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Briefings from organizers

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HEADQUARTERS

(1) The research committee of complex system held a workshop “Building new subject to reform” on April 28 at Toyonaka Campus, Osaka University. (a) Prof. Nagano, Y.(Osaka Univ.): “Empathy as juncture of body and society for explanation of the workshop”, (b) Prof. Nakanishi, S.(Yokohama City Univ.): “Subjective assignment and creative social building seeing in youngsters of present Japan”, (c) Prof. Yoshino, T.: “To build information and communication technology and network”, (d) Dr. Amano, “NO₂ simple measuring instrument for global change towards sustainable society”, (e) Prof. Shimada, I, “Human behavior as animal’s adaptive behavior for the changing of society”.

(2) The research committee of foodstuff problems held a regular meeting on May 18 at Bunkyo Civic Center, Tokyo, where Mr. Fujii (Japan Agricultural News) addressed a lecture “Abe Administration’s neoliberalism – TPP and the agricultural policy of the Liberal Democratic Party”.

TOKAI DISTRICT

The district organized a civic symposium “To prepare the Nankai Trough Earth Quake” on April 20 at Nagoya University. Five lectures were delivered by Prof. Furumoto (Nagoya Univ.), Dr. Tsunashima (Ad hoc committee of the Great East Japan Earthquake), Dr. Hayashi (Shizuoka Univ., ret.), Prof. Maeda (Mie Univ.), and Prof. Kondo (Gifu Univ.).

KANSAI DISTRICT

The Kansai-area’s colloquium for scientific workers in private enterprises held a regular meeting entitled “The construction of automobile road on the left-bank of Yodo River”, on April 7, at the Osaka branch office, where Dr. Kushimoto analyzed the issue point.

HOKKAIDO BRANCH

The branch organized a lecture presentation for new graduate students entitled “Is it possible to realize a zero-nuclear-power society? – Prospects and examples of natural energy usage” on April 26 at Hokkaido University. Prof. Yamagata delivered a lecture on the possibility of zero-nuclear-power society.

MIYAGI BRANCH

(1) JJS book club held a regular meeting on March 30 at Tohoku University. They discussed the articles of Yves Lenoir (Vol. 48, No.1), Wladimir Tchertkoff (No.1), and Isao Nagashima (No.3) respectively under the guide of Drs. Ogasawara, Koyama, and Karita.

(2) The branch held a lecture meeting entitled “Thinking of demographic issues of Japan from the status of university and local districts” on April 13 at Tohoku University inviting Prof. Itagaki as lecturer.

TOKYO BRANCH

(1) On May 1 at Bunkyo Civic Center, Tokyo, the Post 3.11 Study Meeting (graduate students group planned) organized a regular meeting, where they discussed several issues concerning Great East Japan

Earthquake Disaster.

(2) The branch individual members group organized 2013 Summer Fieldwork on May 6, which was to make a tour around Sumida River, under the guidance of Mr. Kimura (Article 9 Assoc.).

(3) Group Hazuki (August) and the science study committee held a citizen's conference "Latter half of our life, tackling poverty focusing on housing problem" on May 11 at Suginami-ku, Tokyo. (a) Prof. Nakajima (Wayo Women's Univ.), "Struggle over poor housing – Homeless and earthquake disaster"; (b) Ms. Kikuchi (New Japan Women's Assoc.), "What do you think of your retirement home – housing problem in the last half of life".

KYOTO BRANCH

(1) On April 5 the branch organized the 3rd study meeting of social system, where Prof. Usui (Tachiman Univ.) delivered a talk concerning the constitutional amendment draft of the Democratic Liberal Party criticizing from the standpoint of political philosophy.

(2) JJS book club held a regular meeting on April 26 at the branch office, where participants read the feature "Thinking about the chain of life" (JJS, vol.48, No.4) under the guide of Drs. Sokawa, Sugawara, Fujii, and Tomita.

OSAKA BRANCH

(1) On March 23 at Nakazaki Mall, Osaka, the branch held the 58th Kitatenma Science Café, where some science teachers demonstrated experiments for children.

(2) On March 31 at the branch office the study committee of philosophy organized a regular meeting with the theme "Issue points of program *Nishida's philosophy* NHK aired", where they discussed along with the investigation of Dr. Ajisaka (branch rep. sec.).

(3) On April 4 at Nakazaki Mall, Osaka, the branch held the 59th Kitatenma Science Café, where Dr. Suzuki (biology, Osaka Univ.) gave a lecture on biology at Japanese paddy fields focusing on the ecology of Chaetonotida.

(4) 6th Dobutsuen-mae science café was held on April 27 near Dobutsuen-mae subway station, where Dr. Mima (ex-director, Tennoji Zoo) talked on 100 years of the Tennoji Zoo area.

(5) On May 4 at Nakanoshima Auditorium, Osaka, the branch held the Kitatenma Science Café, where Dr. Shirai (Okayama Univ., ret.) gave a talk on the future of space ship *Earth*.

FUKUOKA BRANCH

(1) JJS book club held a regular meeting on March 14 at Fukufuku Plaza, Fukuoka, where they discussed the feature *The Fukushima nuclear disaster, two years later* (Vol.48, No.3).

(2) The section Kitakyushu organized a regular meeting "Behead *Abenomics* – new caring society from neo-liberalism" on March 22 at Weast Kokura Civic Center, Fukuoka.

(3) JJS book club held a regular meeting on March 23, Fukufuku Plaza, Fukuoka, where they read the feature "International nuclear lobby: Its virtual and real images" (Vol.48, No.1).

(4) JJS book club held a regular meeting on April 8, Fukufuku Plaza, Fukuoka. This time they discussed the feature "Thinking about the chain of life" (JJS, vol.48, No.4).

MIYAZAKI BRANCH

(1) The branch and friendly organizations held a civic lecture on the constitutional amendment on May 3 at Miyazaki City, where Dor. Wada (Prof. Emer., Kobe Univ.) delivered a lecture on the new phase of constitutional revisions.

(2) JJS book club held a regular meeting on May 9 at Miyazaki University, where they discussed the article of Prof. Yamaguchi: Critical review of corporationalization of national universities inviting the author with the aid of the former Prof. Nonaka of Miyazaki University.

OKINAWA BRANCH

(1) The branch held an open lecture presentation “Development of education welfare theory in Japan” on March 18 at Ryukyu University. Prof. Iwahashi (Fac. Law and Letters, Univ. of Ryukyus) delivered a lecture on the development of education welfare theory in Japan, which covers the investigation of Hashimoto phenomena in Osaka from the original standpoint of the research.

(2) The chapter Yanbaru organized Spring Gathering on March 22 at pub Kita-daichi near Nago City to exchange members’ experiences. The following talks were given: (i) Meanings of JSA and the chapter Yanbaru, (ii) “Frankly speaking Yanbaru and Okinawa’s education issues”, (iii) Japanese peace from Yanbaru, , Struggle in Takae (US Navy helipad construction site) and Henoko, (iv) Prospects of next year’s Nago Manor election.

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