

II. *Japan Association of Land Law* held its 44th General Meeting at Waseda University on October 12 and 13, 2002.

First Section:

“The Right to reside”

Akira Suzuki (National Institute of Public Health).

Shoji Shinozuka (Waseda University).

Michiko Naoi (Tokyo Gakugei University).

Shoji Okamoto (Shimane University).

Second Section:

“The Cadastral Research”

Norio Yasumoto (Ritsumeikan University).

Matsuoka Naotake (Japan Federation of Land and Building Surveyors Associations).

3. Family Law

The Japan Association of Socio-Legal Studies on Family Law held its 19th Annual Meeting at Meiji University in Tokyo on November 16, 2002. The theme and the reports were as follows:

Theme: Legally Secured Portions on Estate: in Connection with the Partition of Estate

Introduction by Shuhei Ninomiya (Professor, Ritsumeikan University).

- (1) “Issues of the Legally Secured Portions in the Case of the Partition of Estates”

Masaaki Matsubara (Judge, Chiba Family Court).

- (2) “Investigation for the Share in the Succession of a Co-successor Who Received a Gift and/or Contributed Specially: Actuality and Problems”

Minoru Ota (Investigator, Kobe Family Court).

- (3) “Legally Secured Portions on Estate in Germany and French Law”

Tomoko Matsuo (Assistant Professor, Kyoto Sangyo University).

- (4) “Freedom of Will and Its Limits in Anglo-American Law”
Junichi Kawa (Professor, Tokai University).
- (5) “Academic Theories and Jurisprudences Regarding the Legally Secured Portions on Estate”
Yoshio Shiomi (Professor, Kyoto University).

Generalization: Yaeko Oda, (Judge, Okayama Family Court)

Discussion, Moderators: Shuhei Ninomiya, Yaeko Oda.

4. Law of Civil Procedure and Bankruptcy

The Japanese Association of the Law of Civil Procedure held its 72nd General Meeting at Shimane Kunibiki Messe on May 18 and 19, 2002.

Individual Reports:

- (1) “About the Participation of the Public Prosecutor in Civil Trials in France”
Yukari Yasumi (Associate Professor, Aoyama Gakuin University).
- (2) “Mediation of the Court in China, and Authority Mediation, and Reconciliation on a Trial in Japan”
Akemi Saito (Instructor, University of East Asia).
- (3) “The Meaning and Problem of *Verbandsklage*”
Yoshikiko Kawamura (Associate Professor, Meikai University).
- (4) “A Trial Plan and the Degree of Elucidation”
Norio Hiwatari (Associate Professor, Kyoto Sangyo University).
- (5) “About the Actual Condition of the Civil Trial Management in the Matsue District Court Hamada Branch and the Masuda Branch”
Iwao Yokoo (Judge, Matsue District Court).
- (6) “Legal Order of Recommending Reconciliation by the Judge”
Syuusuke Horiuchi (Associate Professor, University of Tokyo).

Symposium: Revision of the Bankruptcy Substantive Law

Chairman: Aritoshi Hukunaga (Professor, Tezukayama University).

- (1) “The Priority of a Bankruptcy Claim”
Tetsuo Sato (Professor, Doshisha University).