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Editorial Note

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This journal has been included in the SCOPUS and WESTLAW citation databases since 2015. This shows our continuous efforts in keeping the standard and quality of our academic publications and increases the visibility of the articles published in it. We would like to express our appreciation to all the authors, reviewers, editors, and advisors of this journal. The editorial board welcomes submissions from legal, managerial, or interdisciplinary areas related to IP issues from all over the world. In order to cover all aspect IP issues, we do not limit the scope of this journal to any single jurisdiction.

In this issue, the selected articles are derived from legal analyses concerned that patent eligibility of computer-implemented inventions and copyright issues of the U.S. computer software program and electronic database protection. Etsuko Yoshida's article describes the current situation in Japan and speculates as to parallels that might emerge between the current situation in US and Europe. This article makes efforts for international systemic harmonization by considering the requirement for patent eligibility from the viewpoint of comparative law. I Jou Lin's article shows that through the dispute of the Oracle v. Google case, it will discuss the remain issues of copyright protection for software program; as well as, whether copyright, among the IP rights, is an eligible aspect in protecting software programs. This article provides a suggestion of a comparatively appropriate method of IP protection for computer programs to the software developers and legal professions. Qing Hui Chang's article examines the main characteristics of several copyright protection directives, based in several different countries or regions. In addition to expressing our gratitude to all contributors who made this issue possible, we hope you continue to support us and maintain the goal and quality of this journal.

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