

Children Cafeteria, a Breakthrough to Save the Future

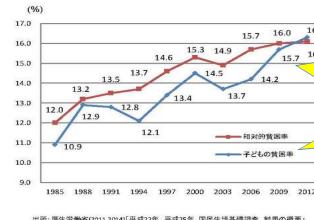
~ a way of social support for children in poverty ~



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Introduction

Table1: Japan's relative poverty rate (%)



In Japan
one in six is
in poverty !

the characteristic of Japan's poverty



To prevent reproduction of poverty

- ⇒ need to pay more attention to children in poverty
- ⇒ need to establish a system to support their economical independence in the future

Hypothesis

Problems

- Children's poverty is easily overlooked
- Sociality isn't fully acquired when young
⇒ lack of communication skills and social rules

What is necessary

- to notice hidden poverty ⇒ to make strong community ties
- to give children chances to improve communication skills and to learn social rules
- * Definition of "community"
A group of people living in one place and having a shared sense of belonging
- A group of people who can notice trivial matters among group members by mingling with one another

Children Cafeteria

- Serve food for free or at a very low price
- Serve hot meals
- Provide a place to relax
- Mostly run by volunteers
- Children can come on their own

Children cafeteria can offer good ways to fulfill what is necessary.

Research / Result

- Hakusan Kodomo Syokudou (2016/8/6)
- Kanazawa Nikoniko Club (2016/10/20, 12/15)
- ◎ Children can come in touch with society
- ◎ Children can stay feeling relaxed
- ◎ Children can easily communicate with others
- ✗ held irregularly
- ✗ difficult to continue (lack of food, money, volunteers)
- ✗ unclear whether children in poverty will come



Cases in foreign countries

	Pasto Buono (Italy)	French bread is Waiting (France)	Soup Kitchen (USA)
Price...	free	free	free or low price
Run by...	Catholic charity organization	bakery and local people	local volunteers
Provides...	food	French bread	soup
Frequency...	daily		weekly
Note...	stable food supply	easy to join -support for children -communication	lack of funds

Children Cafeteria → Foreign culture

Consideration

In children cafeteria,

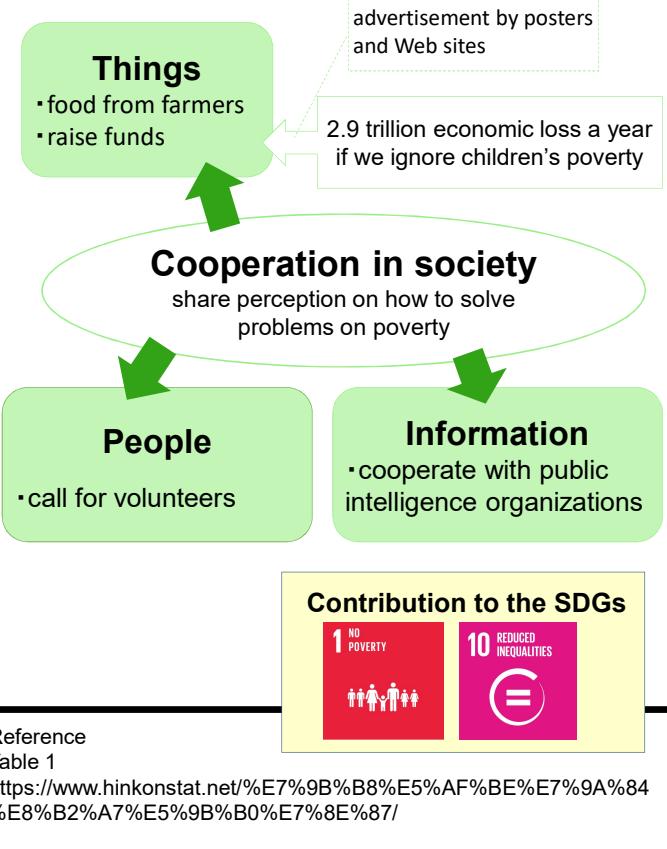
- children can get stronger ties with communities
- children can enjoy communication with others

⇒ Children cafeteria can help poor children to become independent adults in the future

... though problems still remain unsolved!

Our opinions

As a means of managing children cafeteria, approaches from three aspects are necessary: things, people and information.



Reference

Table 1

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