

**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 Atsuhiko 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-

ceeding, by Akio Yamanome (Professor, Waseda University).

(5) The Change of “the Character” of the Persons Involved, by Hiroto Dogauchi (Professor, University of Tokyo).

(6) Summing Up, by Toyohiro Nomura (Professor, Gakushuin University).

### **Workshops:**

(1) Reconstruction of Security Interests which are not provided by the Civil Code, by Shigeru Toriyabe (Professor, Hiroshima University).

(2) Discharge Resulting from Bankruptcy Proceedings and Theories of the Civil Code: Moral Obligation, Accessoriness, and Extinctive Prescription, Naoki Kanayama (Professor, Hosei University).

### **Sectional Meetings:**

#### **1. First Section:**

(1) Protection of Self-determination in Medical Treatment, by Yasushi Koike (Lecturer, Himeji Dokkyo University).

(2) Essential Obligation (*l'obligation essentielle*) of Contract in French Law, by Taro Kogayu (Associate Professor, Waseda University)

(3) Legal Composition of Defamation and Degradation of Reputation: Compared with French Law, by Makoto Hashimoto (Associate Professor, Miyazaki University)

(4) The Change of the Creator Doctrine in Copyright Law: An Analysis of “Works made for Hire Doctrine” in Japan, by Hisao Shiomi (Associate Professor, Kagawa University)

(5) Dissolution of Service Contracts as Consumer Contracts: Requirement and Effect of Cancellation and its Justification, by Emiko Maruyama (Lecture, Senshu University)

#### **2. Second Section**

(1) Effect on Third Parties in Setoff: Getting Clues from Case Law and Theories in Germany, by Shigemitsu Ishigaki (Associate Professor, Asahikawa University)

(2) Decision Making and Consent to Medical Treatment for the Person who does not have “Consent Ability”: in the Case of Minors and Aged Persons, Tomoko Terasawa (Associate Professor, Setsunan University)

(3) Mistake in Motive and the Principle of Equivalence in Contract Law, Arinobu Ohnaka (Associate Professor, Hosei University)

(4) The Scope of Corporate Purpose about Political Contributions and Contributions to Support Restoration from Disasters, Soichi Yamada (Associate Professor, Yamanashi Gakuin University)

(5) Meaning of the Subjective Situation of the Third Party in “Objectionability (*l’opposabilite*)” Theory, Keiko Yoshii (Lecture, Kokugakuin University)

### 3. Third Section

(1) Interpretation of Contract and the Theory of the Grounds of Legal Acts (*Geschaefstgrundlage*), by Nobuyuki Okabayashi (Associate Professor, Meijo University)

(2) Dissolution of Contract of Special Agency and Franchise Contracts, by Atsushi Takada (Associate Professor, Chuo University)

(3) Examination of Reservation of Ownership (*Eigentumsvorbehalt*) across Various Laws in Germany, by Koichi Tamura (Associate Professor, Nagasaki University)

**II. Japan Academy of Land Law** held its 42nd general meeting at Seinan Gakuin University on November 5, 2000. And it held a research meeting on November 3 there.

### Research Meeting:

(1) Problem of Defective Houses and Issues of Law (Act to Promote Quality Control of Houses), by Katsumi Matsumoto (Professor, Ritsumeikan University)

(2) Aspects Concerning the Time Limit Building Lease, coordinated by Michitaro Kai (Professor Emeritus, Osaka City University)

(a) Comparison with the System of House Lease in Foreign Countries, Especially Germany, by Toshiji Fujii (Professor, Soka University)

(b) Facts about the Practice of the Time Limit Building Lease, by Junhiko Sawano (Attorney and Real Estate Appraiser)

(c) The Time Limit Building Lease from the Viewpoint of the Inhabitants’ Welfare (*Kyoju-Fukushi*), by Kazuo Hayakawa (Professor Emeritus, Kobe University)

(d) Problems in the Legislative Process of the Time Limit Build-

ing Lease Act, by Aoi Takigawa (Judicial Scrivener)

General Meeting: Agriculture in Japan at a Turning Point and Land Law, chaired by Toshiyuki Miyazaki (Professor, Asahi University) and Teruaki Tayama (Professor, Waseda University)

(1) Fundamental Law on Food, Agriculture, and Rural Villages, by Tomio Shimamoto (Former Director, National Research Institute of Agricultural Economics, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan)

(2) Technology of Gene Recombination and Agriculture, Kiichi Nakajima (Professor, Koibuchi Gakuen University)

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### **3. Family Law**

*The Japan Association of Socio-Legal Studies on Family Law* held its 17th Annual Meeting at Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto on November 11, 2000. The theme was "Legal Treatment of Child Abuse" and the reports were as follows:

Introduction, by Fumio Tokotani (Professor, Osaka University)

#### **Reports:**

(1) Legal Treatments and Problems of Child Abuse in Japan, by Tsuneo Yoshida (Professor, Surugadai University).

(2) Legal Problems of Child Abuse from the Viewpoint of an Attorney, by Yoshihiko Iwasa (Attorney at Law).

(3) Legal Problems of Child Abuse from the Viewpoint of the Family Court, by Aya Yoshida (Judge, Osaka Family Court).

(4) Problems in the Investigation of Child Abuse Cases, by Takao Abe (Investigator, Osaka Family Court).

(5) Legal Treatments for Child Abuse in Germany, by Hiroto Suzuki (Associate Professor, Ibaragi University).