

Cryptocurrencies & Tokens

what does the law say about them?

[Korea, USA, China & Hong Kong, Japan, Switzerland, and Estonia]

- Date** **Friday 15th December, 2017**
1pm to 6pm
(followed by a networking reception)
- Venue** Grand Convention Center, Dongsan-dong, Seoul

1 INTRODUCTION

Blockchain-based cryptocurrencies/ digital currencies and (utility) tokens are providing new ways of carrying out international commerce and trade. Everyone from Bill Gates to Rand Paul and Al Gore agrees that blockchain, cryptocurrencies and tokens have the potential to be massive game changers in the global economy.

As often happens, legal and regulatory systems lag behind new technology, and struggle to catch up to new developments. Some governments see cryptocurrencies and tokens as an opportunity for innovation, others see them as a threat, while still others remain skeptical.

This seminar will explore and compare regulatory environments in several different legal jurisdictions: Korea, USA, China & Hong Kong, Japan, Switzerland, and Estonia. All of them have been active sites of the sale and purchase of coins and tokens, exchanges and initial offerings. With the support of TokenPost, Korea's largest blockchain media outlet, HMP Law has invited expert lawyers from each country to outline their current legal frameworks and future outlooks. After the individual presentations, a panel of people active in the Korean cryptocurrency and token space will discuss experiences and perspectives about dealing with those different legal systems and guidelines.

Join us at the Grand Convention Center on the afternoon of December 15th for an interesting and useful afternoon of knowledge exchange and networking. After the seminar itself, there will be a standing networking reception with finger food and wine. Registration for the event is free.

2 PROGRAM

13:00 ~ 13:30 Welcoming address

- Opening speeches from HMP Law and TokenPost

13:30 ~ 15:00 Session 01

- 13:30 ~ 14:00 Korea**
 - **Chan-sik Ahn**, HMP Law
- 14:00 ~ 14:30 USA**
 - **Lee A. Schneider**, McDermott Will & Emery
- 14:30 ~ 15:00 Japan**
 - **Masakazu Masujima**, Mori Hamada & Matsumoto

15:00 ~ 15:15 Coffee break

15:15 ~ 16:45 Session 02

- 15:15 ~ 15:45 Switzerland**
 - **Benjamin Dürig**, Froriep Legal
- 15:45 ~ 16:15 Estonia**
 - **Dr. Marko Kairjak**, TGS Baltic
- 16:15 ~ 16:45 China & Hong Kong**
 - **Sumit Indwar**, Linklaters Hong Kong

16:45 ~ 17:00 Coffee break

17:00 ~ 18:00 Panel discussion

- Korean Cryptocurrency actors, followed by audience Q&A

18:00 ~ 19:00 Reception


- Finger food and wine will be provided during the reception

**** Simultaneous interpreting will be provided ****

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