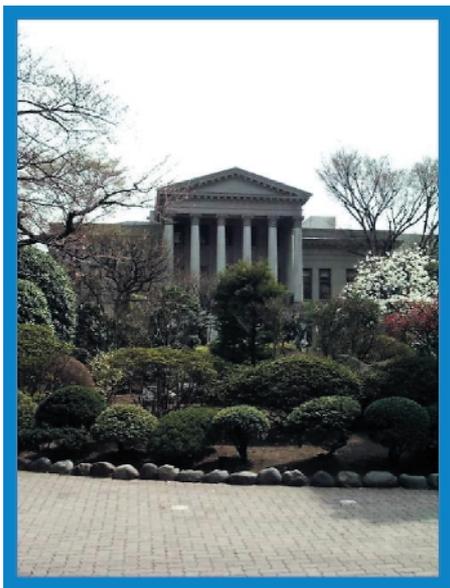


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The 47th Spring Meeting of The Japan Society of Applied Physics (JSAP) was held between 28th -31st March at Aoyama Gakuin University in Shibuya, Tokyo. The venue, Shibuya, is renowned for its vibrant atmosphere with a myriad of boutiques, trendy cafes and restaurants catering mainly for teenagers and those still young at heart. More recently, Shibuya has been the preferred choice of many young entrepreneurs establishing so-called 'dot-com' businesses thus adding to the energy of this town that never sleeps.

The end of March is also the 'Hanami' season in Tokyo (literally, 'cherry blossom viewing') and thousands of people gravitate to 'Hanami' spots in and near Shibuya such as Aoyama, Harajuku, Yoyogi, to welcome Spring and the new fiscal year that starts on April 1st.

The combination of the fine weather, venue and expectation of learning more about the latest developments in applied physics attracted 8865 participants to this Meeting, which is more than one third of the JSAP membership. A total of 4216 presentations were given over four days.

Special tutorial-type of presentations or 'schools on applied physics' were also held with the aim of enhancing the public understanding of science and technology. The topics discussed were, "discovery and invention for venture business", "atomic-scale observation and manipulation", and "growth and device physics of gallium nitride".

Fig. 1 (a) - (c) show the number of the presentations made in the sessions as classified by the JSAP. It can be seen that participation in group A has increased but that in group B has decreased. These trends will be taken into account during future planning of JSAP Meetings. In the future, the JSAP is planning to include English language programs and abstracts of meetings on its web-site:

<http://www.jsap.or.jp/obutsu/lecture.html>

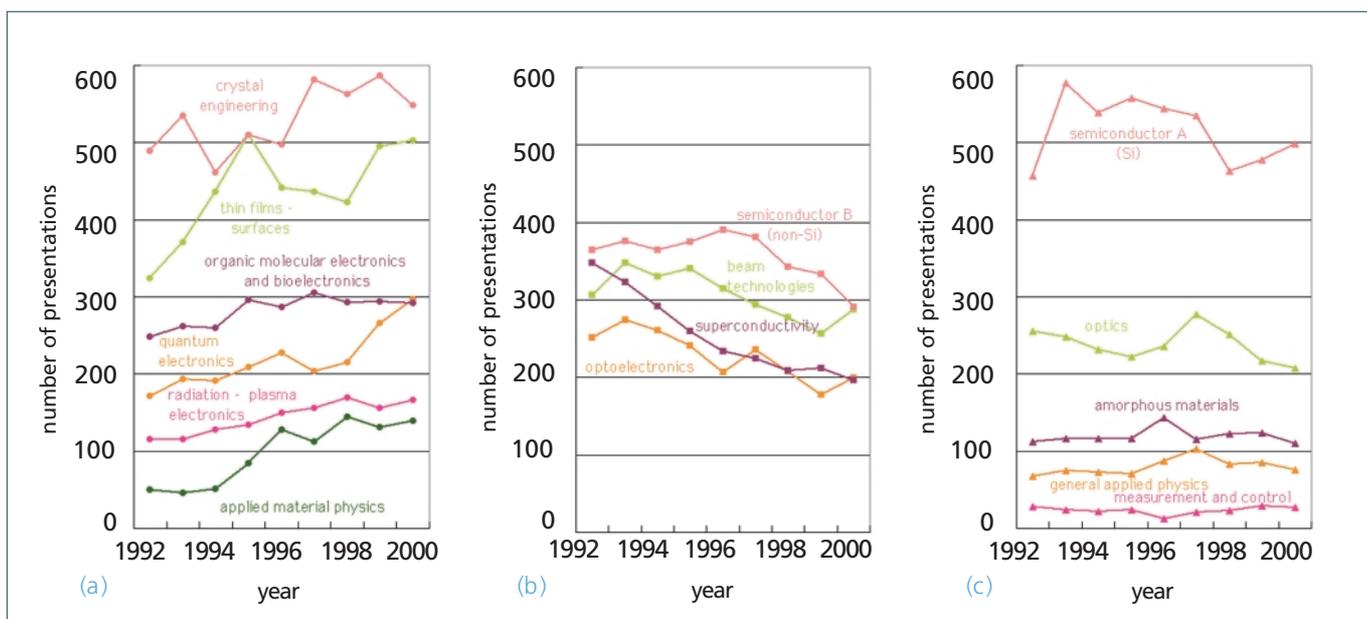


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