

# Pavia e Ansaldo strengthens its presence in Japan with a new entry

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**Milan, 28 February 2018** – Pavia e Ansaldo further strengthens its presence in Japan with the entry of Prof. **Michela Riminucci**, as Of Counsel, who will join the Japan Desk, founded by **Adriano Villa**.

Pavia e Ansaldo “Gaikokuho-jimu-bengoshi-jimusho” – this is the exact name of the firm in Japanese – has almost twenty years of experience in the Country. The firm has been present in Tokyo since 1998 and is the first, and currently the only, Italian law firm with an office in Japan.

**Michela Riminucci**, who holds a double degree from University Ca’ Foscari of Venice and from Bocconi University of Milan, is professor of EU law and comparative law at the University of Kobe. Her entry will further strengthen the team of Pavia e Ansaldo which is working between the office in Tokyo and the Japan Desk in Milan. A team of professionals with profound knowledge of both the legal and cultural, as well as linguistic systems, gives the law firm a unique position in the landscape of Italian law firms.

The team of Pavia e Ansaldo working between Tokyo and Milan, is made up of the local partner **Adriano Villa**, founder of the office of Tokyo and responsible for the Japan Desk in Milan, with a personal and professional experience of over thirty years between the two Countries. A graduate of the state University of Milan, with a Master ETP of the EU Commission in

Japan, Mr. Villa has been a researcher at Sophia University of Tokyo, beginning in 1988 to practice law in the country of the Rising Sun in what is currently the largest local law firm, Nishimura & Asahi. Part of the team are also counsel **Mieko Hosaka**, a graduate of Waseda University of Tokyo, with a Master of the Istituto Universitario Europeo of Florence, Of Counsel **Andrea Ortolani**, professor of comparative law at Keio University, with two Ph.D.s, at the Universities of Trento and Tokyo, and associate **Naoko Konishi**, who graduated in law both in Japan at Keio University of Tokyo and in Italy at the University of Florence.

“The members of our team have all, as key element, a profound knowledge ‘in the field’ between Italy and Japan. I believe that this represents a great competitive advantage for our Firm and that in this way we can give a significant added value to our work” commented Mr. **Adriano Villa**.