

question of the possibility of legal speech acts. From this standpoint, he explained the characteristics of Hart's legal theory.

Moriya in his report covered the Hart theory on the effect of law, Wittgenstein's theory on life styles, the legal way of thinking and the legal systems.

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8. International Law

The Spring Congress of *the Japanese Association of International Law* was held at the International Christian University on May 17, 1981. The following reports were made on respective subjects:

"General Most-Favored-Nation Clause of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the North-South Problem," by Assoc. Prof. Haruo Sawake of Nagoya University.

"The Interest Analysis in American Conflicts Law," by Prof. Keishin Sunakawa of Ryukyu University.

"Problems on Succession of States Relating to Concession – Formation and Development of the Principle of Respecting Vested Rights," by Assoc. Prof. Toshitaka Morikawa of Yamagata University.

"Vienna Convention on Succession of States in respect of Treaties – Its Significance and an Appraisal," by Prof. Yoshihiko Ogawa of Kwansai Gakuin University.

The Autumn Congress of the *Japanese Association of International Law* was held at Hiroshima University on Oct. 17 and 18. The reports presented at the Congress under the unified theme of

“Diversification of the Subjects of Actions in Contemporary International Society” were as follows:

“On Actors in Theories of International Politics,” by Prof. Akio Watanabe of Tokyo University.

“Non-Model Corporations in International Private Law,” by Prof. Zenhachi Okamoto of Doshisha University.

“The International Cartel as an Impetus to Economic Integration,” by Prof. Wakamizu Tsutsui of Tokyo University.

“Factors for Organization of International Air Transport Services,” by Prof. Tadao Kuribayashi of Keio University.

“Some Problems in International Law Concerning the Right of the Representation of Kampuchea,” by Assoc. Prof. Hideo Soga of Ehime University.

“Implications of International Activities of Canada’s Quebec,” by Prof. Shinya Bamba of Tsudajuku University.

“Legal Status of National Liberation Organizations,” by Prof. Yoshiro Matsui of Nagoya University.

“Diversification of Subjects of Actions and International Organization,” by Prof. Shigeru Kozai of Kyoto University.

The Spring Congress of *the Japanese Association of International Private Law* was held at Aoyama Gakuin University on May 18, 1981. The following reports were presented at the Congress:

“Achievements of the 14th Hague Conference of International Private Law,” by Prof. Yasuo Ikehara of Jochi University, and Yasuo Hamasaki and Toshifumi Minami, both of the Justice Ministry.

“A Study of the West German Law on Unlawful Foreign Business Competition,” by Prof. Yoshiharu Aizawa of Tohoku University.

The Autumn Congress of *the Japanese Association of International Private Law* was held at Hiroshima University on Oct. 19, 1981, on the following subjects:

“Conflicts of International Lawsuits,” by Prof. Masato Dogakinai of Tokyo University.

“A Study of the Proper Law on Succession — in connection

with the Latest Trends in Austria, West Germany and Switzerland,” by Prof. Shoichi Kidana of Ritsumeikan University.

By Prof. TOKUSHIRO OHATA
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9. Comparative Law

The Japan Society of Comparative Law held its 44th general meeting at Gakushuin University on May 9 and 10. The titles of reports and reporters are as follows:

[The First Day Session and the Morning Session of the Second Day]

A symposium on “A Comparative Study of Privacy Protection Laws” was held on the first day, May 9, and on the morning of the second day, May 10.

1. General remarks by Prof. Masao Horibe of Hitotsubashi University.

Considerable attention has been focussed in Japan on the question of privacy from the political, social and academic standpoints. The government set up the Committee on the Protection of Privacy. Moves dealing with this issue have become very active, especially in connection with the proposed freedom of information act now under discussion, and it is socially significant that the Association has taken up the issue in its symposium entitled “A Comparative Study of Privacy Protection Laws.” The items of study common to various countries which were taken up in this symposium are summed up as follows:

I. Development of the legal concept of interests to be protected which are common to each country, its legal formulation, characteristics, etc.

II. Legislative process of protection statutes or questions under