

[The Second Day]

A symposium entitled "Consumer Credit and the Role of the Judicial System" was held.

(Reports)

(1) "Development of Consumer Credit and the Role of the Judicial System", by Morio Takeshita (Co-ordinator: Professor, Hitotsubashi University).

(2) "Consumer Credit, and Judgment and Conciliation Proceedings", by Hiroshi Takahashi (Professor, Tokyo University).

(3) "Consumer Credit, and Execution and Summary Debt Collection Proceedings", by Toyohisa Isobe (Professor, Tokyo Metropolitan University).

(4) "Consumer Credit and Arrangement Proceedings", by Makoto Ito (Professor, Hitotsubashi University).

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4. Criminal Law and Procedure

1. The 63rd general meeting of *the Criminal Law Society of Japan* was held at Kyoto Industrial University on May 25 and 26, 1985. The titles of individual and joint reports were as follows:

[Individual Reports]

1. "Specifying the Object in Intention and Specifying 'Number'," by Makoto Ida (Lecturer, Keio Gijuku University).

2. "A Study on the Theory of Danger Permitted by Law," by Kimiho Shinoda (Associate Professor, Nagoya University).

3. "Discovery in Criminal Procedure," by Tadashi Sakamaki (Associate Professor, Kobe University).

4. "Bad Character as Evidence of Criminal Conduct and Other Crimes — Concerning Article 404 of the Federal Rules of Evidence of the United States of America," by Kiyoshi Yasutomi (Associate Professor, Keio Gijuku University).

[Joint Reports]

A discussion on the theme of "The Frequency of Stimulant Drug Offenses and Criminal Justice," chaired by Makoto Mitsui (Professor, Kobe University), was held after the following reports:

1. "The Increase of Stimulant Drug Offenses and Criminal Law Theory," by Masahide Maeda (Associate Professor, Tokyo Metropolitan University).

2. "Stimulant Drug Offenses and Complicity Theory," by Atsushi Yamaguchi (Associate Professor, Tokyo University).

3. "The Increase of Stimulant Drug Offenses and Criminal Procedure," by Yoshinori Kobayakawa (Professor, Meijo University) and Akimasa Takada (Associate Professor, Okayama University).

4. "Prevention of Stimulant Drug Offenses and Countermeasures against Them," by Masuyuki Morimoto (Professor, Shimane University).

5. "The Increase of Stimulant Drug Offenses and Treatment of the Offenders," by Akira Segawa (Associate Professor, Doshisha University).

[Workshop]

A lively discussion by the participants of the meeting was held on the following five themes:

(1) Self-Defense, (2) Legally Protected Interest of Offenses against Property, (3) Arrest and Detention, (4) Parole, and (5) Computer Crime.

2. The 64th general meeting of *the Criminal Law Society of Japan* was held at Gakushuin University on May 10 and 11, 1986. The titles of individual and joint reports were as follows:

[Individual Reports]

1. "Reasonable Causation in Criminal Law," by Yoichi Hayashi (Associate Professor, Hosei University).

2. "The Crime with a Serious Result — Erfolgsqualifizierten Delikt," by Masao Maruyama (Associate Professor, Otaru University of Commerce).

3. "The Theory of Impossible Attempt from the View of English Criminal Law," by Masao Okumura (Lecturer, Tokushima Liberal Arts and Science University).

4. "Reduction from 'Ultra-Personal Interests' to 'Personal Interests' — Crimes Obstructing Official Business," by Tamotsu Harada (Associate Professor, Aichi Gakuin University).

[Joint Reports]

A discussion on the theme of "Mass Communication and Criminal Law," chaired by Hajime Machino (Professor, Sophia University), was held after the following reports:

1. "Defamation and Its Justification," by Minoru Nomura (Professor, Waseda University).

2. "National Secrets and the Freedom of the Press," by Toyoji Saito (Professor, Konan University).

3. "Freedom of the Press in Criminal Proceedings," by Yutaka Kamiguchi (Associate Professor, Nanzan University).

[Workshop]

The participants had a discussion on the following seven themes:

(1) Mistake, (2) The Concept of "Danger," (3) General Prevention, (4) Human Life in Criminal Law, (5) Compulsory Order and Warrant Requirements, (6) Proceeding after Reopening, and

(7) Regulation of the Harmful Social Environment for the Juvenile.

3. *The Japanese Association of Law and Psychiatry* was established for the purpose of joint studies by authorities on criminal law and psychiatry. The establishment meeting and the first general meeting was held at Doshisha University on March 29, 1986. The contents of the meeting were as follows:

[Lecture]

1. “Competence for Criminal Responsibility from the Psychiatric Point of View,” by Hideo Hozaki (Professor, Keio Gijuku University).

2. “Competence for Criminal Responsibility from the Legal Point of View,” by Ryuichi Hirano (Ex-President of Tokyo University).

[Symposium]

The participants of the meeting exchanged lively opinions on the theme of “The Mental Health Act,” chaired by Minoru Otani (Professor, Doshisha University).

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5. Commercial Law

1. The 49th general meeting of *the Japan Association of Private Law* was held at Kansei Gakuin University on Oct. 12 and 13, 1985. In the Commercial Law Division, a symposium under the title, “UNCITRAL Draft Convention on International Bills of Exchange and International Promissory Notes” was held.