

## *Briefings from organizers*

February 25, 2013

### HEADQUARTERS

(1) The research committee of foodstuff problems held a regular meeting on January 26 at Surugadai Memorial Hall, Chuo University, where Dr. Namai (Tsukuba Univ., ret.) explained about the actual state and problems of radioactive pollution in agricultural products.

(2) The research committee of disaster problems organized a study conference on calamity science on February 22 at Nagoya University. (a) Dr. Kobayashi: "Security question at Sunoko-bashi (grating bridge), Ashio mine", (b) Drs. Furumoto and Yamazaki, "Prepare for coming huge earthquake", (c) Dr. Nishiyama, "The accident at Sasako (Yamanashi Pref.) tunnel", (d) Dr. Shiki, "Conditions and change in type of earthquake and tsunami in Japan", (e) Dr. Sakamaki, "Liquefaction at polluted Toyosu (Tokyo) area caused by the 2011 earthquake off the Pacific coast of Tōhoku", Dr. Utami, "Damage caused by heavy rainfall Tropical Storm Talas (2011) brought in Kii Peninsula".

(3) The committee for science and technological policy organized a symposium on February 9 at Bunkyo Civic Center, Tokyo. (a) Dr. Kawanaka (Advanced Industrial Science and Technology): "Reorganization of Council for Science and Technology, future science-technology policy, and reorganization of national research institutes", (b) Prof. Hatsuyama (Tohoku Univ.): "Science-technology policy in the wake of the great earthquake and the role of university – blind spots of the 4<sup>th</sup> plan".

(4) On March 2 at Bunkyo Civic Center, Tokyo the research committee of foodstuff problems held a regular meeting. Dr. Ishii (Fukushima Univ.) talked about how to recover foodstuffs and agriculture from radioactive contamination.

(5) The headquarters and the Fukushima branch organized a symposium on nuclear power generation on March 8-9 in Fukushima Prefecture. Mr. Yasuda (lawyer) gave a keynote address "Experience and lessons in the lawsuit for injunction of Fukushima Dini Nuclear Power Plant". The symposium had three sessions.

Session 1: "Livelihood support disaster victims and evacuees now desire"

(a) Prof. Chiba (Fukushima Univ.), "Support for Idate Village from women's viewpoint.

(b) Prof. Suzuki (Fukushima Univ.), "Administration of shelter, support for provisional and leased housings, and cure project for child"

Session 2: "Nuclear power plant disaster and regional industry"

(c) Prof. Koyama (Fukushima Univ.): "Harmful rumor involved in nuclear disaster and safety inspection system"

(d) Prof. Hatsuzawa (Fukushima Univ.): "Damages in small and medium sized companies and tasks for recovery"

Session 3: "Local governments and movements over nuclear power plant"

(e) Prof. Ito (rep. committee, a liaison center of citizen's campaigns over nuclear power plant): "Local government and citizen's campaign over nuclear power plant"

(f) Ms. Muto (rep., plaintiff group): "Present phase of group accusation movement over Fukushima nuclear power plant accidents"

(g) Mr. Hirota (lawyer): "Movement for complete compensation and decommissioning of six nuclear

power plants in Fukushima Prefecture"

#### 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".

#### KANSAI DISTRICT

The Kansai-area's colloquium for scientific workers in private enterprises held a regular meeting "The result of the Lower House election", on January 6, at the Osaka branch office, with Dr. Kunimura's analysis.

#### HOKKAIDO BRANCH

The branch held a New Year conference on February 2, Sapporo. Dr. Matsuzaki (physician, Fukagawa City Hospital) talked recent findings concerning low-dose radiation exposure in Fukushima.

#### AOMORI BRANCH

Hirosaki chapter held a New Year conference on January 25 at Nirosaki University. Prof Muramatsu (Hirosaki Univ.) delivered a lecture "Right-wing populism and the political party *Ishin* comparing with the case of Europe".

#### MIYAGI BRANCH

The branch held a New Year conference on January 19 at Women's Hall, Sendai, where participants interchanged their study experiences, followed by Prof. Hayashino's lecture "The meaning of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, universal music and current affairs".

#### TOKYO BRANCH

(1) Group Hazuki (August) has held a regular meeting on January 12 at the branch office, where two reports were given: Dr. Koshiba (Citizens and scientists study meeting on internal radiation exposure): "The data due to nuclear monitoring posts in Fukushima", and the conference for graduate student unions: "Questionnaire relative to economical status of graduate students".

