

PAVIA e ANSALDO IN TOKYO FOR THE SEMINAR “150 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COMMERCE: COMMERCIAL LAW IN ITALY AND JAPAN, PAST AND PRESENT” ORGANIZED WITH THE PATRONAGE OF THE ITALIAN EMBASSY AND THE INSTITUTE OF ITALIAN CULTURE IN TOKYO

*The event took place at the Umberto Agnelli Auditorium of the Italian
Institute of Culture in Tokyo*

On the occasion of the celebration of the 150 year anniversary of the Treaty of Friendship and Commerce between Italy and Japan, law firm Pavia e Ansaldo organized with the Italian Institute of Culture and the Italian-Japanese Association of Comparative Law (AIGDC), a seminar with the title “**150 Years of Friendship and Commerce: Business Law in Italy and Japan, Past and Present**”. The seminar took place on Wednesday, 26 October 2016, at the Umberto Agnelli Auditorium of the Italian Institute of Culture in Tokyo with the patronage of the Italian Embassy. Among the guests, Nobuko Matsubara, Italian Ambassador in Tokyo from 2002 to 2006, and an audience of businessmen and academics.

Professor Giorgio Amitrano, director of the Italian Institute of Culture and Professor Andrea Ortolani, Secretary of AIGDC opened the session with an overview of the history of the diplomatic and commercial relationships between Italy and Japan and comparing the two countries approach to cross border investments.

The first part of the seminar, in which Japanese and Italian academics - among

which Professor Chikako Suzuki (professor of commercial law at Keio University) and Professor Giulio Antonio Bertelli (professor at Osaka University) - participated, was dedicated to the evolution of the legal and commercial relationship between Italy and Japan in the last 150 years. In the afternoon, Stefano Bianchi, Managing Partner of Pavia e Ansaldo, participated in a Q&A discussion on comparison of M&A operations with Akiko Sueoka, attorney at law at Mori Hamada & Matsumoto. The discussion was coordinated by Adriano Villa, local partner of Pavia e Ansaldo, head of the Japanese office at the law firm since 1998 and at present the only Italian lawyer admitted to practice as a foreign lawyer ("*Gaikokuho-jimubengoshi*") in Japan.