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**the 20<sup>th</sup> ISPCAN International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect**NAGOYA,  
Japan**&  
the 20<sup>th</sup> JaSPCAN Congress**14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>  
Sep, 2014

The 20<sup>th</sup> ISPCAN international congress was held on 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September, in Nagoya, Japan. Two thousand five hundred professionals from all over the world came to the congress to exchange up-to-date information on child abuse and neglect. The congress main theme was "Towards child-centered societies: Learn from the past, act for the future."

The 20<sup>th</sup> JaSPCAN congress was held on 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> September, at the same time at the same place. Ms.Kobayashi, our director served as the co-chair of ISPCAN congress and as the chair of JaSPCAN congress. CRC staffs presented reports on some interesting topics in both congresses.

Keynote lecture: Learn from the past, act for the future - Towards a society caring maltreated children and their parents- (Kobayashi, CRC Director, JaSPCAN Head Representative)

✦ Integrating our own experience and what we have learned from other countries, Japan is working towards a society without child abuse. Japan has begun to actively work on preventive supports instead of focusing only on abuse response. Beside the construction of systematic rules, we highly regard the work to explore and understand the child and the parent's unique needs. Ms.Kobayashi ended the lecture quoting H,Kempe. Our aim is to never let a child die and to break the generational chain of child abuse.

Symposium: Identification of Neglect in Dentistry (Watanabe,Kawasaki,&Sato.)

✦ The medical neglect of dentistry tends to be left aside to other types of maltreatment. However, oral hygiene significantly affects the child's life and needs more attention.

Oral session: Review of Paternal Filicide-Suicide Cases (Kawasaki, GM of CRC Research Department)

✦ Reviewing 6 court trialed cases, Kawasaki gave insights to the characteristics and backgrounds of filicide-suicide offending fathers. These fathers tend to entangle the whole family.

Panel exhibition: Introduction of CRC and Consideration of Current Situation and Challenges of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention in Japan

✦ CRC has four functions: professional training, professional counseling, information provision, and research. Through our duties, we see the overall challenges: insufficient child and family support system, needs for professional development system, enhancement of research, and a firm social recognition.

Oral session: Review of Maternal Filicide-Suicide Cases (Nagao, CRC Research Staff)

✦ Reviewing 6 court trialed cases, Nagao gave insights of characteristics and backgrounds of filicide-suicide offending mothers. Unlike the offending fathers, mothers tend to accompany children instead of the whole family. In 5cases, the mother was subjected to psychiatric test and in 2cases, the mothers were accepted as having diminished capacity.

Poster session: The Current situation and Challenges of Professional Development in Japanese Child Welfare System (Masuzawa,Narahara,&Minamiyama, CRC Training Division)

✦ The survey results from 14,946 professionals showed that there are substantial systematic challenges such as problems related to employment contract, frequent placement changes, insufficient supervision, and insufficient on-the-job training.

Poster session: Survey on Mother-Child Relationship in Mothers & Children's Homes (Masuzawa, GM of Training Department)

✦ Within 2,944 households, 15% had some kind of mother-child relationship problem such as ambivalent child rearing style, use of physical punishment and maternal violence. The homes should not just provide a protective shelter but also needs to support building up mother-child relationship.

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