

Important Notice

Termination of Examination Fee Deferment Program

The Japanese Patent Office has announced that the Examination Fee Deferment Program will end **March 31, 2012**.

Accordingly, starting April 1, 2012, the official examination fees must be paid to the Japanese Patent Office at the same time as filing a Request for Substantive Examination and it will no longer be possible to defer payment of the examination fees.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please do not hesitate to contact us at alp@shigapatent.com.