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HEADQUARTERS

The research committee of human rights for elderly and handicapped people convened a study meeting on August 3, where they discussed K. Kawaguchi's book "*Workplace building and democracy*".

AOMORI BRANCH

(1) The Hachinohe chapter held a regular meeting on June 22 at a sports center, Hachinohe, Aomori, where they discussed the safety issue of nuclear power plants based on the lecture by Prof. Matsuyama "The active gigantic fault in the vicinity of nuclear facilities in Shimokita Peninsula".

(2) The committee of renewable energy started renewable energy seminar on June 25 at Hirosaki University. The first round was a lecture "The shift to renewable energy, why?" delivered by Prof. Suzuki (science and engineering, Hirosaki Univ.).

MIYAGI BRANCH

(1) On July 13 the branch held a civic lecture, where three lectures were delivered. (a) Prof. Shimizu (Tohoku Univ.) "Linear collider"; (b) Prof. Ihara (Prof. Emer., Tohoku Univ.) "Real identity of big science – What is up?"; and (c) Prof. Takei (Iwate Univ.) "A voice from Iwate"

(2) The 7th convention of nuclear power generation was organized on July 27 at Tohoku University, where Prof. Kusano explained his proposal of the method to construct solar beam power generation base at Minamitorishima Island.

TOKYO BRANCH

(1) The branch and JSA headquarters organized scientists' forum against A & H bombs on August 1 at Chuo University, Tokyo. The forum is placed as a special session of the World Conferences against A and H Bombs, basically having been held every year at a city between Hiroshima and Tokyo. Six speakers were invited. (a) Mr. Kasai (member of the House of Representatives) "The role of the Japanese Constitution for peace building, viewing the abandonment of Japan-U.S. Security Treaty, the abolishment of atomic weapons, and the elimination of nuclear power plants"; (b) Prof. Yamada (Meiji Univ.) "Dimensions of Japanese military system – What would happens when the Self Defense-Forces became "national guard"?"; (c) Ms. LeBlanc (organization dep., Peace Action, U.S.); (d) Dr. Konno (Sec. Gen., Kanagawa dep., Japan Association for a Non-Nuclear Government) "Reconsidering nuclear aircraft carrier problem at Yokosuka with Fukushima nuclear power plant accident"; (e) Mr. Ito (Central federation of residents' movements against nuclear power plants) "Current state of Fukushima, 2 years and 4 months since the earthquake and nuclear disaster"; and (f) Ms. Kikuchi's talk about her experience of participation in a petition action to the 2nd NPT preparatory committee.

(2) Graduate students chapter organized 2013 Summer Master's Thesis Training on August 2 through 3 at Hachioji Seminar House, where they discussed theses and research life from the master's course to postdoctoral.

KANAGAWA BRANCH

The branch and Kanagawa Article 9 Society held the 20th Article 9 Forum on July 7 at Tsurumi University Hall, Yokohama, where Prof. Hagiwara (economist, Prof. Emer., Yokohama Univ.) delivered a lecture on TPP and the impact of consumption tax on Japanese economy.

MIE BRANCH

On July 7 at Tsu City College Hall the branch convened a study meeting “Issues over TPP”, where Prof. Tokuda (Faculty of Bioresources, Mie Univ.) talked about those issues.

KYOTO BRANCH

(1) The study committee of social systems held the 4th regular meeting on June 14 at Higashiyama Civic Center, where they discussed the Karoshi (death from overwork) problem in the past quarter century posed by Prof. Morioka (Kansai Univ.).

(2) On June 15 at Ryukoku University the symposium committee for breaking nuclear power generation (which Kyoto branch participates in) organized a symposium “Listen to the voices of Fukushima for the present and the future”, which was divided into 3 parts. (a) Prof. Morita (Association for Citizens and Scientists Concerned about Internal Radiation Exposures, Doshisha Univ.) delivered a keynote speech.

(b) Appeals from Fukushima. (c) Discussion on what to do for the present and the future.

(3) Civic gathering “Do not do that! Mass media’s instruction in election” on June 22 was organized by the branch. (a) Mr. Hasegawa “Request for the improving of recent news report to mass media” and media’s reply to the request. (b) Demonstration parade.

