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Sustainable society based on diverse family structure

Future Society in Japan Compared to Foreign Countries

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Background

Today, in Japan, the population of younger generation has been decreasing according to Declining Birth Rate (DBR). Therefore, it’s a pressing problem to take measures against DBR, to build up sustainable society.

Research

Object

OECD countries

The heads of study

①TFR (Total Fertility Rate)
②The correlation between TFR and the average first-marriage age, woman employee rate, education expenditure, the rate of children born out of wedlock, annual working hours.
③The causality between TFR and the rate of children born out of wedlock.

Purpose

To anticipate the problems which would occur in the process of DBR, referring to advanced countries.

Total Fertility Rate (TFR)

Comparison with OECD countries.

\[ TFR = \frac{\sum f(x)}{g(x)} \]

f(x): annual reproduction figure of a woman at age x.
g(x): total number of woman at age x.

- Similarity
  - More than 2.0 until 1970’s.
  - Less than 2.0 in 1980’s
  - Afterward, two groups derive.
  - One upturn to about 2.0 (GaA),
  - Another keep low level under 1.5 (GbB)

Factor analysis

- Moral change
  - Christian morality: taboo against a divorce, contraception, abortion, and intercourse without marriage. or inequality among a couple (conventional marriage)
  - Since the late 60’s, a movement of woman’s objection had spread.
  - Marriage ≠ intercourse: an agreement based on a free will of equal couple

- Women’s participant in the working world in the middle of child-rearing
  - building up the society in which women can keep on working after raising children

Prospect

If following policies are advanced...

- child-nurturing support
  - social environment that enables uniting bringing up a child to social life
  - gender-equal working condition
  - protection of the rights of children that is a trend in advanced countries.

Illegitimate rate come up!!

Task

The necessity for diversity which can take in minority.

Remained problems (Japanese conventional concept of value)

- inequalities in inheritance for illegitimate
- inequalities in tax system (allowance for widow, allowance for dependent)
- insufficient system of maternity leave
- relationship section in family registration