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The co-operation between the Graduate School of Law of the Nagoya University and the Institute for Legal Studies of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences goes back to 2003. Since that time there was extended research co-operation mostly on experience of the respective transitions to the rule of law, on the one hand, and there were regularly held Japanese–Hungarian seminars either in Nagoya or in Budapest on a variety of timely legal issues, including also constitutionality and justice problems raised by those processes of transition, on the other. These seminars were contributed to and attended by not only Japanese and Hungarian researchers but experts coming from other countries in Asia and Europe as well. The professional interest in these seminars was enhanced so as to transform them into genuine nation-wide workshops in the hosting country.¹ On its turn, the output of the co-operation itself in two considerable volumes of proceedings published so far became similarly an achievement standing for itself.²

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¹ Friedery, R.: Transformation, Law Reform and Integration in Central- and Eastern Europe (*Symposium held on 17–18 October 2003 in the Institute for Legal Studies of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences*). *Acta Iuridica Hungarica*, 45 (2004) 159–169.

² Mamoru Sadakata (ed.): *Hungary's Legal Assistance Experiences in the Age of Globalization*. Nagoya, 2006. ii + 312 pp. with seventeen papers from Hungary and Mamoru Sadakata (ed.): *Legal and Political Aspects of the Contemporary World ed. Mamoru Sadakata*. Nagoya, 2007. vii + 240 pp. with seven Japanese and seven Hungarian papers.

In the spring of 2007 the Institute for Legal Studies had the honour to host an international seminar on “Comparative Aspects of Civil Litigation” in Budapest.

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