

Children's Rainbow Center Newsletter

Rainbow Times

Don't you feel like
New Year was such a long
time ago...? just me?

The Bulletin of Children's Rainbow Center No.8(Japanese) has been published !

CRC is publishing a bulletin every year. We will introduce you some of the contents in our newest bulletin. The theme of the opening article is "Child Poverty" by Mr. Ichiro Matsumoto. Mr. Matsumoto is one of the first professionals to realize the issue and began research on child poverty in Japan. Next is the record of a journalist, Ms. Atsuko Shiina's lecture. Ms. Shiina is the original author of the *manga* (comic book) "*Ko-ri tsuita me* (The frozen sight)", which gave impetus to people realizing child abuse and neglect. She gave a talk titled "Promoting child abuse and neglect prevention by *manga*", and spoke about interesting things like, how the story became a *manga* and how the reader's reactions were.

The bulletin also includes the edited version of four lectures picked up from the twenty-six training program CRC has delivered last year: "Infant's development (Mr. Toshihiko Endo-)", "Child's Memory (Ms. Makiko Nakama)", "The facts and approach towards sexual abuse prevention in Japan (Mr. Tsuneo Yamamoto)", "Family support at Children's Homes (Mr. Takeo Shimakawa)". Each one is a rich important discussion on how to approach child abuse and neglect prevention in Japan.

Essays were: "The Beginning - Child abuse and neglect prevention project (Mr. Fumihiko Kawasaki, Director of Research Division, CRC)", "Passing the spirit - The spirit of Orange Ribbon *Tasuki* Relay4 (Mr. Takashi Masuzawa, Director of Training Division, CRC)", "Conferencing online!(Ms. Kyoko Minamiyama, Training Division, CRC)". For more report of CRC Professional Counseling and etc, check on CRC homepage (Japanese)

The benchmark of Children's Homes will change!?

~ The comment of Mr. Hosokawa, the Minister of Health, Labor and Welfare ~

Since last Christmas, [Tiger Mask Donation](#) has become a phenomenon in Japan. [Tiger Mask](#) is a Japanese manga series published on late 60s and early 70s. Naoto Date, who's raised up in a children's home, was scouted into a rapacious organization and became a heel reseller "Yellow Devil". However, Naoto leaves the organization because he could not stand the organization's evildoing, and becomes a heroic reseller "Tiger Mask", who donates his prize money to the orphanage. The organization bared grudge against him, sends him assassins. The story ends with Naoto sacrificing himself for a boy who was nearly ran by a car... Since there was a donation of ten school bags (this bag, [Randoseru](#), costs at least ¥20,000 each) to a Children's Home from "Naoto Date", there is a chain donation movement to Children's Homes under the name of Naoto Date and other manga characters.

Children's Homes have been holding attention for this movement. Mr. Hosokawa, the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare, have stated that he is "considering augmenting the personnel of Children's Homes". The minimum standards of Children's Homes we are using now, was established in 1948 and has never been changed. We hope that this Tiger Mask Phenomenon would be a favorable wind for revising the system of Children's Homes.

Mr. Hosokawa's comment: <http://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/kaiken/daijin/2r98520000010mbs.html>

Minimum Standards (1948: Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare) : <http://law.e-gov.go.jp/htmldata/S23/S23F03601000063.html>

The basis of Minimal Standards (1947: Child Welfare Act) : <http://law.e-gov.go.jp/cgi-bin/idxsearch.cgi>



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