following presentations were made:

- (1) The Modern Task of the Right to Education, by Mutsuo Nakamura (Professor, Hokkaido University).
- (2) The Modern State and Freedom of Expression, by Kazuhide Yamaguchi (Professor, Okayama University).
- (3) The Social State in West Germany, by Eiji Yoshida (Lecturer, Kansai University).

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# 2. Law of Property and Obligations

1. The Japan Association of Land Law held its 1987 Spring Congress on March 9 and 10 at Waseda University. During the two-day meeting, the following presentations were made:

### [The First Day]

Symposium: Land Prices, Economy, Public Finance and Structure of City, chaired by Hiroyuki Yamada (Professor, Kyoto University) and Shoji Shinozuka (Professor, Waseda University).

- (1) Mechanism of the Rise in Land Prices, by Hiroyuki Yamada (Professor, Kyoto University).
- (2) The Present Situation of Tokyo, by Yoshiharu Iwata (Chief Researcher Fellow, Japan Real Estate Institute).
- (3) Land Prices and the Tax System Relating to Land, by Masatomi Funaba (Professor, Hiroshima University).
- (4) The Sudden Rise in Land Prices and the Transformation of a City, by Hiroshi Mimura (Professor, Kyoto University).

### [The Second Day]

Symposium: Land Prices as They Are and as They Should Be— the Relationship between Policy and Law, chaired by Tadao Kobayashi (President, Japan Real Estate Institute) and Shoji Shinozuka.

- (1) The Substance of Land Prices, by Tokunosuke Hasegawa (Executive Director, Research Institute of Construction and Economy).
- (2) The Sudden Rise in Land Prices and the Doctrine of Private Law, by Yoshiro Mizube (Professor, Nihon University).
- (3) The Sudden Rise in Land Prices and the Doctrine of Tax Law, by Hirohisa Kitano (Professor, Nihon University).

The 1987 Autumn Congress was held on October 8 at Kobe University and October 9 at Hyogo Kenmin Hall. During the two-day meeting, the following presentations were made:

### [The First Day]

Symposium: The Right of Residence.

#### Panelists:

Toshio Ojima (Professor, Waseda University).

Shoji Shinozuka (Professor, Waseda University).

Kiyoshi Seike (Emeritus Professor, Tokyo University of Technology and Tokyo University of Arts).

Shozo Kondo (Professor, Kyushu University).

### [The Second Day]

Symposium: The Transfer of Real Right over Immovable and the Immovable Registration.

- (1) General Issues, by Michitaro Kai (Professor, Osaka Municipal University).
- (2) The Doctrine of the Transfer of Real Rights over Immovables and the Registration System, by Kaoru Kamata (Professor, Waseda University).
  - (3) Computer Systems and Registration, by Naoto Okada (Ju-

dicial Scrivener).

- (4) Dispute on the Instruments to Confirm the Cause of Registration, by Hiroshi Sumiyoshi (Professor, Chuo University).
- (5) Summarization, by Toru Ikuyo (Professor, Sophia University).
- 2. The Japan Association of Private Law held its 1987 Congress at Kinki University in Osaka on October 10 and 11. During the two-day meeting, the following presentations were made:

### [The First Day]

Reports:

Division 1

- (1) Essai sur les effets de l'action paulinne, by Iwaaki Sato (Associate Professor, Niigata University).
- (2) La lésion de l'intérêt pour l'intégrité et la théorie de la responsabilité contractuelle, by Hiroyuki Hirano (Lecturer, Meiji University).
- (3) Zum Stand der Erklärungshaftung in der BRD, by Hisao Fujita (Lecturer, Kobe Gakuin University).
- (4) A Comparative Look at the Laws of Comparative Negligence: American Law and Japanese Law, by Norio Higuchi (Professor, Gakushuin University).
- (5) Die Revision des schweizerischen Strassenverkehrsrechts und die Gefälligkeitsfahrt, by Osamu Saito (Associate Professor, Kobe Commercial University).
- (6) The United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods, by Shinichiro Michida (Professor, Kyoto University).

Division 2

- (1) The Structure of Dr. Wagatsuma's Correlation Theory on Tort, by Masakazu Aharen (Lecturer, Okinawa International University).
- (2) Liabilities Proportionate to the Degree of Contribution, by Yoshihiro Nomura (Professor, Tokyo Metropolitan University).
  - (3) Die ergänzende Vertragsauslegung, by Keizo Yamamoto (As-

sociate Professor, Kyoto University).

- (4) The Property Rights of Unmarried Cohabitants in the U.S.A., by Masayuki Tanamura (Lecturer, Aoyama Gakuin University).
- (5) Über die Insolvenzrechtsreformdiskussionen der Bundesrepublik Deutschland: Insbesondere über die Behandlung der besitzlosen Mobiliarsicherheiten in dem Bericht der Kommission für Insolvenzrecht, by Takehiko Mikami (Associate Professor, Yokohama Municipal University).

For Divisions 3 and 4, see "6. Commercial Law" section.

### [The Second Day]

Symposium: Computer Systems and the Private Law, chaired by Ichiro Kawamoto (Professor, Kobe University) and Shozo Inui (Professor, Ritsumeikan University).

3. The Association of Agricultural Law held its 1987 Congress on May 8 at Waseda University. During the meeting, the following presentations were made:

Reports:

- (1) Mura and Agriculture—Example of the Village of Kamihada in the City of Yokaichi, Shiga Prefecture, by Kenzo Hayashi (Professor, Kanto Gakuin University).
- (2) The Path to Collective Farming, by Buichi Ogura (Chief Researcher Fellow, The Research Center for Food and Agriculture Policy).

Symposium: Today's Issues of the Rights of Common, chaired by Kaisaku Kumagai (Professor, Ryukoku University) and Masaomi Takei (Professor, Meijo University).

- (1) Issues of Common during the Post-World War II Period and the Law to Modernize, by Saburo Kuroki (Professor, Waseda University).
- (2) Today's Agriculture and Forestry and the Rights of Common, by Ryoichi Handa (Professor, Kyoto University).
- (3) Issues of Common Forest Land Improvement, by Kuniaki Matsubara (Professor, Hirosaki University).

- (4) Common Forest Land, to Which the Law to Modernize Isn't Applied, by Mitsue Kobayashi (Professor, Ibaraki University).
- (5) Protection and Dissolution of the Rights of Common by Justice, by Hidetoshi Nakao (Professor, Seinan Gakuin University).
- (6) Common Forest Land from the Administration's Viewpoint, by Seiichi Yoshida (Forestry Agency).

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## 3. Family Law

The 4th National Conference of the Socio-Legal Studies on Family Issues was held at Keio Gijuku University, Tokyo, on December 8, 1987. The theme was "Administration of Property for the Aged: Disputes, Their Prevention and Resolution." This theme was selected in preparation for the 6th World Conference of the International Society on Family Law which was to be held in Tokyo on April 5–10, 1988, for the subject of "The Law and the Elderly." The titles of the reports and the names of the reporters in the 4th National Conference were as follows:

Introduction, by Seiichi Isono (Emeritus Professor, Tokyo University of Education).

Symposium: Administration of Property for the Aged; Disputes, Their Prevention and Resolution.

- (1) The Disputes That Come to Family Court Regarding the Management of Properties Owned by the Aged, by Kazuo Fujimoto (Tokyo Family Court Probation Officer) and Yukiko Terado (Tokyo Family Court Probation Officer).
- (2) Civil Procedure Problems Regarding the Management of Properties Owned by the Aged, by Keiichi Murasige (Judge of the Tokyo District Court).