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**Masanobu Katoh, Former Fujitsu Executive, Joins Intellectual Ventures**

*Katoh will lead company's efforts in Japan*

**TOKYO, Japan** – August 16, 2010 – Masanobu Katoh has joined Bellevue, Washington-based Intellectual Ventures™ as the executive director and country head of Japan. Katoh will lead Intellectual Ventures' ongoing efforts in Japan to develop a supportive environment for inventors and collaborate with companies to provide solutions for their past, present and future technology needs. Katoh will also join the global management team in a concurrent role as corporate executive vice president.

Katoh joins Intellectual Ventures following a thirty-year career at Fujitsu where he served in several executive positions including corporate vice president and led the law and IP Unit. He was also senior vice president of Fujitsu Laboratories in charge of developing the company's long-term technology roadmap.

Katoh has served in numerous leadership roles focused on public policy issues that impact the information technology industry. In addition to serving as chairman of the IP Sub-Committee of Japan's leading industry association, the Japan Business Federation, he was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN). He is currently a member of the Advisory Group to the UN Secretary General regarding the Internet Governance Forum.

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