

5. Criminal Law and Procedure

The Criminal Law Society of Japan held its 67th General Meeting at Hokkaido University on June 10 and 11, 1989. The agenda of the meeting was as follows:

[Individual Reports]

(1) Error in the Normative Elements of Crime — with regard to Special Criminal Laws, by Choshin Nagai (Associate Professor, Toyama University).

(2) The Maritime Traffic Accident and the Theory of Negligence Crime, by Katsunori Kai (Associate Professor, Maritime Safety Academy).

(3) The Protection of Private Secrets by the Criminal Law, by Hisashi Sonoda (Associate Professor, Kansai University).

(4) The Fundamental Concept of the Reform of the Criminal Code in France, by Osamu Niikura (Professor, Kokugakuin University).

[Reports of Joint Studies]

On the Crimes of the Officials.

(1) Fundamental Viewpoint, by Shozo Horiuchi (Professor, Hosei University).

(2) Official Misconduct, by Masahide Maeda (Professor, Tokyo Metropolitan University).

(3) Bribe-taking, by Takehiko Sone (Professor, Waseda University).

(4) From the Viewpoint of the Criminal Procedure Law, by Yasunari Hisaoka (Professor, Ritsumeikan University).

[Lecture]

My Standpoint of Criminal Law, by Yasuharu Hiraba (Professor Emeritus, Kyoto University).

[Workshop]

The participants in the General Meeting were divided into nine groups based on the following themes. Lively discussions took place in each group. The themes of the discussions were as follows:

- (1) Causality.
- (2) Competence for Criminal Responsibility.
- (3) Terminal Care and Criminal Law.
- (4) Consumer Protection and the Role of Criminal Law.
- (5) The Right to Consult with Counsel.
- (6) Criminal Procedure and the Victims.
- (7) Several Issues on Contemporary Imprisonment in Japan.
- (8) International Crime.
- (9) Essence of Exemption from Penal Responsibility.

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6. Commercial Law

The Japan Association of Private Law held its 53rd Congress at Osaka University on October 7 and 8, 1989. The Commercial Law Division held a symposium under the title “Private Offering of Shares to Specified Persons”.

Other individual reports delivered are listed below:

- (1) Sale of Controlling Shares in the United States of America, by Seiko Togawa (Lecturer, Matsusaka University).
- (2) Financial Disclosure Regulation of Small Private Companies, by Hiroyuki Konno (Associate Professor, Seijo University).
- (3) Merger of a Financially Troubled Stock Company in Japan, by Yoshiteru Endo (Associate Professor, Chiba University).
- (4) Fiduciary Duties of Corporate Directors, by Tadashi