
ACTIVITIES OF ACADEMIC SOCIETIES

Jan. -Dec., 1980

1. Constitutional and Administrative Law

The Japan Association of Public Laws held its meeting at Nagoya University on October 11 and 12 under the general theme of subjects of Public Laws in the 1980's.

Reports by Prof. Teruya Abe of Kyoto University on "The Constitution of Japan and International Relations," Prof. Masashi Kaneko of Tokyo Metropolitan University on "La liberté d'accès aux documents administratifs, envisagée sous l'angle de la réforme administrative," and Prof. Yoriaki Narita of Yokohama University on "Rechtsgrundlage und Reformvorschlag der kommunalen Selbstverwaltung im 'Kommunalen Zeitalter.'" "

First Session: "Public Law and International Society"

Reports by Prof. Seiichi Taguchi of Keio University on "International Guarantee of the Fundamental Human Rights," Prof. Yoshio Hagino of Nanzan University on "Legal Status of Aliens," Prof. Toshihiro Yamauchi of Dokkyo University on "Verfassung und Friedenssicherung," and Prof. Kazuya Hirobe of Seikei University on "Internationalization of Public Law."

Second Session: "Freedom of Information and Administrative Reform"

Reports by Prof. Zenji Ishimura of Fukuoka University on "Das Recht auf Information und die Öffentlichkeit der Information," Prof. Yasuro Kikui of Jochi University on "Publication of Information and Operation of Public Administration," Prof. Tsuyoshi Kotaka of Osaka City University on "Disclosure of Agency Records and Administrative Procedure Law," and Prof. Shozaburo Ichihara of Hitotsubashi University on "Ombudsman System."

Third Session: "Local Self-Government in 'Local Age' "

Reports by Prof. Kenji Yamashita of Ritsumeikan University on "Towards a Constitutional Theory of the Local Autonomy and its Raison d'être," Prof. Yoshikazu Tamura of Ritsumeikan University on "Citizen Participation in Local Government," Prof. Mitsuaki Usui of Yokohama University on "Some Legal Problems on Local Government Finance," and Prof. Tokiyasu Fujita of Tohoku University on "Über Rechtsnatur der 'ausserrechtlichen' Handlungen in der kummunalen Selbstverwaltung."

The All-Japan Constitution Study Association held its spring meeting at Nara Education University on May 16 under the theme of "Surveillance of and participation in Power-Centering on Cabinet politics."

Reports by Prof. Hideo Wada of Meiji University on "General Introduction," Prof. Shigetake Suzuki of Senshu University on "Cabinet and Government Party," Prof. Tsutomu Muroi of Nagoya University on "Exercise of Advisory Powers of Authority," and Assoc. Prof. Ken Motoyama of Nara Education University on "Ombudsman."

The Association also held its autumn meeting at Nanzan University on October 13 under the theme of "Surveillance of and Participation in Power-Centering on Judicial Administration."

Reports by Assoc. Prof. Keigo Namikawa of Doshisha Women's College on "The Power of Judicial Review in Constitutional Case-Centering Study of Article 81 of the Constitution" Assoc. Prof. shi Hirano of Ryukoku University on "The System of Appointing and Removing Judges and National Referendum."

The Constitutional Theory Study Association held its meeting at Kyoto Educational Cultural Center on May 17 under the theme of "Positivism and Negativism in the Administration of Justice."

Reports by Assoc. Prof. Keigo Namikawa of Doshisha Women's College on "The Power of Judicial Review in Constitutional Case — Centering Study of Article 81 of the Constitution," Assoc. Prof. Hidenori Tomatsu of Seijo University on "Procedural Requirements and Effectiveness of Decision on Constitutional Case," and Kenji Yokosaka, LL.M., of Waseda University on "Positivism and Negativism of Judicial Review—Arrangement and Prospect of the Arikura-Miyazawa Dispute."

The Tax Law Association held its meeting at Seikei University in Tokyo on October 15 under the unified theme of "Problems of Steuerstrafrechts (Tax Criminal Law)."

Reports by Prof. Hiroshi Itakura of Nihon University on "Gegenwartsfragen des Steuerstrafrechts," Judge Tsunehiro Ohwada of the National Tax Tribunal on "Main Problems concerning the Investigation of Tax Crimes," Judge Satoshi Matsuzawa of the Tokyo District Court on "Problems of Prosecution and Trial of Tax Evasion," Judge Tsutomu Hotta of the Tokyo District Court on "Subjective Elements in Tax Fraud," and a memorial lecture by Uichiro Hatta (the first director of the National Tax Tribunal) on "Memoirs of the National Tax Tribunal at the Time of its Start."

The Law Section of the Association of Democratic Scientists (Minka Horitsu Bukai) held a symposium at Nagoya University on October 9 and 10 under the theme of "State and Enterprises in Modern Times, in connection with Legal Analysis of problems of Environmental Pollution."

A special report by Prof. Kenichi Miyamoto of Osaka City University on "Basic Angle of Analysis of Environmental Pollution Problems."

Reports by Assoc. Prof. Yoichi Sakaguchi of Tokyo University of Foreign Studies on "The Position of Residents in the Environmental Pollution Administration in connection with the Environmental Assessment System," and Prof. Hirohisa Kitano of Nihon

University on “Enterprises causing Environmental Pollution and Tax and Fiscal Laws.”

Second session: “On State and Enterprises in connection with Administration of Environmental Pollution.”

