Educational beliefs of families with Japanese marriage migrants: Analysis of life stories in five Asian countries

■ Project Overview

Countries with a declining population face the dilemma of having some of their citizens residing overseas.While the inclusion of nationals living abroad has been regarded as an important issue among countries with a declining population, Japanese marriage migrants residing in Asia have been drawing more attention as a new migration phenomenon. In this study, we focus on families of Japanese marriage migrants in five Asian countries (China, Korea, Thailand, the Philippines, and Singapore). We will collect life stories from not only Japanese migrants themselves, but also from their spouses in their native language with the help of overseas' collaborators. By analyzing their educational views from their narratives, we aim to reveal the characteristics of this new migration phenomenon. However, in this study, we will not converge on a single theory or model in the analysis of stories collected. Instead, we intend to construct a system that enables all research collaborators to study from their specialized perspectives (Education, bilingualism, sociology, history, Public Health, etc.) so that we can illustrate different aspects of the phenomena. The study of intermarried families is heavily gendered, and the majority of the study is from wives' and mothers' viewpoints. Few studies include spouses', more specifically fathers,' views compared with those of mothers. Even fewer studies aim to compare multiple countries. We believe this study is unique for its subjects, size, and methodology, which will bring us to a new phase in the field.

■ Schedule

2020FY	2021-2022FY	2023FY
Literature review Pilot interview	Main Interview	Follow-up interview Publish outcome

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