ACTIVITIES OF ACADEMIC SOCIETIES

1.   Constitutional and Administrative Law

I.   *The Japan Association of Public Law* held its 65th General Meeting at Keio University on October 7 and 8, 2000. The following presentations were made under the general theme of "Justice in the Changing Society".

1. General Meeting

   (1) Constitutional Structure of Judicial System, by Kazuyuki Takahashi (Professor, University of Tokyo)

   (2) *Beitrag über Träger der Justiz*, by Yoshio Miyazaki (Professor, Tokyo Keizai University)

   (3) Theoretical Analysis about Decisions of the Judiciary in Constitutional Litigations, by Hideki Shibutani (Professor, Meiji Gakuin University)

   (4) *Bestandaufnahme der Verwaltungsrechtsprechung*, by Hikaru Takagi (Professor, Gakushuin University)

2. (First Session) The Structure of Justice

   (1) *Problematik der Verfassungsgerichtsbarkeit in Japan und Re-*

formvorschläge, by Tsuyoshi Hatajiri (Professor, Josai University)

(2) Administrative Litigation Law and Its Reform, by Takehisa Nakagawa (Professor, Kobe University)

(3) Democratism and Expertism in Litigation over Administrative Cases, by Shuichi Okamura (Professor, Kyoto University)

(4) Legal Education: Is it Liberal Arts or Professional Training, by Masako Kamiya (Professor, Gakushuin University)

3. (Second Session) Functions of Justice

(1) Alternative Dispute Resolution, by Eiji Sasada (Professor, Kanazawa University)

(2) Role of Justice in the Redrawing of Criminal and Civil Jurisdiction, by Yasutoshi Tamura (Professor, Tokyo International University)

(3) Access to Justice and the Right of Access to the Courts, by Masato Ichikawa (Professor, Ritsumeikan University)

(4) The Notion of Judicial Power and Conflicts among Administrative Agencies, by Hiroaki Murakami (Professor, Hokkaido University)

II. *The Japan Association for Studies of Constitutional Law* held its Spring Meeting at Chukyo University on May 13, 2000 and its Autumn Meeting at Asia University on October 6, 2000 under the unified topic of "The Constitution in a Changing Society". The following presentations were made.

A. Spring Meeting

(1) Legislative Trends in 1999 and Transition in Constitutional Structure, by Masahiro Usaki (Professor, Dokkyo University)

(2) The Recent Worse Reformation of the Cabinet and the Diet in the Light of the Constitution, by Eiji Yoshida (Professor, Kansai University)

(3) The Wiretapping Act as the Means of State Surveillance, by Takashi Kuramochi (Professor, Nagoya Economics University)

(4) National Identity and National Symbol as Problems of Constitutional Theory?, by Hiroshi Nishihara (Professor, Waseda University)

B. Autumn Meeting

(1) Constitutional Restructuring in Japan by the Keywords "Liberty, Security, Self-Government" and its International Context, by Hideki Mori (Professor, Nagoya University)

(2) Regulation and Liberty, by Yoshihide Kitagawa (Professor, Yokohama National University)

(3) The Tyranny of "Security" in Japan, by Atsuhiro Okamoto (Associate Professor, Hiroshima University)

(4) The Basic Law for Gender Equal Society and Self-Government, by Mariko Takeda (Associate Professor, Kinjo Gakuin University)

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2. Law of Property and Obligations

I. *Japan Association of Private Law* held its extraordinary meeting "Reform of the Training of the Legal Profession and Legal Education: focusing on Private Law Education" at Waseda University on June 25, 2000. It held its 64th general meeting at Meiji University on October 8 and 9, 2000 as follows:

Symposium: Insolvency Settlement Procedure and the Substantive Civil Law. Chaired by Makoto Ito (Professor, University of Tokyo) and Kaoru Kamata (Professor, Waseda University).

(1) Introduction, by Kaoru Kamata.

(2) The Bankruptcy of a Contract Party, by Hiroyasu Nakata (Professor, Hitotsubashi University).

(3) Insolvency Settlement Procedures and the Metamorphosis of Security Rights, by Osamu Morita (Professor, University of Tokyo).

(4) The Change of the Effect of a Claim with a Bankruptcy Pro-