroa from New Castle University presented their papers. Prof Brian discussed the issues of definition of Author and suggested that there should be the definition of creator. He argued that the Bern convention should be revised with reference to the AI regime Prof. Ziyang discussed whether the possibility of content generated by AI is copyrightable or not. Professor Ziyang supported her views with reference to the court ruling which answers the legal challenges posed by AI. Prof. Rostam from Macau University raised the issue of publication cost and the condition of authors. He also raised the ethical concern on risk that AI can entail. He also argued that the impact of AI should be studied beyond the domain of IP Laws. At the same time, it requires to grasp the opportunity of legal research in AI. Professor Mauricio discussed social media, Instagram reels and images, deep fakes replacing real faces generated by AI. The presenter argued the resolution of such issues under law of Torts. The session was vibrant and well discussed. I thank all the participants and Paper presenters.



**Aneel Sagar**  
*Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital*

The scientific committee of Seventh IPIRA really deserves appreciation for selection of marvelous content and speakers this time; It did not only provide a wonderful opportunity to learn about new aspects of IP laws catering contemporaneous technologies but also helped in extending friendships and exchange of knowledge and awareness between IP professionals from all corners of Asia. I congratulate Professors Irene and Suzuki and their hardworking teams for making it a success and expect and wish the same opportunities in the future.



**Shahrina Anis Samsudin**

*Faculty of Law, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia*

I've been joining IPIRA since the first one in Malaysia. I love it because it was joined by people from different backgrounds: PhD students, junior to senior academicians, people from industry, law and non-law background. The difference in background allows me to examine how IP works in theory and practice, and what people from non-law use IP for. Most importantly, it was a very friendly crowd where questions, comments, and suggestions were constructive. The conference is also free, which is beneficial for me as a student! Definitely recommending this conference to others and will join every IPIRA when I have the opportunity!



**Cristiana Sappa**

*IESEG School of Management, Lille*

As a European, IPIRA is a unique opportunity of getting together with scholars of different countries in Asia and discuss Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese, etc. laws in different perspectives. Two things impressed me the most. The first one is the talent and the commitment of young PhD candidates who presented very technical topics in a very clear and often comprehensive fashion. This gives a lot of hope for the future and suggests that it will be extremely important to remain in a constant contact with these future scholars! The second thing that impressed me is the very enjoyable atmosphere of the conference, masterially created by the organizers. It has been a real pleasure to share time with colleagues in Waseda, discussing IP, and in the streets of Tokyo, enjoying sakura-ame! A special thanks to the dream-team behind the curtains that could make this possible: Prof. Suzuki, Prof. Ueno, Prof. Rademacher and, the one that started everything: Prof. Calboli. Long Life to IPIRA!



**Keita Sato**

*Chuo Law School, Chuo University*

The design session was very productive. I think we're just one step away from making it to the main stage. I can't wait for the next conference!



**Priyanka Sonowal**  
*National Law University Delhi*

I had a truly enriching experience at the Seventh IPIRA Conference. This was my second time participating in IPIRA—the first being the 2022 conference. It was a great opportunity to present my paper titled “Cultural Appropriation and IP: Legal Challenges of Protecting Indigenous Cultural Expressions” and to receive thoughtful and constructive feedback from scholars and peers representing diverse universities across Asia. This conference was especially meaningful for me as it was my first international academic event held abroad. The sessions I attended were incredibly insightful and added significantly to my knowledge. Heartfelt thanks to Professor Irene and the entire IPIRA organizing team for helping turn our research aspirations into reality through meaningful collaboration. I’m already looking forward to the next one.



**Amal Srivastava**  
*Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee*

The IPIRA Conference was an incredible experience. I gained valuable insights from the presentations and enjoyed connecting with researchers from around the world. It was a friendly and supportive environment, and I’m grateful to have been a part of it.



**Peter Immanuel D. Tenido**  
*De La Salle University*

I had an enriching experience at the 7th IPIRA Conference in Tokyo. I was a first-time attendee, and I wish I had joined sooner. The conference offered insightful and thought-provoking presentations on IP and innovation, and meaningful opportunities to connect with researchers from around the world who share similar interests. I also received valuable feedback on my presentation, which will help me further develop the work. All of this unfolded against the stunning backdrop of Tokyo’s cherry blossoms in full bloom—a beautiful setting for the event.



