

Greeting from the chief director

## **Profile**

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The main writings

'Intervention to Child Abuse –Its System and Law—' (the author and editor, published by Shogakusha)

'Child Abuse Prevention Legal System— Directionality and the Problem of Reform—' (the author and editor, published by Shogakusha)

'Law of Family and Succession' (the author and editor, published by Shogakusha)

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The child abuse prevention of the whole country network was born in 2001 as "A nationwide network where the reform of the child abuse prevention law was requested". In 2000, the child abuse prevention law was enforced and a real approach on the child cruelty started but still, the system and the contents of the law were not enough. Then by calling all fields related to a child's welfare, to prevent the child abuse, and to improve the child's welfare, we started to operate as a group that do a social action from which the legal system reform was requested.

There have been two investigations and proposals for law reform, eleven symposiums, a repose of soul meeting and a parade that gathered 4000 people in Hibiya and in addition to investigate from which transfers of tax revenue sources review to the local public entity of the protection necessary child measures budget was requested and the activities of the meetings. We started to work on "the child abuse prevention orange ribbon movement" in full scale last year. On that occasion, to develop, not only, a law reform but also the activity that prevented the child abuse more widely, we changed our name to "The Child Abuse Prevention of the Whole Country Network".

It was necessary to accomplish the responsibility as a group appropriately to develop a wide range like this activity, and to appeal to the society. Therefore, we applied for the attestation of NPO (specific, non-profit-making activity) corporation and were admitted in August, 2007. I would like to thank all the people who have supported our activities.

Well, our "Child Abuse Prevention of the Whole Country Network" assumed that two businesses are accomplished now. One was a social action from which the review of a reform of the child

abuse prevention law and children's welfare act and the lowest standards in facilities for children's welfare etc. were requested in cooperation with various groups that were related to the prevention of the child abuse. We would like to verify the enforcement situation of the child abuse prevention law and the children's welfare act newly reformed, and to develop various activities like a symposium and a meeting, etc. aiming at the following revision: another one was announcing to the public of the child abuse prevention at centers of the orange ribbon movement and an enlightening activity. It was not possible to say enough even though the understanding of the society was deeper about the child abuse. It was necessary to accomplish the whole society's sharing knowledge of the child cruelty to support it to children, who had parents, who worried about how to bring up the child, were unhappy, and had received some cruelty, and had made it respectively.

We would like to expand the orange ribbon activities that aims at "A society where all children are not maltreated" to a symbol further through the distribution of a cloth ribbon and a badge, and the repose of a soul meeting and a parade.

We hope as many people as possible will understand the purpose of our activity and get cooperation in the prevention of the child abuse. in each method. It is our dream to work with all of you to achieve "A society where all children are not maltreated" hand in hand.

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