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6. Commercial Law

The Annual Congress of the *Japan Association of Private Law* held its 69th General Meeting at Kyushu University on October 9 and 10.

Symposium:

“Civil Liability and the Duty of Care of Corporate Directors”
Akira Morita (Professor, Doshisha University).

Workshops:

- (1) “Extinguishing Security Interests: An Economic Analysis”
Wataru Tanaka (Associate Professor, Seikei University).
- (2) “Hostile Takeovers: The Legal Analysis of Preventive and Defensive Tactics”
Minoru Tokumoto (Associate Professor, Senshu University).

Reports:

- (1) “Die Reichweite der Inhaltskontrolle nach dem Verbraucher-vertragsgesetz und die Allgemeinen Versicherungsbedingungen (AVB)”
Michio Kobayashi (Associate Professor, Shizuoka University).
- (2) “Who Should Have the Power to Decide On Dividend Matters?”
Atsushi Koide (Associate Professor, Gakushuin University).
- (3) “Legal Issues in Exercising Shareholders’ Rights of Proposals and Changes in Articles of Incorporation in Japan and the United States”
Mamoru Nagasaka (Lecturer, Wakayama University).
- (4) “Class Voting on Corporate Mergers”
Kenichi Matsuo (Lecturer, Doshisha University).
- (5) “Identification of Securities in Modern Securities Transfer Systems”
Kumiko Koens (Lecturer, Yamagata University).
- (6) “The Procedure of Transfer-Restricted Shares”

Sonoko Shiba (Lecturer, Saitama University).

- (7) “Function and Liability of the Underwriter in the Securities Market”
Kouji Noda (Associate Professor, Jochi University).
- (8) “Consideration concerning the Legal Location of Accounting Standards”
Takumi Adachi (Associate Professor, Chuogakuin University).

7. Labor Law

The *Japan Labor Law Association* held its 108th General Meeting at Okayama University on October 16, 2005.

“Basic Theory and Policy Problem of the Law of Employment Contract”

Coordinators: Hiroshi Karatsu (Professor, Nanzan University) and Akira Hamamura (Professor, Hosei University).

- (1) “The Scope of Application and the Basic Structure of Law of Employment Contract”
Koichi Kamata (Professor, Toyo University).
- (2) “The Control over Social and Economic Powers of the Enterprise by the Law of Employment Contract”
Masanobu Mitsui (Professor, Hiroshima University).
- (3) “The New Plan for Fixed-term Labor Contracts”
Tomoko Kawada (Professor, Asia University).
- (4) “Legal Principle on Specification and Change of the Contents of a Labor Contract”
Shinobu Nogawa (Professor, Tokyo-Gakugei University).

8. Legal History

The *Japan Legal History Association* (LHA) held its 57th General Meeting at Toin University of Yokohama, on April 23 and 24, 2005 and