

## Working Group 2 : Rules and Regulations

WG2 mainly discussed the following points:

1. Industrial Standard
2. Working Permit and VISA
  - ✓ Progress from the last IJBG General Assembly of May 2008
  - ✓ Further expectation for smoother personnel transfer both from Japan to Italy and within EU
3. Fight against Counterfeit Goods
  - ✓ Sharing the same problems in both markets and third countries.
  - ✓ Agreement for supporting the ACTA
4. Patent Prosecution Highway
5. Further Economic Integration between Japan and Italy (EU)
  - ✓ Introduction to the EU-Japan Business Round Table (BRT)
  - ✓ Welcomed the initiatives for deepening economic relations between EU and Japan
6. Other business obstacles
  - ✓ Double taxations, in particular on withholding taxation and income tax
  - ✓ Trade barriers: High tariffs, Quotas, Public procurement and Non Tariff Barriers
  - ✓ Difficulty of Funding/Finance in local market etc.