



OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

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Clerk Brown Hosts Japanese Supreme Court Members

The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, recently held a reception to welcome two Japanese Supreme Court members, Mr. Ryoichi Yoshii, Assistant Chief of the General Affairs Division of the Secretariat of the Legal Training and Research Institute, and Mr. Kazuhiro Hirata, Assistant Chief of the Personnel Affairs Division of the Secretariat of Fukuoka High Court. The Consul General of Japan, Mitsuo Sakaba, also attended the reception.

Mr. Yoshii and Mr. Hirata came to Clerk Brown's Office to study the various divisions of the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County. They were joined at the reception by Ken Sasaki, a senior staff member of the Public Information Division, General Secretariat of the Japanese Supreme Court. Sasaki has been a research intern in the Clerk's Office since September 2003.

"Ken has really been an asset to our office," said Clerk Brown. "He is learning about our court system and he is teaching us about the Japanese court system."

Clerk Brown presented the visiting Japanese dignitaries with gifts of appreciation. With Sasaki serving as translator, Yoshii and Hirata thanked Clerk Brown and her staff for accommodating them. They also explained the duties of their respective offices in the Japanese Supreme Court.

Clerk Brown then gave a detailed presentation about services available through her office.

During their visit, Yoshii and Hirata were assisted by Clerk Brown's Human Resources and Labor Relations Departments in their desire to study the activity and organization of labor unions and labor relations management.

"This is the first partnership between the Supreme Court of Japan and the Circuit Court of Cook County," said Clerk Brown. "I look forward to maintaining a strong relationship between our offices."



The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County (center), joins (from left to right) Mitsuo Sakaba, Consul General of Japan; Ken Sasaki, Clerk's Office Japanese Research Intern; Kazuhiro Hirata, Secretariat of Fukuoka High Court; and Ryoichi Yoshii, Secretariat of the Legal Training and Research Institute.