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(4) The Relation between Prefectures and Cities-Towns-Villages: Some Reflections on the Two-tier Structure from the Perspective of the Constitutional Theory, by Hideki Shibutani (Professor, Meiji Gakuin University)

(5) Devolution and the Local Government Finance System: In the Light of Constitutional Relationship between the Central and the Local Governments, by Toshio Fuke (Professor, Nagoya University)

SHIGEYUKI SUTO
TAKATOSHI MUNENO

3. Law of Property and Obligations

1998

The Japan Association of Private Law held its 62nd General Meeting at Gakushuin University on October 11 and 12, 1998.

Symposium: The Centenary of the Japanese Civil Code and the Reform of Contract Law.

It was discussed whether and how the Contract Law of the Japanese Civil Code whose validity has lasted more than a century without any important amendments should be henceforth amended to solve some present problems which have arisen from the complication and internationalization of trades.

1999

The Japan Association of Private Law held its 63rd General Meeting at Doshisha University on October 11 and 12, 1999.

Symposium: The Legislative Task Concerned with Consumer Contract Law.

The meaning of the Consumer Contract Law, its relation to the

Civil Code and the interpretation of its rules were discussed.

KATSUICHI UCHIDA
TAKAHIRO FUJITA (EDS.)

4. Family Law

1998

The Japan Association of Socio-Legal Studies on Family Law held the 15th Annual Meeting at Konan University in Hyogo on November 14, 1998

Theme: Reproductive Technology and the Family

Introduction, by Yoshihiko Sato (Professor, Doshisya University)

Reports:

(1) Some Actualities: Views of a journalist, by Hiromichi Yokoyama (Editorial, Asahi Shimbun).

(2) Assisted Reproductive Technology and its Impact on the Family, by Takashi Wagatsuma (Councilor, Japan International Corporation of Welfare Services).

(3) Family Decline and Reproductive Technology, by Mariko Inoue (Professor, Osaka Women's University).

(4) Reproductive Technologies and the Family in the USA, by Masayuki Tanamura (Professor, Waseda University).

(5) Künstliche Befruchtung und Kindschaftsrecht in Deutschland, by Fumio Tokotani (Professor, Osaka University).

(6) Some Questions about Artificial Fertilization in Japanese Family Law (Professor, Kanazawa University).

Discussion, Moderators: Takeo Ukon (Professor, Okayama University), Yoshihiko Sato.

1999

The Japan Association of Socio-Legal Studies on Family Law held the 16th Annual Meeting at Sensyu University in Tokyo on November