

<RESEARCH COMMITTEES' ACTIVITIES >

SYMPOSIUM "SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN WORKPLACES AND HOUSES" HELD

On October 18 in Tokyo the JSA committee of scientific workers at private companies organized a pre-symposium for the 17th Comprehensive Scientific Study Convention (to be held on November 22-24, Nagoya) entitled "Critique of actual situations in science and technology in workplaces and houses". Three reports were presented: 1) Activities of the Yamagata branch and community building – example from Yonezawa City, 2) Hazardous nature of Japanese nuclear power plants, and 3) Karoshi (fatigue death) case in Kasumigaseki (administrative district).

SYMPOSIUM "REAL LIFE OF WORKERS FOR AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES" HELD

The research committee of food questions held the symposium entitled as above on October 4 in Tokyo, where Mr. Oita (labor movement activist in agricultural co-op) talked his experiences in the movements for protect of Japanese agriculture and amelioration of agricultural cooperative society.

<DISTRICTS' ACTIVITIES >

LECTURE SERIES "ENVIRONMENT, PEACE AND LEARNING" HELD

The Kyushu district (Fukuoka, Oita, Saga, Nagasaki, Miyazaki, Kumamoto, Kagoshima, and Okinawa Prefectures) organized the above lecture series on October 4-5 at Kyushu University, which was divided four sessions.

[The first day: Thinking of environment and peace in 21st Kyushu and Okinawa]

- 1) Environmental questions in Kyushu: i) Whereabouts of shores in Miyazaki, ii) Practice of environmental education collaborated with environmental NGOs – "Ohno River case" in the liberal arts education of Ohita University, and iii) Saga local court decision of open gate order.
- 2) Military base problems and Japanese future: i) Military base problems compelled to drastically change by reform of the US-Japan Security Treaty, ii) Missile defense, its fiction and reality, iii) The world after the September 11 accident and option of Japan.

[The second day: Actual situations and issues around science and education]

- 3) The ideal image of university: What do people require of university?
- 4) The present situation and issues of university: i) Management problem of teacher cost in Kyushu University, ii) The case of Ryukyu University, iii) Loss of publicity in Kumamoto University, iv) What does the reduction of operating expense subsidy bring to university? – Basing on financial analysis of Miyazaki University.

<LOCAL ACTIVITIES IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER >

MIYAGI BRANCH

The branch held the second branch lecture on October 4 in Sendai City, where Mr. Miyata (branch member) talked about the place where aged people feel cozy in their workplace or place of residence, and Mr. Iwabuchi (branch member) took up a question on policy formation – city redevelopment decision of two cities, positive or negative for merger.

TOKYO BRANCH

- 1) The group of individual members on October 11-12 organized a study tour to investigate tiger tail spruce woods at Oshino Village, Yamanashi Prefecture, which was guided by Dr. Suzuki (Yamanashi Univ., ret.), and a lecture given by Prof. Takeuchi (Yamanashi Univ.).
- 2) The 61st new peace colloquium was organized on October 31, where Prof. Kaneko (Rissho Univ.) made the 14th lecture on the fundamentals of the Constitution of Japan.

KANAGAWA BRANCH

- 1) The 9th Article 9 Forum in Kanagawa was held on October 11 at Tsurumi University, Yokohama City, where Mr. Shinohara (Kawasaki law firm) explained the epoch making decision of Nagoya Superior Court which enunciates that the deployment of the Self-Defense Forces troops infringes the Constitution of Japan.
- 2) The branch held a regular study meeting on October 17 at NPO Kanagawa Institute, Yokohama City, where Dr. Konno (branch representative secretary) talked his activity on local referendum petition and actual actions of residents against homeport of nuclear aircraft carrier in Yokosuka, Kanagawa Prefecture.

FUKUI BRANCH

The branch held a debrief session of the 30th National Symposium of Nuclear Power Plant Problems on September 30 at Fukui University, where Dr. Yamamoto (Emeritus Prof., Fukui Univ.) made a talk about the earthquake hazard broken out at nuclear power plants. The 30th national symposium has been held late September 6-7 (the symposium started in 1972) and the grappling of nuclear power plant problems in Ishikawa Prefecture passed 41 years.

KYOTO BRANCH

- 1) The individual members group of the Kyoto branch a study meeting on October 4 in Kyoto City, where five members presented their opinions with the following themes: i) Medical Science and war in Japan, ii) Environments and agriculture, iii) Modernization in Japan and physical instruments, iv) Key issue in coping with climate change, and v) Use of solar energy and energy storage with a comment on photosynthesis.
- 2) On October 10 in Kyoto the branch and the research committee of symbiotic society held a regular meeting, where Prof. Be (Osaka Kyoiku University) delivered a lecture "Transformation of social stratum and civilian society in Korea – moves after the crisis of currency and finance", weighing reform philosophies from Kim Dae-jung and No Mu-hyong to Lee Myung-bak using concept "symbiosis".

OSAKA BRANCH

- 1) The study group *Philosophy* organized a meeting on October 23, where Dr. Sugano delivered a lecture entitled "The artificial world and human beings' tomorrow".
- 2) The study group *Contemporary capitalism* held a lecture meeting on October 30, where following the report of Prof. Manabe the concept "labor as the true measure of value" by A. Smith was discussed.

TOTTORI BRANCH

The branch under the auspices of Tottori Co-op organized a lecture presentation of Mr. Tanaka (Tottori Coop, researcher of Japanese ancient history) on October 12 at Tottori University, as an event of campus festival, where he lectured the myth in the San-in district (which includes Tottori Prefecture).

TOKUSHIMA BRANCH

On October 27 at Tokushima University the branch held the first session of lecture "The trend and prospect of discussion on Article 9 in Japanese Constitution Society", where Prof. Aso (Naruto University of Education) delivered a lecture that covers recent moves of constitutional interpretation such as the Nagoya superior court decision.