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Current Challenges in the Development of Family Dispute Resolution in Japan

Friday 17 February 6 – 7pm, refreshments from 5.30 – 6pm

Justice Kiyoko OKABE Supreme Court of Japan

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Justice Kiyoko OKABE has extensive experience working as both an assistant judge and judge in family courts in Japan. She will draw on this wealth of experience to explain the state of family law in Japan. Justice OKABE will give an overview of Family Law in Japan beginning with the Civil Code, which was adopted in the 1870s, providing a brief history of the Civil Code including inheritance laws and revisions in family law leading up to the 1996 establishment of the Family Court Dispute System. She will further discuss recent developments in Family Law Reform in Japan.

Justice Kiyoko OKABE holds LLB and LLM degrees from Keio University Faculty of Law, Japan. She was first appointed as a career judge in 1976, serving as Assistant Judge in District and Family Courts in Nagoya, Sapporo, Tokyo and Oita. She was a presiding judge in the Tokyo Family Court (1989-1993) before retiring from the bench in 1993 to practice as an attorney. She subsequently held appointments as professor of law at Toyo University and at Keio University Law School. In the course of her career she has been a key government advisor to the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, serving as Public Interest Member of the Central Labour Relations Commission (2002) and a Member of the Working Conditions Subcommittee of the Labour Policy Council (2009). She had previously served as a Member of the Advisory Committee on the Rules of Family Affairs of the Supreme Court (2003). Justice OKABE is widely recognized in Japan for her outstanding career achievements and her expertise in Japanese family law and procedure. She was appointed to the Supreme Court of Japan on 12 April 2010.

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