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To Members of the Harvard Law School Association of Japan:

Re: Notice of Extraordinary Meeting

Dear fellow members:

I hope this letter will find you doing well.

This is to inform you that the HLSA of Japan will hold an Extraordinary Meeting (the 62<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the HLSAJ) as follows. This Extraordinary Meeting will be held at the special request of the Law School, which desires to welcome more students from Japan to its JD program.

**Professor J. Mark Ramseyer**, the Mitsubishi Visiting Professor of Japanese Legal Studies (HLS J.D., 1982), who must be familiar to many of you, and **Mr. Nefyn Meissner** (Assistant Director of Administration), for whom this is probably his first visit to Japan, will join us as guests. The purpose of the Extraordinary Meeting will be explained below.

Date and time of the Meeting: May 12, 2015 (Tuesday), from 18:30  
Place: Gakushi Kaikan Tel: 03-3292-5936 (*N.B. Not Josui Kaikan, which we have used almost exclusively in the recent past*)  
(please see the enclosed map for the location)  
Dinner charge: 6,000 yen for members and 4,000 yen for guests,  
both payable at the Meeting

Please let us know your planned attendance or absence by completing and returning the enclosed post card to our secretary and treasurer, Mr. Kazuo Ohtake, no later than Friday, April 24.

As you are well aware, LL.M. candidates have traditionally constituted the vast majority of the Japanese students at the HLS. However, the numbers appear to be in decline,

both in terms of absolute numbers and in comparison with non-U.S. students from other countries. The law school has come to think that in order to deal with this decrease in numbers of Japanese students, it should endeavor not only to increase the number of LL.M. candidates from Japan but also to attract more Japanese to its JD program as well. As a part of such endeavor to encourage more Japanese to apply to the JD program, Professor Ramseyer and Mr. Meissner will be visiting Japan, with the special mission of explaining the merits of enrolling in the JD program to those Japanese who wish, or might potentially wish, to study law at the HLS. While they are scheduled to attend a meeting with students of a few universities in Japan in order to encourage them to apply to the JD program, they have also requested the HLSAJ to provide them with a separate opportunity to meet and speak with potential applicants to the JD program. It is at the request of Professor Ramseyer and Mr. Meissner that we are holding the Extraordinary Meeting.

Accordingly, please bring with you as many guests as possible who are thinking of applying to the HLS or who might possibly consider doing so, including, but not limited to, your family members, relatives, friends and acquaintances and their families, students of your universities and junior colleagues at your law firms/companies/organizations. In light of the purpose of this Extraordinary Meeting as stated above, we would welcome the attendance of your guests alone without being accompanied by you, exceptionally on this occasion. If a guest(s) alone will attend without your attendance, we would appreciate your expressly stating so on the enclosed post card. (Please note that in that event, too, the dinner charge applicable to guests must be paid to cover the guest(s).)

Professor Ramseyer himself has written me about the purpose of the Meeting and more. Please take a moment to read the following message from Professor Ramseyer:

We at the Harvard Law School would like to encourage more students and early-career lawyers in Japan to consider enrolling in our JD program. Toward that end, Mr. Nefyn Meissner, Assistant Director of Admissions, and I will be visiting Tokyo in mid-May. The Alumni Association of Japan has very graciously agreed to host a special meeting for us on May 12. We would like to use this meeting to meet with lawyers who have not yet studied in the U.S., and to explain to them the off-setting benefits and costs of a JD education, the application process, and the (very generous) financial aid which Harvard provides.

We are asking you, as HLS alumni, to forward this invitation to any early-career lawyers who might have an interest in studying at Harvard. We would very much appreciate a chance to talk with them at this meeting.

Obviously, the JD program involves a three-year commitment rather than one (for the LLM degree). However, the off-setting benefits are large, and the application process involves very different considerations. We believe that for many lawyers starting their careers the JD program provides a very large net benefit, and would like a chance to explain that to anyone interested in coming to Harvard.

Sincerely,

J. Mark Ramseyer

Mitsubishi Professor of Japanese Legal Studies, Harvard

Please note that the reference to “early-career lawyers” in Professor Ramseyer’s message above does not mean that HLS only wishes lawyers or early-career lawyers to attend the Extraordinary Meeting. Simply, Professor Ramseyer referred to lawyers as an example. As we made it clear above in this letter, anyone of any status or profession/occupation will be warmly welcomed to the Extraordinary Meeting if he or she is considering, or might potentially consider, applying to the JD program of the HLS.

I very much look forward to meeting with many of you and many guests at the Spring Meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Minoru Nakazato

President

Harvard Law School Association of Japan