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| **Specific health issues of children who continue to receive pressure under the childhood impoverishment in Japan (4) : Predicted child image** |
| **Background**In Japan, after the 1960s in the rapid economic growth, new physical and mental health issues of children had begun to be observed. We established the ‘National Network of Physical and Mental Health in Japanese Children' in 1979. The network has been holding an annual conference “Annual Meeting on Physical and Mental Health in Japanese Children” to solve such health problems with many teachers, yogo teachers, physicians, parents and children etc. In this annual meeting, various health issues of children are discussed including "abnormalities" which are not diseases and/or disabilities but are not health. In addition, the 'Annual Report of Physical and Mental Health among the Children’ as discussion materials of the meeting continued to be edited from 1989. However, the health issues of Japanese children (e.g. bullying, long absentee, violence, suicide, visual acuity, allergy, back strength, fatigue, Internet addiction, autonomic nervous system, executive function, sleep problems, defecation etc.) are going ahead more and more in a direction of intensification.Therefore, the purpose of this study was to predict the Japanese children's future image under pressure of the highly competitive public education system based on evidence published in "Annual Report of Physical and Mental Health among the Children."**Methods**We predicted the Japanese children's future image under the pressure based on evidence published in "Annual Report of Physical and Mental Health among the Children." In this presentation, data on previous presentation (1), (2) and (3) were used.**Results**The predicted future image of Japanese children showed the possibility of becoming increasingly worried.**Discussion**The above results were shown that Japanese children were faced with such a crisis they have never experienced before. Thus, we reached the conclusion that loss of childhood due to pressure of the highly competitive public education system lead Japanese children to the above future image.**Keywords**behavioural response, physical symptom, future image, Annual Report of Physical and Mental Health among the Children |