

News Release

BAKER & MCKENZIE TOKYO WINS THREE AWARDS AT THE 2010 ALB LAW AWARDS – DEBT MARKET, TMT AND M&A DEALS OF THE YEAR

Tokyo, May 31, 2010 – On May 28, the 2010 *ALB* Law Awards took place at The Ritz-Carlton in Tokyo. The Tokyo office of Baker & McKenzie was nominated in six different categories this year, and took home awards in three of those categories.

Our winners are listed below:

◆ **Debt Market Deal of the Year**

Goldman Sachs' MBO of Universal Studios Japan

Represented the mandated lead arrangers and bookrunners in relation to the refinancing of Universal Studios Japan through Goldman Sachs' tender offer buyout. This was one of the largest buyouts in 2009 with the financing arranged by nine different banks including three Japanese megabanks. The approximate deal value was USD830 million.

Lead Partner: Naoaki Eguchi (Head of Banking & Finance)

◆ **Technology, Media, Communications (TMT) Deal of the Year**

Debt Financing of Bain Capital's acquisition of BellSystem24

Represented the mandated lead arrangers and bookrunners in relation to the debt financing of Bain Capital's tender offer buyout of BellSystem24, Inc. This was the largest buyout in Japan for nearly two years and was the first cross-border acquisition finance transaction where the three Japanese mega banks acted as joint mandated lead arrangers. The approximate deal value was USD1.1 billion.

Lead Partners: Shinichiro Kitamura, Gavin Raftery, Norihiro Sekiguchi

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◆ **M&A Deal of the Year**

Panasonic Corporation / Sanyo Electric Acquisition

Represented Daiwa Securities SMBC Principal Investments Co., Ltd., one of the three largest institutional investors of Sanyo Electric, in relation to Panasonic's tender offer to acquire the majority of outstanding shares of Sanyo Electric. This was the biggest tender offer deal in the world's battery industry. The approximate deal value was USD4.6 billion.

Lead Partner: Hiroshi Kondo (Head of Corporate M&A)

The *ALB* Japan Law Awards is an annual event which recognizes law firms, in-house counsel and lawyers for their work on Japan's most lucrative and landmark deals in the business industry. With an attendance of over 200, many of Japan's most influential judiciaries and bankers attended this formal dinner gala which is now in its sixth successful year. For further information about the event and other winners, please refer to *ALB*'s official website at <http://jp.albawards.legalbusinessonline.com/Winners/29865/details.aspx>.

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