



Project on Intergenerational Equity

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## Workshop on Health and Welfare

On the 28th February 2003, a workshop on health and welfare was held at the Health Care Science Institute, Akasaka, Tokyo. Lively discussions took place on a variety of health-care issues from both theoretical and empirical standpoints. Reporters were Professors K. Tanaka (Yamaguchi Prefectural Univ.), T. Chino (Okayama Univ.), Y. Ogata (Kyushu Univ.), T. Nambu (Gakushuin Univ.), E. Tajika (Hitotsubashi Univ.), S. Ogura (Hosei Univ.), Mr. W. Suzuki (JCER) and Mr. H. Masuhara (Hitotsubashi Univ.).



Workshop on Health/Welfare Prof. Tadenuma Prof. Suzumura

## Intergenerational Equity and Principles of Cost-sharing

An international symposium on "intergenerational equity and principles of cost-sharing in the context of global-warming" was held on the 8th-9th March, 2003 at the National Center of Sciences, Tokyo. Opened with the keynote address by Prof. K. Suzumura (Hitotsubashi Univ.), the symposium had nine distinguished reporters: Professors K. Basu (Cornell Univ.), Y. Xu (Georgia State Univ.), T. Shinozuka (Otaru Univ. of Commerce), K. Suga (Waseda Univ.), K. Tadenuma, C. Hara, S. Morimura and N. Yoshihara (all from Hitotsubashi Univ.); and Dr. R. Gotoh (National Institute of Population and Social Security Research). The approaches by the reporters ranged from social choice theory to economic ethics, further to legal philosophy. Valuable comments were given by guest participants including Professors K. Kawamata (Keio Univ.), and T. Kishimoto (Kobe Univ.). Experts from various disciplines made this international symposium a memorable academic event, cutting deep into the topic of intergenerational equity.

## Release of a New Research Monograph

As part of our PIE Project, papers submitted to several PIE sponsored international seminars/workshops on pensions have been compiled into the volume **Taste of Pie: Searching for Better Pension Provisions in Developed Countries**, released in March 2003 by Maruzen Co., Ltd. Tokyo. Edited by Prof. N. Takayama, the book consists of 454 pages. The overview and contents can be found in the back of this newsletter.



Prof. Ogawa



Prof. Ogura

## The Second PIE General Assembly

On the 1st April 2003, the 2nd PIE general assembly was held at Sano-shoin, Kunitachi, Tokyo. Reporters were Professors H. Ogawa (Kanto Gakuin Univ.), S. Ogura (Hosei Univ.), T. Oshio (Tokyo Gakugei Univ.), K. Futagami (Osaka Univ.) and K. Tanabe (Univ. of Tokyo). Through the lengthy Q&A sessions, deeper understandings of intergenerational equity have been achieved.



Prof. Oshio



Prof. Futagami



Prof. Tanabe

## The Future of Corporate Pensions

On the 15th April 2003, the seminar on The Future of Corporate Pensions in the United States and Japan was held at Hitotsubashi Memorial Hall, National Center of Sciences, Tokyo, co-hosted by PIE, the Asian Foundation and the German Institute for Japanese Studies. Dr. W.D. Crist, former President of the Board of Administration of CalPERS gave a keynote speech on the corporate pensions of the US, followed by reports from Mr. T. Yano (Executive Managing Director of Japanese Pension Fund Association) on Japanese corporate pensions, and Dr. F. S. Wiebe (the Asia Foundation) on corporate governance. A thorough debate mainly focused on the relationship between pension funds and corporate governance took place.



Research Monograph



Dr. W. D. Crist