
ACTIVITIES OF ACADEMIC SOCIETIES

Jan. — Dec., 1998–99

1. Constitutional Law

1998

The Japan Association for Studies of Constitutional Law holds its meetings twice a year. The spring session was held on May 9 and the autumn session on October 9. The theme was “the Pacifist Constitution at the Crossroads”.

A. Spring Meeting

(1) The Present Situation and the Subject of Pacifism in the Constitution, by Tetsumi Takara (Professor, University of the Ryūkyūs)

(2) The Concept of Human Security and the Role of NGOs as Peace Builders, by Akihiko Kimijima (Associate Professor, Hokkai-Gakuen University)

(3) *Le pacifisme à la Constitution japonaise dans le monde de l'après-guerre froide*, by Toshiki Mogami (Professor, International Christian University)

(4) Constitutionalism vs. Pacifism, by Yasuo Hasebe (Professor, the University of Tokyo)

B. Autumn Meeting

(1) The Present Situation and Perspectives on Pacifism, by Toshihiro Yamauchi (Professor, Hitotsubashi University)

(2) Pacifism in the Japanese Constitution and International Society, by Setsuko Tsuneoka (Professor, Ferris University)

(3) The Constitution and the Logistics Support Law, by Masahiro Takasaku (Professor, University of the Ryūkyūs)

(4) War Crimes and Compensation, by Osamu Ishimura (Professor, Senshu University)

1999

Under the theme of "Constitutional Issues in Asia", the Association held the spring meeting on May 8 and autumn meeting on October 9. It also held an International Symposium on Constitutionalism in Asia and Oceania on September 22 and 23. The theme was "The New Order and Constitutionalism in Asia."

A. Spring Meeting

(1) "Developmentalism Regimes" and "Human Rights" in Asia, by Yasuki Oomura (Professor, Chuo Gakuin University)

(2) Protection of Human Rights through Public Interest Litigation in India, by Nobuo Kochu (Professor, Kansai University)

(3) Asia and the Regional Human Rights Protection: Focusing on the Establishment of a National Human Rights Institution, by Masaki Ina (Professor, Asia University)

(4) *Reflexion sur la theorie des droits de l'homme "du type asiatique"*, by Masanori Aikyo (Professor, Nagoya University)

B. Autumn Meeting

(1) China and Constitutionalism, by Hideo Tsuchiya (Professor, Kobe University)

(2) Democracy and Constitutionalism in Korean Constitutional Law, by Noriko Kokubun (Professor, Aichi Prefectural University)

(3) Political Reform in Thailand and the 1997 Constitution, by Shinya Imaizumi (Researcher, Institute of Developing Economics, JETRO)

(4) The Realities of and Perspectives on Constitutionalism in the Philippines, by Yoshio Hagino (Professor, Kanto Gakuin University)

C. International Symposium on Constitutionalism in Asia and Oceania

First Day

1. (First Session) Grouping out the Constitutionalism of Asia

(1) Hong Kong Model Under the Basic Law: Practice of the "One Country, Two Systems" Principle in China, by Chaoying Gan (Assistant Professor, Law School of Peking University)

(2) The Economic Crisis in Indonesia and the New Constitutional Government, by Sri Soemantri Martosoewignjo (President, August 17, 1945 University)

(3) *Doi Moi* policy and the Constitutional Freedom for Economic Development in Vietnam, by Dao Tri Uc (Director, the Institute of State and Law)

2. (Second Session) Protection of Human Rights in Asian Countries

(1) Why the Philippine Human Rights Commission? : Its Place in a Constitutional Order, by Raul C. Pangalangan (Associate Professor of Law, University of the Philippines)

(2) Human Rights and Constitutionalism in Thailand, by Vishnu Varunyou (Associate Professor, Thammarat University)

(3) Protection of Human Rights through Public Interest Litigation in India, by Parmanand Singh (Professor, University of Delhi)

(4) Protection of Human Rights by the Judiciary and Democratization in Taiwan, by Jau-Yuan Huang (Associate Professor, National Taiwan University)

Second Day

3. (Third Session) The Japanese Constitution and Asia

(1) The Problem on Revision of the Japanese Constitution: Argument on Revision of the Constitution and Constitutionalism in Postwar Japan, by Akimichi Iwama (Professor, Chiba University)

(2) The Japanese Constitution and International Law: Focus on The Peace Article, by Renren Gong (Professor, Peking University)

(3) The Japanese Constitution and the Act on Military Co-operation in the Marginal Area, by Manhee Jeong (Professor, University of

East Asia)

(4) The Significance of the Japanese Constitution and Japan Association for Studies of Constitutional Law, Tamiko Ueno (Professor, Chuo University)

4. General Discussion

(1) Asia, Oceania and Constitutionalism, by Cheryl Saunders (Director, Centre for Comparative Constitutional Studies, Melbourne University)

(2) Constitution in Asia and Japan, by Yasuo Sugiwarra (Surugadai University)

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2. Administrative Law

1998

The Japan Association of Public Law held its 63rd General Meeting at Seijo University on October 10 and 11, 1998. The following presentations were made under two themes, "Ideas and Holders of Human Rights" and "Disasters and Public Law".

First Day: General Meeting

(1) The Concept and Holder of Human Rights, by Koji Sato (Professor, Kyoto University)

(2) Group Rights, by Koichi Yokota (Professor, Kyushu University)

(3) Interpretation and Scheme of Law to Cope with Disaster (*Verfassungsauslegung und Rechtspolitik in der Katastrophe z.B. Erdbeben*), by Yasutaka Abe (Professor, Kobe University)

(4) Disaster Reconstruction and Law, by Norio Yasumoto (Professor, Ritsumeikan University)

Second Day

1. (First Session) Ideas and Holders of Human Rights