

[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

Dobashi (Associate Professor, Aoyama Gakuin University).

(5) Duty of Directors Not to Compete with the Corporation, by Masashi Kitamura (Associate Professor, Osaka Municipal University).

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7. Labor Law

The Japan Labor Law Association holds its general meeting twice a year. In 1989, the 77th General Meeting was held at Hokkaido University on May 28 on the topic "the New Working Hours Law". The 78th General Meeting was held at Kobe University on October 8 on the topic "Internationalization and Labor Law". The reports and discussions of the 77th and 78th meetings appeared in the *Journal of Labor Law*, Nos. 74 and 75 respectively.

1. The 77th General Meeting: the New Working Hours Law.

(1) Introduction of New Working Hours Rules at the Establishment, by Hajime Wada (Associate Professor, Nagoya University).

(2) Establishment-Level Agreement on the Flexible Organization of Working Hours, by Kazuhiro Tonai (Associate Professor, Okayama University).

(3) Elasticity of Regulations of Working Hours, by Takayoshi Yoroi (Professor, Ryukoku University).

(4) Scheduled Annual Vacation with Pay, by Michitaka Nako (Associate Professor, Kanazawa University).

[Comment]

In 1987, Japanese working time legislation (Chapter IV of the Labor Standards Act) was amended to a great extent. The amended