

Do you know the children's right?

There is an international treaty : “Children’ s right treaty” to protect the right of all the children.

Children’ s right treaty is . . . not limited only children (people under 18 years old) to be protected, but to make clear that the children are the subjects who have the right.

Right to live, right to grow up, right to be protected from violence, right to receive education, right to play, etc. . . . they are rights that are enjoyed by children, irrespective of the place where they were born.

This treaty, Japan was 158th ratification country among world 196 countries, the treaty ratified considerably late.

From this fact in Japan, thinking of children’ s right is too much running behind. Among these factors the violence to children is increasing year by year, and in 32 consecutive years the increment is very high. About 210,000 consulting are required. It is surprising that 60% of consulting requirements is of psychological abuse.

Psychological abuse means “threat by words” , “negligence” and “discriminatory treatment among brothers and sisters” . In our daily life it made me critically think that our easy remarks damage children. In one word we say that “we protect our children” , but I felt it is necessary to make environment to protect children in real meaning not only at home but also in the region and school included. I wish my remarks make a step for you to think about children’ s rights.

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