(2) The science study committee held a symposium "Nonaka law case and its background" on January 19 at Surugadai campus of Meiji University. (a) Prof. Nonaka: "Fund for the purpose of controlling companies – from the viewpoint of the study committee of fund regulation and labor union (JSA committee)", (b) Dr. Osada: "Excessive compensation claim for the cooked up defamation – intimidation suppressing publication of research findings".

(3) The branch organized 2013 Spring School for graduate students on March 2 at Hachioji Seminar House, Tokyo. Presented were three master's theses from Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology, Nagoya University, and Hitotsubashi University, and a doctoral thesis from the University of Tokyo.

#### KANAGAWA BRANCH

(1) The branch held a research meeting on January 12 at Gallery and Space Yahei, where participants exchanged their study experiences.

(2) The branch held a study meeting on radiation exposure on March 9 in Fujisawa City, Kanagawa Prefecture. (a) Dr. Kwasaki (Emeritus Prof., Tohoku Univ.): "Radioactive contamination in sea and fishes", (b) Dr. Namai (Ibaraki Univ., ret.): "Radioactive contamination and internal exposure".

## KYOTO BRANCH

- (1) The branch held a new-year banquet on January 5, where Prof. Hirohara gave a talk about the analysis of the result of the Lower House election.
- (2) On February 9 the branch organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> study meeting of social system, where Prof. Shigemoto (Dean, Dep. Business Admin., Ryukoku Univ.) delivered a talk "Management and new social system according to Marx and Drucker.
- (3) The branch held a meeting for arranging the 2<sup>nd</sup> study meeting on breaking with nuclear power generation on March 1 in Kyoto City, where scheduled speakers gave lectures.

## OSAKA BRANCH

- (1) The branch held a New Year luncheon on February 2 at the branch office. Prof. Noguchi (Setsunan Univ.) talked about the actual state of natural energy in Northern Europe he viewed in the course of the travel in Denmark.
- (2) The Kansai-area's colloquium for scientific workers in private enterprises held a regular meeting on February 3 at the branch office, where Dr. Kushimoto gave a report on *Soradasu weather forecast*.
- (3) On February 16 at Nakazakicho mall, Osaka, the branch held the 57<sup>th</sup> Kitatenma Science Café, where Profs. Okagawa and Yokota (Osaka Univ. School of Foreign Studies) gave a talk on the culture and life in Ghana and Kenya.
- (4) 5<sup>th</sup> Dobutsuen-mae science café was held on February 23 near Dobutsuen-mae subway station, where Dr. Mima (Osaka Pref. Gov.) talked on water control in city.
- (5) The study group Contemporary Capitalism held a regular meeting on February 28 at the branch office, where Prof. Manabe delivered a talk on new economic policies.
- (6) The Kansai-area's colloquium for scientific workers in private enterprises held a regular meeting on March 3 at the office of the society for eliminating environmental pollution from Osaka, where Dr. Kitaguchi gave a talk on the history of water mill.

## HYOGO BRANCH

On February 21 in Kobe City the branch held a regular meeting (open to citizens) concerning the possibility of natural energy. (a) Prof. Kono (Univ. Hyogo): "Available wind energy in Japan", (b) Prof. Enshu (Osaka Univ. Economics): "Socioeconomic aspect of energy problem".

## SHIMANE BRANCH

The branch and its friendly organizations held 25<sup>th</sup> Conference for Thinking National Foundation Day on February 11, where Mr. Katsube (association for the compensation claim of martyrs to the prewar Maintenance of Public Order Law) gave a talk on his experience in days of Maintenance of Public Order Law and red purge.

## FUKUOKA BRANCH

- (1) Energy research group held a regular meeting on January 19 at Hakata Station Office of Kyushu University, where Prof. Moarita talked about physical process of low-dose radiation exposure.
- (2) The branch organized a symposium "For the society with no nuclear power generation" on March 3 at Fukuoka Satellite of Kurume University, Fukuoka. (a) Dr. Takaoka (medical doctor): "Health effects due to low-dose radiation exposure and internal exposure", (b) Prof. Yoshioka (vice president, Kyushu Univ.): "Stymied reformatin of nuclear safety regulation", (c) Mr. Kondo (lawyer): "On Genkai (nuclear power plant) lawsuit".

## MIYAZAKI BRANCH

On February 11 the branch held 73<sup>rd</sup> gathering for thinking the Constitution and peace, where Dr.

Ninomiya (Emeritus Prof., Kobe Univ.) gave a lecture "Citizens' selection in the 3<sup>rd</sup> turning point of 21<sup>st</sup> century".

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