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KANTO-KOSHIN-ETSU DISTRICT

The Kanto-Koshin-Etsu symposium "Where Japan is going to and guided to?" was opened on December 2 at Norte Nagano, Nagano City, with the title "Thinking of a society with no nuclear power plant and alternative electric energy", where the organizing committee arranged an opening due to the Nagano choral society and two lectures: (a) Dr. Ishiwata (Tokyo branch) "The problems of electric energy in the society with no nuclear power plant"; (b) Prof. Ikeda (Shinshu Univ.) "The possibility of alternative energy – Low head hydro power".

HOKKAIDO BRANCH

The branch held 2012 Hokkaido Science Symposium on October 27, where the influence of TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership) on living and industry was discussed.

MIYAGI BRANCH

- (1) The branch and its friendly groups held a civic lecture on October 30, which was to hear a talk of Prof. Iriya (Miyazaki Univ.) about building a society with no nuclear power generation, this time, a case of Yusuhara City, Kochi Prefecture, where natural energy is effectively utilized.
- (2) On November 24 JJS book club was held at Tohoku University, where the articles by members Ogasawara and Ito in vol. 9, Maki in vol. 11, Oyama and Mitsuishi vol. 10, and Sawada in vol. 10 were discussed. After that, a banquet was held to boost exchanges among Miyagi branch members.
- (3) On December 15 the branch held a lecture meeting on Basic Program for Science and Technology (4) at Sendai Civic Hall, where Prof. Ihara (Prof. Emeritus, Tohoku Univ.) gave a lecture with the title "Japanese academic research structure at the crossroads".

SAITAMA BRANCH

On November 3 the branch organized a fieldwork to measure radiation dose in eastern Saitama near JR Musashino Line.

TOKYO BRANCH

- (1) On November 3 at the branch office Hazuki no kai (Autumn Conference) held a regular meeting inviting Ms. Kinugawa, branch member, who made a talk about the atmosphere around Gone With the Wind.
- (2) Tama Hegel study group organized 33rd regular meeting on November 4 at Tama campus, Chuo University, where participants discussed S. Mita's study of Hegel logic using his book published by Otsuki.
- (3) On November 6 the graduate student members held a fieldwork to hear the explanation from engineers working at NTT Musashino Research and Development Center about the environmental improvement of research and development.
- (4) The group of individual members held a fieldwork on December 16, where they discussed the facts the air raid on Tokyo in 1944 tells and enjoyed Chinese dishes at a restaurant near Oji, Tokyo.

KANAGAWA BRANCH

On December 1 the branch and Kanagawa Article 9 Forum held a meeting to discuss the objective of the Nihon Ishin-no-Kai (newly established by Osaka Mayer Hashimoto), which is an anxious problem in the democratic society, explained by Mr. Okada (attorney).

MIE BRANCH

The branch held a meeting on December 15, where they discussed unfair finance and audit of financial statements under the direction of Prof. Tanaka (Tsu City College).

FUKUI BRANCH

On November 26 at Fukuoka University, the branch held 5th lecture meeting on nuclear power generations and energy, discussing the recent trend and issue of solar battery and photovoltaic generation technology.

KYOTO BRANCH

(1) The branch organized a JJS book club meeting on December 16. Participants discussed the special feature in Vol. 11 "The government university reform policy faces a new phase" under the tuition of Dr. Tomita and Dr. Sokawa.

(2) The branch held "Kyoto Forum of Science and Technology" on November 24 at Kyoto Institute of Technology, where a seminar entitled "Nuclear power plant and Senkaku Islands" was : (a) Prof. Masamune (Kyoto Inst. Tech.) "Causes of nuclear power plant accidents and now"; (b) Prof. Maeda (Kyoto Inst. Tech.) "The damages of nuclear power plant accidents and the future"; (c) Prof. Onishi (Keio Univ.) "For a peaceful settlement of Senkaku Islands affaire".

(3) The 3rd Gathering to consider abolishment or the merging of schools and combined schools was held on December 9 at Kyoto Kacho University, where Prof. Yamamoto (Wako Univ.) gave an opening address, and the following four sessions were organized: (a) *Abolishment and merge of schools* chaired by Prof. Sanuki (Housei Univ.); (b) *Curriculum* chaired by Prof. Umehara (Wako Univ.); (c) *Child development* chaired by Prof. Tsuzuki (Chuo Univ.); (d) urban development chaired by Prof. Murosaki (Heian Jogakuin St. Agnes Univ.)

(4) Kyoto Network considering the exhibition "Marvelous Human Body" held a civic lecture on December 22 at Kyoto office, Social insurance doctors association, where two lectures were delivered: (a) Dr. Suenaga "Is it allowable to put human bodies on show?"; (b) Dr. Ogasawara et al, "Movement to put a stop to the exhibition".

(5) The research committee of social systems held a regular seminar on December 22 to discuss new theory of welfare-oriented state under the tuition of Prof. Ninomiya (Prof. Emeritus, Kobe Univ.).