(4) On June 23 at Ryukoku University, university problem symposium “To surveillance and improvement from evaluation in university” took place by University Ombudsman et al. Five reports were presented: Mr. Mosioka’s report on Shareholder Ombudsman, Mr. Nakamura’s on citizen’s ombudsman, Mr. Shigemoto’s on university ombudsman, Mr. Makiguchi’s on family management of university, and Mr. Okayama’s on university like Hamlet.

(5) JJS book club held a regular meeting on June 28 at the branch office, where five reports were made concerning the special feature “*Aiming at a society without nuclear power plant*” (Vol.48, No.6).

(6) Natural science salon (2) “Issues around the deep geological repository of radioactive wastes” took place on July 6 at Kyoto University, where Prof. Kobayashi talked about repository problems.

(7) JJS book club held a regular meeting on July 19 at the branch office, where four reports were made concerning the special feature “*The present archaeology and historiography of the environment*” (Vol.48, No.7).

OSAKA BRANCH

(1) On June 22 at Nakazaki Mall, Osaka, the branch held the 61th Kitatenma Science Café, where Prof. Tomita (Osaka School of International Public Policy) delivered a lecture on exercise for health.

(2) On June 25 at the branch office the study committee of philosophy organized a regular meeting with the theme “Natural energy issue”, where they discussed along with the investigation of Dr. Yamamoto.

(3) 7th Dobutsuen-mae science café was held on June 26 near Dobutsuen-mae subway station, where Prof. Matsumura (Hannan Univ.) talked under the theme “A plan of shopping mall through tourism around Shin-imamiya area, Osaka”.

(4) The Hegel study group held a regular meeting on July 6 at the branch office, where they discussed the part “sense of self” in Hegel’s ‘The phenomenology of spirit’ under the guidance of Dr. Makino.

(5) Kansai-area’s colloquium for scientific workers in private enterprises had a regular meeting on July 7 at the branch office. Two talks were presented: (a) Dr. Kushimoto “PM2.5 and health effect”; (b) Dr. Nakamura “Diesel engine and PM2.5”.

(6) On July 20 at Nakazaki Mall, Osaka, the branch held the 62nd Kitatenma Science Café, where science teachers instructed amusing science experiments for children.

(7) The study committee of philosophy held a regular meeting on July 23 at the branch office. Dr.

Iwamoto explained recent abnormal weather.

(8) The study group Contemporary Capitalism held a regular meeting on July 25 at the branch office. Mr. Kato (analysis of the stock market) explained the recent stock market.

(9) On July 28 at Tsurumibashi Mall, Osaka, the branch held the first Tsurumibashi Science Café, where science teachers instructed amusing science experiments for children.

HYOGO BRANCH

Japan Association for Non-Nuclear Government, Hyogo (in which Hyogo branch participates) held a civic study meeting on June 22 inviting Dr. Anzai (JSA representative secretary), who gave a talk about LDP's campaign strategy, the magic of constitutional revise and nuclear generation safety myth, in Upper House election.

OKAYAMA BRANCH

The 7th regular meeting of small talk society took place on July 16 at Okayama University, where Prof. Shinmura (history of economic doctrine, Okayama Univ.) delivered a lecture on *Abenomics*.

FUKUOKA BRANCH

(1) Energy research group organized a regular meeting on June 22 at Tsukushi campus of Kushu University, which was to discuss Dr. Izumi's paper "Influence on a human body due to the radiation".

(2) JJS book club held a regular meeting on July 8 at Fukufuku Plaza, Fukuoka, where they discussed the feature "The present archaeology and historiography of the environment" (Vol.48, No.7).

(3) Energy research group held a regular meeting on August 10 at Hakata Station office of Kyushu University, Fukuoka, to discuss how local governments are introducing renewable energy.

(4) JJS book club held a regular meeting on August 12 at Fukufuku Plaza, Fukuoka, where they discussed the special feature "War and medical ethics in Germany" (Vol.48, No.8), especially B. Till's paper.

OKINAWA BRANCH

On July 26 at Ryukyu University the branch held an open lecture for students, where Prof. Maehira (physics, Ryukyu Univ.) gave an introductory lecture on what is the study.

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