National Activities (Latest Developments): Japan

Oct. 11, 2012

1. Amendment of the Copyright Law (Law No.43 of 2012)

1) Amendments of Limitation-of-copyright Provisions
   i. Incidental copy or adoption as non-infringing use
   ii. National Diet Library’s automatic public transmission and partial reproduction of a work constituting its library collection which is not available due to being out of print, etc.
   iii. National or local archive’s director may reproduce a historical public document for the purposes of reservation or offering it to the public under the Public Document Management Act, etc.

2) Encryption Technology to be added to existing signal addition method as Technological Protection Measures

2. Ratification of ACTA (Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement) (Sept.6, 2012)

3. Recent Cases:

1) IP High Court Decisions on the Remanded cases

   A. Rokuraku II Case (Jan.20,2012)

   B. Maneki TV Case (Jan.31,2012)

2) Other Cases