Reports by Prof. Hidetake Sato of Waseda University on “Civil Rights and Ideology on Public Interest in the Administration of Environmental Pollution — Legal Aspects surrounding the State and Enterprises” and Assoc. Prof. Takahira Mikami of Shiga University on “Problems of Sewage Act”.

The Association of Social Security Law held its spring general meeting at the Osaka Bar Hall (Osaka Bengoshi Kaikan) on May 20 under the unified theme of “Legal Problems centering on Social Security Act.”

Reports by Assoc. Prof. Toshiro Ishibashi of Kyushu University of “Cases of Social Security Act in the United States,” Takashi Watanabe, LL.M., of Waseda University on “Social Security Act and Legal Aid,” Assoc. Prof. Sayo Kuraoka of Seitoku Junior College on “Problems surrounding Accidents in the Facilities and related Suits,” and Attorney Seigo Fujiwara on “Legal Problems on Social Security Act, viewed from the Standpoints of an Attorney.”

The Association also held its autumn meeting at Seikei University on October 12 under the unified theme of “Legal and Related Problems centering on Social Security and its Finance.”

Reports by Assoc. Prof. Shunichi Fueki of Japan Welfare University on “Legal Problems of Insurance Rates in Social Security,” Assoc. Prof. Kazuyuki Tamura of Hiroshima University on “Legal Problems centering on Social Security Facilities and Rental Fees,” Attorney Masahiro Uchida on “Lawsuit concerning Extra Burden in connection with the Establishment of a Nursery in Settsu City in Osaka Prefecture,” Prof. Kazuo Higo of Seikei University on “Fiscal Problems centering on Social Security and Procurement of Financial Sources,” and Prof. Takeshi Takahashi of Kita-Kyushu University on “International Trends concerning Fiscal Problems of Social Security.”

The Japan Association of Land Law held its spring meeting and a symposium at the Toyama Municipal Public Hall annex on May 12 and 13 under the theme of "Adjustment of Agriculture and Land Development."

Reports by Tamio Kawaguchi of the Agricultural Technology Research Institute on "Progress of Urbanization and Supply of Land — A Step dealing with Urban Agricultural Management," Assoc. Prof. Toshiro Fuke of Nagoya University on "Problems of Legal System concerning Land Utilization" and Prof. Hirohisa Kitano of Nihon University on "Tax and Land Development."

The Association also held its autumn meeting at Kanagawa Kenmin Hall on Oct. 9 and 10 under the general theme of the symposium: "Tokyo Earthquake — Recovery and Legal Problems."

Reports by Attorney Yasuo Abe on "Earthquake of Miyagi and Legal Problems," Prof. Shozo Inui of Ritsumeikan University on "Earthquake and Article 2 of the State Liability Act for Compensation," Prof. Kenichi Miyamoto of Osaka City University on "Rehabilitation from Disasters and Urban Economy" and Akira Tamura, chief engineer of the Yokohama Municipal Office, on "Post-Disaster Tokyo and Metropolitan Area."

The Japan Association of Sociology of Law held its meetings at Kwansei Gakuin University on May 17 and at Konan University on May 18.

At the second subcommittee meeting, Assoc. Prof. Shunichi Fueki of Japan Welfare (Nihon Fukushi) University made a report on "Historical Survey of the Cases concerning National Health Insurance Act."

Reports at the third subcommittee meeting included "Legal Character of Environmental Act and Environmental Cases" by Prof. Shoetsu Matsumoto of Chukyo University and "Courses and Causes of Establishing the System of Emperor as Symbol" by Shoji Koseki, LL.M. At the symposium entitled "Disasters and Related Legal Protection, Prof. Eiji Shimoyama of Tokyo Metropolitan University made a report on "The Act concerning State

Liability for Compensation.” There was also a special speech by Attorney Ryoichi Kuroda, former governor of Osaka Prefecture, on “Local Autonomy and Citizens’ Campaign.”

The Japanese American Society for Legal Studies held its meeting at Kanazawa University on May 9. Prof. B.J. George Jr., representative director of the Society, made a report on “The U.S. Supreme Court: the First Amendment and Broadcasting and Publication,” while Prof. Hiroyuki Hata of Hiroshima University made a case report on “Hutchinson vs. Proxmire.”

The Japan Society of Comparative Law held its meeting at Kanazawa University on May 10 and 11. Prof. Konoshi Azumahira of Ehime University made a report at the meeting of the English and American Laws Division on “Compensation for Loss Caused Unintentionally by Administrative Agency in England” and Prof. Masatoshi Fujita of Osaka City University on “Suit Against Noise at U.S. Airports.” At the meeting of the Socialist Law Division Asst. Masanori Aikyo of Nagoya University reported on “Actual Problems concerning the Study of Vietnamese Constitution.” At the meeting of the Continental Law Division, Prof. Masanori Shiyake of Aichi University of Education made a report on “Theory of Emergency Powers” and Prof. Ichiro Kitamura of Tokyo University on “New Aspect of the French Cour de cassation.”

The Japanese German Society of Legal Studies held lecture meetings at Kyoto University Hall on May 12 and at Tokyo German Cultural Center on May 19.

On May 12, speeches by Prof. H. Kötz “Über den Stil höchst-richterlicher Entscheidungen. Ein Vergleich zwischen den stilen der Urteilsbegründung französischer, anglo-amerikanischer und deutscher obengerichte” On May 19, Lectures by Prof. H. Kötz on “Die gutliche Beilegung des Rechtsstreits durch den Richter.”

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