

Report on the 6th symposium “Issues on Regional Sovereignty in Korea and Japan”

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Venue: Room 1202, Bldg. 26 of Waseda University



The Okuma School of Public Management (OSP) and The Graduate School of Public Administration of Jeju National University have co-hosted a symposium twice a year since 2009.

The 6th symposium “Issues on Regional Sovereignty in Korea and Japan” was held at Waseda University on January 17, 2012. Following the opening address by Prof. Takayoshi Egami (Dean, the Okuma School of Public Management) and Prof. Young-churl Ko (Dean, the Graduate School of Public Administration), Prof. Masayasu Kitagawa (OSP) and Prof. Kun-hyung Kang (The Graduate School of Public Administration) made presentations.



Prof. Egami

In Prof. Kitagawa’s presentation, “The Latest Trend of Regional Sovereignty Reform by Government Strategy Council on Regional Sovereignty in Japan”, he spoke of the trend of Regional Sovereignty Reform which began with enactment of the Decentralization Promotion Law in 1995. He then addressed his forecast for the Regional Sovereignty Reform in relevance with dynamic initiatives in different regions of the country after the emergence of regional parties and proposals for creating a new layer of government in 2010.



Prof. Ko

Prof. Kang spoke on the issue of Jeju naval base under the title of “National Security and Jeju Naval Base: Focusing on Naval Security”. For example, taking issues on the jurisdiction of Eodo Island, he talked of the importance of Sea Lines of Communication and rebuilding of the navy in Korea. He then mentioned issue of Jeju naval base in connection with Korean national security.



Prof. Kang



Prof. Kitagawa

Each presentation was followed by discussion with Prof. Egami, Prof. Jun Katagi (OSP), Prof. Sung-keun Oh and Prof. Seung-eun Oh (The Graduate School of Public Administration). Students of OSP also joined in the active discussion.

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Prof. Katagi



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