

(2) Le caractère et la fonction du système de la représentation de la majorité du personnel, par Miki Kawaguchi (Associate Professor, Shizuoka University).

(3) The Function of Labour-Management Consultation System, by Kazuo Nakamura (Associate Professor, Shizuoka University).

(4) A Proposal to Reform the Employee Representation System at the Workplace, by Katsutoshi Kezuka (Professor, Senshu University).

[Comment]

In Japan, the rate of workers organized in trade unions is reported to be 30% or less. In these circumstances, terms of employment and working conditions are made for most workers without trade unions. In recent years, the Labour Standards Act has attached more and more importance to the majority representation system at the establishment, where workers are, in most cases, not represented by a trade union. Many aspects of actual representation system were discussed at the Meeting. The reporters emphasized the need to reform the system to enable worker participation.

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7. Legal History, Sociology of Law and Legal Philosophy

a. Legal History

The Japan Legal History Association held its 43rd General Meet-

ing at Chuo University on April 2 and 3, 1991. The Association also held its 39th Study Meeting at Kinki University on October 4 and 5, 1991. The programs of these meetings were as follows.

[The 43rd General Meeting]

The First Day:

(1) Controversy concerning the Right of Lease in the Process of Codification of the Old Civil Code, by Shunichiro Koyanagi (Associate Professor, Yamanashi University).

(2) On the Term of Imprisonment of *Li Chen Qie* under the *Qin* Dynasty, by Kenzo Wakae (Associate Professor, Ehime University).

(3) On *Actio Institoria* in Roman Law, by Eiji Takizawa (Associate Professor, Kobe University).

(4) The Prototype of *Niiname* and the *Daijyo* Ritual in Ancient Japan, by Takeshi Mizubayashi (Professor, Tokyo Metropolitan University).

The Second Day:

(1) Intention and Mistake in the *Qing* Criminal Code, by Masato Nakamura (Lecturer, Kanazawa University).

(2) The Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the Empire and the Basic Law of the Empire, by Hiroshi Murakami (Lecturer, Kanto Gakuin University).

(3) On Grotius' Theory of Property, by Hiroshi Matsuo (Associate Professor, Yokohama Municipal University).

(4) On Article 17 of the Public Security Regulation, by Takao Ito (Associate Professor, Kyoto University).

(5) On *Hand Wahre Hand*, by Ryuichi Tsuno (Professor, Chuo University).

[The 39th Study Meeting]

The First Day:

(1) Legal Structure and the Patriarch Power in Modern and Pre-Modern Japan, by Einosuke Yamanaka (Professor, Osaka University) and others.

(2) The Society and Jurists at the End of the Republic Rome, by Tomoyoshi Hayashi (Assistant, Kyoto University).

(3) On the Transcript of *Tang* Code, by Kuninori Sato (Associate Professor, Nihon University).

(4) On the Concept of *Nocivus Terrae*, by Kenji Wakasone (Professor, Kumamoto University).

(5) Theories on Modern State in Germany, by Hideo Shipo (Professor, Tohoku Gakuin University).

(6) K. Kroeschell's Theory of Legal History, by Hideo Iwano (Professor, Doshisha University).

b. Sociology of Law

The Japanese Association of Sociology of Law held its 1991 General Meeting on May 11 and 12 at Kanagawa University.

[The First Day]

(1) Survey of Awareness of Attorneys' Obligations of Explanation, by Yutaka Tejima (Associate Professor, Hiroshima University).

(2) Law and Ethics in Negotiation, by Shozo Inoue (Professor, Kyushu University).

(3) On the New Theory of Democracy in Germany, by Atsushi Takada (Assistant, Kyoto University).

(4) Minors' Reproduction and Their Right to Determination, by Akira Hanezaki (L.L.M., Kobe University).

(5) The Autonomous Area in Contemporary Society and the Role of Law, by Kenichi Baba, (Lecturer, North Kyushu University).

(6) On the Resort Law, by Yasuko Goto (Lecturer, Kansai University).

(7) The Sociological History of Law concerning Environmental Rights, by Masato Goto (Professor, Wakayama University).

(8) Legal Ideals of Legislators and the Function of Law through Arbitration Law, by Yoshihiko Kawaguchi (Associate Professor, Hosei University).

(9) On the Autonomy of Legal Systems, by Atsuhito Eguchi (Associate Professor, Kyushu University).

(10) The Social Development and Autonomy of Contemporary