

JPO Commissioner Komiya Headlines Annual Naples Roundtable

2018 Naples Roundtable: Details concerning the upcoming annual event that will again be held at the beachside Naples Beach Hotel February 17-20, 2018 are posted on the website, <u>https://www.thenaplesroundtable.org/</u>.

JPO Commissioner Komiya: Of special note was the appearance of a delegation from Japan featuring Commissioner Komiya, who made a keynote address to the conference. The Japan delegation held a special luncheon organized by Wataru Imamura (as shown in the attached picture) that featured former PTO Director Todd Dickinson, former Acting Director Teresa Stanek Rea and former Commissioner for Patents Robert Stoll, joined by Naples Roundtable board member Andrew S. Baluch as well as James Pooley.

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Former WIPO Deputy Director General Uemura: Former WIPO Deputy Director General Shozo Uemura and Shoichi Okuyama were also featured leaders at the Conference.

Otto Licks, Japan-Brazil Relations: Of special note was the appearance of leading Latin American Rio-based practitioner Otto Licks who has been instrumental in efforts to strengthen Japan-Brazil patent relations.

<u>Thank you, Judge Linn, Chair Gary Hoffman</u>: The Hon. Richard Linn, chair of the Advisory Board, brought together a distinguished panel of current and retired jurists that represented a highlight of the conference.

Thanks are particularly due to Conference Chair Gary Hoffman, who was the leader of what was by far the most successful Conference of the Naples Roundtable.

Regards, Hal