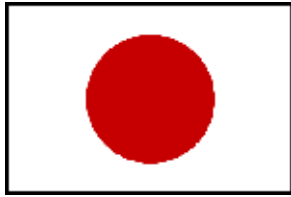


International ADR Development Service: Japan



Two of Japan's leading mediation companies invited ADR Group on a trade mission to discuss international ADR developments and the role of the legal professional in resolving disputes. The Japan Federation of Solicitor Association and the Japan Mediation Centre were visited by ADR Group from the 4th to 9th March 2009. Presentations and training programmes were delivered over the week of planned activities to an audience of over 200 legal professionals and business leaders.

The key role was to improve and develop Japan's existing national mediation capability, in addition to strengthening Japan's international dispute resolution profile.

ADR Group's visit also attracted the interest of the Ministry of Justice of Japan and meetings took place during the week to explore international co-operation with the Ministry, including training and international trade.

Michael Lind ADR Group's Managing Director says: *"We are delighted to have this opportunity to share our considerable dispute resolution knowledge with leading Japanese entities, including the Ministry of Justice. The role and function of legal professionals around the world is under considerable pressure in the current economic climate. Providing a full range of legal services, including understanding how to effectively participate in dispute resolution processes, is becoming more acute as clients worldwide feel the financial impact of being involved in litigation. Mediation provides an opportunity for parties in dispute to settle differences on their own terms without the cost or delay usually associated with court trials."*

ADR Group will deliver further specialist mediator programmes in cooperation with the above entities during 2009 and 2010.

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