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Merger Will Create Largest Law Firm in Japan

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Nishimura & Partners has signed an agreement in principle to merge with Asahi Koma Law Offices, which would create the largest law firm in Japan.

Asahi Koma Law Offices has more than 140 attorneys, and Nishimura & Partners has more than 200. Both firms are based in Tokyo.

Founded in 1966, Nishimura & Partners merged in 2004 with Tokiwa Sogo Law Offices, which is known for its bankruptcy law practice.

Nishimura & Partners offers services in all facets of corporate, finance, litigation and bankruptcy law.

Asahi Koma Law Offices was born out of a 2002 merger between Asahi Law Offices and Komatsu, Koma and Nishikawa. Its practice groups consist of M&A/corporate, finance, intellectual property, antitrust, turnaround and insolvency and tax. The firm has offices in Tokyo, Shanghai and New York.

The name of the combined firm and the date of the merger's completion have not yet been determined.

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