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## First Filipino lawyer elected president of APAA

ALONZO Q. ANCHETA, A LEADING Philippine intellectual property and business law practitioner, was recently elected the 8th president of the Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA) at its 14th general assembly held in Kaohsiung, Taiwan Nov. 8. The meeting was attended by over 1200 participants, including about 800 members from 16 Asian countries and some 400 observers from 45 other countries around the world. The Association, with headquarters in Tokyo, Japan, was founded in 1969 and now has a membership of about 2200 trademark and patent attorneys

belonging to 16 recognized groups in Asia and Oceania. APAA has observer status as a non-governmental organization in meetings of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

Ancheta is the first Filipino to head the Association. His election to the presidency is the culmination of over 30 years of active involvement in the Association's affairs as committee co-chair, several times as Council member and vice president, and two terms as senior vice president. Ancheta is a co-founding partner of the Quasha Ancheta Peña & Nolasco Law Offices and manages its associated boutique

IP and business law firm Zobella & Co. (AQ Ancheta & Partners). International IP affiliations of Ancheta include AIPPI, Lesi, ACG and Inta.

Elected with Ancheta for a three-year term are Kenji Yoshida (Japan), Greg Munt (Australia), CK Kwong (Hong Kong), senior vice presidents and Sadafumi Kobori (Japan), secretary-general. Officers of the Association are chosen from among the 91-man governing Council. Filipino Council members, besides Ancheta, are IP lawyers Lorna Patajo-Kapunan, Aleli Angela G. Quirino and Bienvenido I. Somera Jr.