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for the busy, successful lawyer on the go

Message from the President

Dear Friends,

FLI has been very busy extending its strategic membership base by finalizing agreements with top-ranked law firm members from the Netherlands, Poland, Romania and the Philippines. With these new partners, FLI will have crossed the 45 member threshold by the time we host our 10th, year anniversary partners conference in May.



It is really exciting to be involved in cutting-edge developments where FLI's international bandwidth and entrepreneurial capabilities are on display. On April 7th, FLI will proudly be sponsoring a breakfast working session in London on the controversial issue of the much anticipated UK Anti-Bribery Act which is making a number UK and multinational companies very concerned. The event will be



kindly hosted by our UK Partners' Lewis Silkin Solicitors (www.lewissilkin.com) and will be supported by law enforcement agents from the commercial crime division of the New Scotland Yard.

FLI NET is engaged by a top 200 privately-held US multinational for Japan support



FLI has been appointed by a top 200 privately-held US advanced technology multinational company with over US\$ 2.5 billion in revenues to analyze and recommend options for a corporate restructuring in Japan. FLI NET Japanese Partner, Astumi & Sakai has been instructed to provide local support, staggered into three phases. FLI HQ is liaising between with the client's US General Counsel, FLI NET Japan and the local business unit.

FLI NET CZ undergoes management restructuring to reflect its achieved top notoriety in the market.



FLI NEE Czech Republic member firm, Havel & Holásek, the largest law firm in the Czech Republic, has recently expanded its team of partners and changed, effective February 1st, 2011, its corporate name to **HAVEL, HOLÁSEK & Partners**.

The new partner, Petr Kadlec, together with Jaroslav Havel (one of the Firm's founding partners) will head the public sector and energy and utility practice groups. The firm's legal team is now comprised of 18 partners and around 120 lawyers in four offices in Prague, Ostrava, Brno and next door neighbor, Bratislava.

More to the change please refer to <http://www.first-law.com/about/news/fli-net-cz-undergoing-corporate-restructuring-and-changing-its-brand-name>.

FLI NET Malaysia expands its Partnership base

Azmi & Associates, a leading corporate commercial law firm based in Kuala Lumpur is pleased to announce two new partners.

Haslyna Hashim joined Azmi & Associates as a partner in December 2010. Her specialization is in the areas of technology and communications law. She is also a Registered Patent and Trademark Agent. She will be heading the Multimedia, Technology & IP practice group,

Norazalina Sham Abdullah joins Azmi & Associates on 2nd February 2011 after having chambered in Shearn Delamore & Co in 1997 and thereafter pursued her Masters in Law at National University of Malaysia in ICT and commenced work in a law firm of Hisham Sobri and Kadir.





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FLI NET welcomes a new Polish firm!



After careful selection, FLI Executive Management is pleased to welcome one of Poland's leading firms to FLI NET, **Soltysinski, Kawecki & Slezak** (www.skslegal.pl). Consistently ranked since 2002 as Poland's law firm with the highest number of merit recommendations, SKS Legal has been an icon in the Polish market for credibility, competence and professionalism. Recipient of the Client Choice Award in 2010 by the International Law Office, SKS Legal is a firm with a significant list of very pleased clientele comprised of local, regional and multinational blue chip companies. Likewise, SKS Legal was the Law Firm of the Year in 2009 as ranked by Chambers & Partners. FLI stands to gain a very credible partner by welcoming SKS Legal who has already been asked by FLI to render assistance on behalf of a couple significant US multinational clients with operations in Poland.