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We'd like to send our deepest empathy to all the victims of the earthquake.

We hope that restoration would be achieved as soon as possible.

With all our best wishes to the people in northeast Japan.

☆ MDT(Multi-disciplinary Team)

Training for University Students

We are opening our yearly MDT training for students. As we already know, multi-disciplinary cooperation is essential in working with maltreated children and their family. United States and European countries, in view of its importance, has been conducting training programs and intern for students. However, it has been rarely operated in Japan. CRC started MDT training program for university students and graduate students since 2006, and are opening again in August this year. Students who participated unanimously say: "It was a great chance to know about the reality of child abuse and neglect." "I got a solid sense that working together is one of the key factor in supporting abused children and their family." We are expecting students from various departments and major to participate. Please introduce this program to any student interested in child abuse and neglect!! (available only in Japanese)

- ✓ **Participants:** Any academy, community college, university and graduate students who are interested in Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention.
- ✓ **Date:** from Aug 23rd 2001. 10:00 to Aug 24th, 2011. 15:45
- ✓ **Place :** at Children's Rainbow Center (15min ride on bus from Totsuka station)
- ✓ **Fee:** 1) material fee ¥1.000 **Optional fee:** 2) fellowship meeting ¥2.000 3) accommodation fee ¥6.500
4) pickup bus ¥3.000 5) lunch ¥700 per day
- ✓ **Subscription:** See our homepage or contact kensyu@crc-japan.net for application form
- ✓ **Subscription deadline :** Jul 15th (Minamiyama)



★ Amendment in Parental Authority System

The bill for partial revision of the civil and other related law was passed on May 27th, and was promulgated on June 3rd. The revision in parental authority is a drastic change in child abuse and neglect prevention. I will briefly follow the changes made by the revision.

First, it was made clear that the child must be guarded and educated "**for the child's benefit**". It is definitely on the law, now that a child may not be secondary to any adult's personal reasons but fundamentally to be thought from their benefit.

The only option we had was the "forfeiter of parental authority". Since this was rarely filed, the revised bill included "**suspension of parental authority up to two years**". Also, **the child him/herself is now able to file a petition** for forfeiter and/or suspension of parental authority.

Another clarification was made on this revision. The Child Welfare Act originally says that a director of a residential institute may take action when the child is in need. However, most claim by the person exercising parental authority or the guardian of a minor was given priority. This time, it made it clear that "**a person exercising parental authority or guardian of a minor may not unjustly disturb the director taking action**".

Other changes by this revision included: "the guardian of a minor could be multiple person or a corporate as well as an individual", "review of the discipline system (when a child makes a wrongful action, residential institute may give a decent punishment)", "visits are also to be set on divorce trial", "review of law taking temporal custody" and "maintenance of the related other law". For more info: http://moj.go.jp/MINJI/minji07_00043.html (Japanese)

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