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**News****Report on Hokkaido University Law and Politics Workshop**

The regular law and politics meeting took place on 17 December 2015 with 50 participants. Yuichi Murakami, a public administration major, gave a presentation entitled 'Common Topics for Law and Politics in My Public Administration Study'. He provided three topics as examples: 1) the 'competition' between intergovernmental and non-governmental rules or standards of ships in the global regulatory space; 2) the 'design' and 'practice' of independent regulatory organizations concerning public and private finance, central bank, and nuclear policy; and 3) the 'ecology' of bureaucrats equipped with administrative autonomy and the discretion and delegated authority of administrative guidance.

In a following session, Murakami responded to participant questions and said that discretion above is so wide that bureaucrats' ethics or mission should be important to ask them for administrative responsibility. He also said that it is realistic to examine the extent of independence of regulatory organizations in terms of the distance or tense atmosphere created against others in the course of their operation, and that history and practice of court of justice administration can be another common topic.

The workshop led to the possibility of further dialogue in the future between the disciplines of law and politics in public administration.