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To the japanese office for patents and trademarks

From Mireille GROSJEAN president of the International League of Esperanto Teachers

Dear Sir

We found out that you are planning to register a trademark "Esperanto-Culture Magazine". **ILEI, the International League of Esperanto Instructors**, as the several sections of the League, have been publishing magazines all over the world under the name "Esperanto", "Internacia Pedagogia Revuo" and others, for decades and therefore we **formally protest** against the registration of a trademark „Esperanto Culture Magazine“ and the use of the word "Esperanto".

The international language Esperanto was founded in the year 1887. The Universal Esperanto Association (UEA) was founded 1908. In those days thousand of people spoke this language, used this language. Now about 5 millions. A numerous literature exists, original works or translated works of the world literature. For example Kawabata Yasunari is translated to Esperanto, so that people of all over the world can read it; the same with Genji Monogatari. Everyday some Esperanto speaking person can participate to several events. Have a look at www.eventaservo.org. The Universal Esperanto Association is an NGO with official relations to UN and UNESCO since 1954.

ILEI, the International League of Esperanto Instructors, was founded 1949 and is active in 70 countries. The League has about thousand members. The League edits books about learning languages, organizes courses for teachers, organizes congresses and meetings. The official organ of the League is "Internacia Pedagogia Revuo", with ISSN 1013 2031. ILEI is editor of another magazine, whose name is « Juna Amiko » with ISSN 0230 1318. Several sections of ILEI have their own magazine, as Brazil, the Netherland and others.

ILEI is member of FIPLV, International Federation of Language Teacher Associations. ILEI is in touch with UIA, the Union of International Associations with headquarters in Brussel, Belgium.

International League of Esperanto Instructors - Wikipedia
www.ilei.info

M. Grosjean

The name **Esperanto** is in no way protectable for cultural purposes such as the production of books, magazines, etc., because that would prevent all members of the Esperanto community, **it means the community of Esperanto-speaking people**, from continuing to operate under their own name. That is why we ask you to give up the registration of Esperanto trademarks. The firm "Gutenberg Orchestra" has no relation to this world movement, it can give another name to its magazine: for example **WORLD CULTURE MAGAZINE**.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Grosz", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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