**Ho Minh Thanh**  
*University of Law, Hue University*

Attending the IPIRA Conference was an inspiring and enriching experience. As a legal scholar focused on artificial intelligence and intellectual property, I found the conference to be an exceptional platform for sharing ideas, gaining insights, and engaging with a truly global community of researchers. IPIRA is more than just a conference—it is a vibrant academic community that fosters innovation, critical thinking, and international cooperation. I am grateful to be part of this network and look forward to contributing to its future activities.



**Shambhavi Tripathi**  
*Hidayatullah National Law University*

I'm grateful for the opportunity to participate in the Seventh IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia (IPIRA) Conference at Waseda University, Tokyo. Presenting my paper was both an honour and a deeply enriching experience. The conference offered an inspiring platform to exchange ideas with brilliant minds in IP and innovation from around the world. From intellectually stimulating sessions to engaging discussions, it was a powerful reminder of the importance of continuous learning, unlearning, and growth. The beautiful Waseda campus and the vibrant culture of Japan made the experience all the more memorable. I sincerely thank Prof. Irene Calboli and Prof. Masabumi Suzuki for their incredible support and dedication in making this conference truly remarkable.



**Yung-Chieh Tsai**  
*Ocean University of China*

It was an honor to participate in the session on IP and Trade (International, Regional, and National) and to share my recent research. Special thanks to the Chair for coordinating the session, and to my fellow speakers for their brilliant insights and thought-provoking ideas. The engaging questions and comments were especially enriching, helping me to connect the dots and deepen my understanding of the topic. The Plenary Roundtable discussion, which focused on Intellectual Property in a Turbulent World, was particularly timely and meaningful. The IPIRA conference continues to be a wonderful platform for exchanging ideas, forging new connections, and reuniting with mentors, colleagues and friends.



**Szu-Yuan Wang**  
*Faculty of Law, Shih Hsin University*

It was my greatest honor and pleasure to participate in the 7th IPIRA Conference 2025 at Waseda University, Tokyo. It was a wonderful experience. Apart from providing an invaluable platform for intellectual discourse on emerging IP challenges, the Conference offered a great opportunity for participants to network with the global IP community. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated IPIRA organizers and their supportive team. I look forward to reconnecting at future conferences.



**M. Afzal Wani**  
*IILM University, Greater Noida*

It again a mile stone in the journey of IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia marking well its contributing potential to evaluate 'work in progress' and evolve more strategic modes of studying and research in IPR. It opened windows for global reach in IPR understanding and Innovation. The conference covered latest developments in IP & Innovation in almost in all the continents of the world, sending back Researchers richer and happy. Cherry Blossom of Japan added much flavour to the thought. Truly, the IPIRA initiative looks still refreshing and demanding for which the leadership deserves great appreciation.



**Zidi Wu**  
*Hokkaido University*

It was a great honor to join the 7th IPIRA Conference as a Ph.D. student. I truly appreciated the opportunity to share my research, learn from leading experts, and engage with peers from diverse backgrounds. The open and inclusive atmosphere made every conversation meaningful, and the intellectual sparks throughout the sessions left a lasting impression. I am deeply grateful to the organizers for creating such a vibrant and inspiring platform for learning and connection.



**Monika Yadav**  
*ICFAI University*

The conference arranged by IPIRA was indeed a wonderful experience. This was my first ever international conference. Every detail about the conference was well planned and navigated. Thank you so much for this opportunity. Looking forward to being part of it in future too.



**Chih-Chieh Yang**  
*National Yunlin University of Science & Technology*

This is my fourth time attending the physical IPIRA Conference. There were many presentations on AI and copyright, and I tried to attend and listen to as many of them as possible. I've learned a lot from these sessions. Thank you to the IPIRA Conference and the hardworking organizers. After attending several times, I've not only remembered some old friends but also made new ones.



**Dai Yokomizo**  
*Nagoya University*

It was so nice participating in the Seventh IPIRA Conference at Waseda University in Japan. Thanks to the organizers including my former colleague, Prof. Masabumi Suzuki, I had a precious time during the conference. I was truly glad to see my former students and research colleagues again, and I enjoyed and learned a lot through the sessions I attended. I was also delighted to contribute to the conference as a chair of a session and as a presenter. Thank you very much!

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