
ACTIVITIES OF ACADEMIC SOCIETIES

Jan. – Dec., 1984

1. Constitutional and Administrative Law

1. *The Japan Association of Public Laws* held its general meeting at Sophia University on October 13 and 14, 1984. During the two-day annual meeting, the following reports were made.

(a) First Session: Contemporary Problems of Legislation

(1) "Situations and Perspectives of Parliamentary Legislation of the Present Day," (mainly in reference to the Japanese Diet), by Mutsumi Shimizu (Professor, Chuo University).

(2) "La législation du Japon contemporain — sa raison d'être réel," by Kenji Yamashita (Professor, Ritsumeikan University).

(3) "Delegated Legislation and Its Control," by Sadami Uemura (Assoc. Professor, Kagawa University).

(4) "The Roles of Political Parties in the Japanese Legislative Process," by Yoshiyasu Ono (Assoc. Professor, Iwate University).

(5) "The Role of Parliaments and the Function of Legislative Investigation," by Ryutaro Toma (Professor, Doshisha University).

(6) "Skizzen zu einer Grundfrage der Gesetzgebungstheorie," by Katsutoshi Takami (Assoc. Professor, Kyushu University).

(b) Second Session: Law of Administrative Procedure

(1) "On Legislation of General Administrative Procedure in Japan," by Ichiro Ogawa (Professor, Seikei University).

(2) "Administrative, Procedural Law as Modern Legislation," by Takashi Teshima (Professor, Kyushu University).

(3) "Allgemeine Bestimmungen des Verwaltungsverfahrensgesetzes," by Hiroshi Shiono (Professor, Tokyo University).

(4) "Trends and Problems of Administrative Procedure in the Laws Concerned with Transport," by Yasuo Nishimura (Director General, Civil Aviation Bureau, Ministry of Transport).

(5) "Procedure of Administrative Rule-Making — Comments on the Draft Made by a Study Group," by Hisashi Hiraoka (Assoc. Professor, Osaka Municipal University).

(6) "Problems of Land Use Planning Procedure," by Taisuke Masago (Professor, Kansei Gakuin University).

(7) "Quelques aspects de la procédure d'élaboration des décisions administratives individuelles," by Masashi Kaneko (Professor, Tokyo Metropolitan University).

2. *The All-Japan Constitution Study Association* held its spring meeting at the Kyoto University Hall on May 11 under the theme "Women and the Constitution." The following reports were submitted:

(1) "The Constitution of Japan, and Equal Rights for Men and Women as Provided in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women," by Kiyoko Kinjo (Professor, Tokyo University of Home Economics).

(2) "The Labor Market for Women and Sexual Discrimination in Employment," by Etsuko Shibata (Professor, Osaka Municipal University).

(3) "Sexual Discrimination and the Constitution," by Koichi Yokota (Professor, Kyushu University).

The autumn meeting of the association was held at Aoyama Gakuin University on October 12 under the theme "Publication of Information and Management of Information." The following

reports were submitted:

(1) “Re-Examination of the Right to Information from the Viewpoint of the Constitutional Theory,” by Masanari Sakamoto (Assoc. Professor, Hiroshima University).

(2) “Citizens and the Publication of Information — What is Their Goal and What Are They Acquiring?,” by Mikio Akiyama (attorney).

(3) “Some Practical Problems on the Publication of Information — An Example from Saitama Prefecture,” by Tetsuo Seki (Professor, Shizuoka University).

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2. Law of Property and Obligations

1. *The Japan Association of Private Law* held its 48th general meeting at Tokyo University on October 6 and 7, 1984.

The symposium on “Draft Proposal and Fundamental Problems of the Trust Law” was chaired by Professor Minoru Tanaka of Keio Gijuku University and Professor Tsuneo Ohtori of Tokyo University. Reporters were as follows:

“Introductory Remarks”, by Professor Kazuo Shinomiya of Seijo University.

“Definition and Creation of Trust”, by Professor Akira Yonekura of Tokyo University.

“Fundamental Obligations of Trustees”, by Takashi Matsumoto of Mitsubishi Trust Bank.

“Personal Liabilities of Trustees”, by Associate Professor Makoto Arai of Kokugakuin University.

“Legal Status of Trust Estate, Beneficiaries and Trustors”, by Professor Takeshi Kinoshita of Rikkyo University.

“Beneficial Interest and Negotiable Instrument”, by Professor