

**Seminar Held at Charles University, the Czech Republic, on  
Environment-Related Joint Research by Charles University and  
Kyushu University**

Date: March 16, 1995 10:00 - 12:00

Place: Main Hall, Charles University

In fiscal 1994, the Foundation's comprehensive research assistance was awarded to a research project on air pollution in Prague and proposals for effective abatement measures. The research group is headed by Professor Hiromasa Ueda of Kyushu University and Professor Bedrich Moldan of Charles University, and included U. S. and Dutch researchers. Begun in August 1994, this international joint effort is slated to continue for three years. To publicize the project in Prague and to gain the interest and understanding of the local government and citizens of the city, a seminar was held at the university. The Foundation also took the opportunity to publicize its activities related to the global environment, addressing seminar participants on the results of its annual "Questionnaire on Environmental Problems and the Survival of Humankind."

At the seminar, attendees were extremely interested in a demonstration of the electronic billboard that the research group recommended for Prague's air pollution density monitoring system. After the lectures ended, members of the press asked questions covering topics such as the effects of photochemical air pollution on the residents of Prague, the predictions for results after the research is completed in three years, and awareness of global environmental problems. The research project is endorsed by the Embassy of Japan in Prague because of its timeliness and significance for the people of the Czech Republic.

The lecture program was as follows.

- (1) Bedrich Moldan, Professor, Charles University.  
Research and Solutions to Air Pollution and Photochemical Smog in Prague
- (2) Hiromasa Ueda, Professor, Kyushu University  
Photochemical Reactions in the Atmosphere, Case Studies of Photochemical Smog Diffusion in Japan and East Asia, and Computerized Prediction
- (3) Osamu Shiragami, Senior Executive Director, Asahi Glass Foundation  
Results of the 1994 Asahi Glass Foundation Questionnaire on Environmental Problems and the Survival of Humankind