OSAKA BRANCH

(1) The study group Contemporary Capitalism held a regular meeting on October 27 at the branch office, where two lectures were delivered: (a) Prof. Suzuki "What is global economics?", and (b) Prof. Iwahashi "Global economics and international finance".

(2) On October 27 at Nakazakicho mall, Osaka, the branch held the 54th Kitatenma Science Café. Prof. Sotoike (Aino Univ.) gave a talk about brain, and the function of five senses.

(3) The Kansai-area's colloquium for scientific workers in private enterprises held a regular meeting on November 4 at the branch office. Dr. Nakamura talked about the conversion to natural energy.

(4) On November 10 at Nakazakicho mall, Osaka, the branch held the 54th Kitatenma Science Café, where Ms. Ushiyama and Ms. Furutani (Women Civil Engineers Assoc.) talked about civil design.

(5) The study group of "The capital" held a regular meeting on November 12 at the branch office to read Part I, sections 4 and 5 in Ch. 22.

(6) On November 19 at the branch office the study committee of philosophy held a regular meeting, where Prof. Kono (Hyogo Univ.) gave a lecture on available wind power energy in Japan.

- (7) The study group Contemporary Capitalism held a regular meeting on November 22 at the branch office. Prof. Yasuki (Osaka Intl. Univ.) delivered a lecture on the recent business circumstances in Far East areas of Russia.
- (8) On December 1 Hegel study group held a regular meeting at Momoyama Gakuin University, where they discussed consciousness following *Phänomenologie des Geistes* of *Phenomenology* translated in Japanese under the Prof. Makino's explanation.
- (9) The Kansai-area's colloquium for scientific workers in private enterprises held a regular meeting on December 2 at the branch office. Mr. Yamamoto talked about the application of low head hydro power.
- (10) 4th Dobutsuen-mae science café was held on December 15 near Dobutsuen-mae subway station, where Prof. Furuya (Osaka Univ.) talked on the lives of cuttlefish and devilfish.
- (11) On December 22 at Nakazakicho mall, Osaka, the branch held the 55th Kitatenma Science Café, where science teachers performed experimentation for school students.
- (12) On December 23 at the branch office the branch held a regular meeting of the study committee of philosophy with the title "Relating to dialectics", where Dr. Morozumi explained using his book "Religion, materialism, and dialectics".

HYOGO BRANCH

On October 29 the branch organized a meeting for fresh members' studies exchange. Three talks were offered: (a) Dr. Ueno (Kobe Women's Univ.), "Living conditions of women and children through an investigation in Denmark"; (b) Dr. Kawachi, "Writing of life and child development"; and (c) Dr. Miyata (Konan Girls' Junior and Senior High School), "Tree-height dependent plasticity of open-grown current-year shoots".

OKAYAMA BRANCH

The Yomoyama (small talk) group held a regular meeting on October 15 at Okayama University. Prof. Kitagawa (Okayama Univ. Sci.) gave a talk "ESD and activities of community center".

HIROSHIMA BRANCH

The branch organized a regular meeting to discuss university reform policy since 8 years of privatization of national universities inviting Prof. Hosoi (Takrazuka Univ. Medical and Health Care). Participants freely discussed the future of university.

KOCHI BRANCH

On November 17 at Kochi Women's University the branch and its friendly group organized a civic lecture "Investigation of health damage at Chernobyl inviting Ms. Yoshida (Women network of investigation on the suffering at Chernobyl) as a lecturer.

FUKUOKA BRANCH

- (1) The research committee of nuclear problems held a regular meeting on November 4, where they discussed the organization of 2-year anniversary lecture on the March 11 accident and the talk of Prof. Sakai "German energy strategy breaking with nuclear power generation and promoting regenerable energy.
- (2) The branch held a JJS book club meeting on November 12 at Fukufuku Plaza, Fukuoka, where they discussed the special feature "The government university reform policy faces a new phase".
- (3) Energy research group held a regular meeting on November 17 at the Hakata Station Office of Kyushu University. Prof. Morita explained the actual status in popularization of regenerable energy in foreign countries.
- (4) Environmental research group held a regular meeting on December 8 at the satellite office of Kurume University, where Mr. Tomiyasu (rep. ECO Columbus) delivered a lecture on waste water treatment.
- (5) JJS book club regular meeting was held on December 10 at Fukufuku Plaza, Fukuoka, where they

discussed the special feature "Reconsidering of restart of nuclear power stations" in JJS vol. 12.

(6) Lecture series on nuclear power generation and energy problems (5) was held on December 26 at Fukuoka University, where Prof. Yamamoto (Fukuoka Univ.) delivered a lecture "Solar cell and photovoltaic generation technology, their recent trend and real problems".

OKINAWA BRANCH

The branch held a year-end conference on December 6 at Ryukyu University, where Prof. Kobayashi (JSA Aichi branch) delivered a lecture on his retrospect and expectation as a constitutionalist since lived in Okinawa.

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