

**SYMPOSIUM "ESTABLISH PEACE OF THE WORLD AND JAPAN IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY"**

The JSA headquarters held the above symposium on March 7 at Surugadai Memorial Hall of Chuo University, Tokyo. The following four lectures were given:

- (a) Prof. Masuda (Hosei Univ.) "Deepened crisis of world economics and global strategies of the US"
- (b) Dr. Yamazaki (Ritsumeikan Univ.) "Military strategy and the basis of armaments industry in the US"
- (c) Mr. Kawata (Japan Peace Committee) "New framework of regional peace and the US-Japan security treaty"
- (d) Prof. Urata (Waseda Univ., ret.) "2010 NPT Review Conference and materialization of the agreement to abolish nuclear weapons"

**ARTICLE 9 SOCIETY OF SCIENTISTS CELEBRATES 4-YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

Article 9 Society of Scientists was established in March, 2005 by 196 scientists, partly by the help of the JSA. On March 8 at Liberty Tower of Meiji University, Tokyo, the society celebrated its 4-year anniversary with about 400 participants. Prof. Masukawa (Kyoto Sangyo Univ., 2008 Nobel Prize winner for physics) addressed a commemorative lecture "In hoping scientific development to help human beings and peace establishment", which was followed by music performance. The participants discussed activities in workplaces and among young people.

**SYMPOSIUM "LIVELIHOOD AND LABOR ISSUES OF SCIENTIFIC WORKERS" HELD**

The JSA committee of problems of engineers and scientists in private firms held the above symposium on March 15, Tokyo, where reported were actual situations of engineers and scientists in private firms under the conditions as curtailed operation and restructuring conducted mainly at production division.

- (a) Mr. Awano (Yamagata branch) "The actual status of the certification examination of professional engineers" (The certification examination bases on the Law of Professional Engineers finally revised on June 2, 2006)
- (b) Mr. Sakai (Tokyo branch) "Actual labor conditions at specialist personnel, *Karoshi* (death from overwork), and suicide problems"
- (c) Mr. Munekura (Kanagawa branch) "The present corporate strategy under the world simultaneous economical slowdown"

**SYMPOSIUM "THE AMBIGUITY OF PUBLIC WELFARE" HELD**

On March 15, Tokyo, the JSA ad hoc committee of the Constitution held the above symposium to debate the ambiguity of the notion "public welfare" in the Constitution, namely it can be used as reason to limit rights, and to advance environmental policy.

- (a) Prof. Saito (politics, Waseda Univ.) "Public security for life as a political scientific problem"
- (b) Prof. Tada (constitution, Ritsumeikan Univ.) "Limits of common welfare and economic freedom"

**14<sup>TH</sup> KANSAI PEACE FORUM HELD**

The Kinki district held the 14<sup>th</sup> Kansai Peace Forum entitled "How to understand the actual state of world economics – Present stage and perspective of modern capitalism" on March 22, Kyoto, where Prof. Okuda (Ritsumeikan Univ.) talked about the world financial crisis and big recession, Prof. Kawane (Wakayama Univ.) about American economic policy under the global recession.

<LOCAL ACTIVITIES IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH >

### **TOKYO BRANCH**

- 1) On March 14 the Chofu Science Forum held a regular meeting, where Prof. Kohno (Univ. Elector-Com.) gave his last lecture "Rare earths and light energy and their application to environmental science, and manufacturing education".
- 2) Tama Hegel study group held a seminar on March 24 at Tama campus of Tokyo Metropolitan University, where the Introduction of *Hegel's Great Logic study* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) written by S. Mita was discussed.
- 3) The 66<sup>th</sup> new peace colloquium was organized on March 27, where Prof. Kaneko (Rissho Univ.) gave a lecture entitled "On dispatch of Self-Defense Force troops to Somalia offing – Relation to the Constitution".
- 4) On March 29 the group of individual members organized a field work at Peace Museum of Saitama, Saitama Children's Zoo, and 100 caves at Yoshimi Town. The caves, famous for naturally growing luminous moss (national monument), were ancient tombs dug into the side of a hill, where munitions factory was located at World War II.

### **KANAGAWA BRANCH**

On March 13 at the branch office the branch held a study meeting on global warming, where Prof. Suzuki (Yokohama Univ.) and Dr. Shioya (branch secretary-general) provided interesting subjects.

### **KYOTO BRANCH**

- 1) On February 26 the research committee of symbiotic society held a regular meeting, where Prof. Ohnishi (Kyoto Univ., economics) talked about the actual status of Nepal, a new development according to participation in election of Maoists abolished armed fight.
- 2) Prof. Hosokawa (Ryukoku Univ.) reported in Kyoto Branch News (495) the organizing meeting of Society of Tamba Mangham Memorial Hall Reconstruction had been held on February 28 at Ryukoku University, where he disclosed an action plan to open the Hall in 2010.
- 3) The research committee of symbiotic society held a regular meeting on March 31, where Prof. Iwabayashi (Matsuyama Univ.) provided a subject basing the article "Horizon of contemporary socialist economy – over Habermas".

### **OSAKA BRANCH**

- 1) On February 20 the Osaka City University chapter held a study meeting on *temporary employment*. Ms. Mizuno (Graduate School of Economics) especially emphasized the gender problems in Japanese employment system and raised a question whether or not skill development is possible in the case of temporary employment.
- 2) On March 8 at the branch office the Kansai-area's colloquium for scientific workers in private enterprises held a regular meeting, where Mr. Kushimoto talked about environmental accounting. Due to his report, the environmental accounting is a tool, with which organizations like as companies put on record interaction between environments and economics, assessing environmental effects, so as to effectively and efficiently advance environmental protection and comprehend expenditures and effectiveness of environmental load and protection. The Japanese government in 1991 raised research and development project of "system of integrated environment and economic accounting", developing "hybrid integrated accounting of economical activities and environmental load" to estimate the effects in 1990, 1995, and 2000. One of participants pointed out the underestimation of radioactive-waste treatment of atomic plant.
- 3) On March 14 Japan Association for a Non-Nuclear Government held its 2009 annual convention in Osaka, where Mr. Okubo explained the fact that an inert atomic bomb had been dropped on Osaka.
- 4) The lecture meeting "6 years of Iraq war, and our choice" was held on March 16 near the branch office. The organizing committee invited J. Paterson (US military officer to refuse illegal Iraq war) to present his thought against Iraq war, Prof. Kiyosue (Shimane Univ.) her thought about justice through Iraq war.

### **OKINAWA BRANCH**

On March 3 at Ryukyu University the branch held a special meeting, where Prof. Oyakawa (Faculty of Engineering) gave a lecture "Enhancement of forced convection heat transfer", Prof. Yafuso (Faculty of Engineering) his final lecture "My research odyssey", and thereafter they celebrated Prof. Yafuso's retirement.