

ABSTRACT

The existence of children is very important as the successor for the nation. If the number of children continue decreasing, the future of nation could be threatened. Recently, this situation is happening in Japan and known by term “*shoushika mondai*”. Although a desire among Japanese to have a children is tend to be strong, but in fact the birth rate is continuing to decrease. One of the reasons is mostly marriage couples not intend to have an ideal number of children, due to raising children cost is high, especially cost of education. But in fact, both working husband and wife households is rising. Therefore, it necessary to elaborate an income and expenditure of Japan households, and their influence to the decision of marriage couples to have less child, with statement of problem as follow : **How Japan worker’s household’s income and expenditures in 2005 – 2010, especially expenditure for education cost, make an impact to *shouhika mondai*?**

The period of research is limited by 2005 – 2010, because in 2005 the lowest Japan birth rate after war was happened, and 2010 is the nearest period with this research (2011). Beside of that, worker’s of households is selected because the amount of worker’s households is more than self-employed households.

This descriptive-qualitative research done by using literature study as main method and in depth interview as additional data resources. This research done by Alderfer ERG needs classification theory.

It can be concluded from this research that in 2005 – 2010, there are income surplus among worker’s households. Although there are surplus, its not enough for add more child. Due to higher expenditures in future, especially expenditure for education cost, worker’s households have to save a surplus. In the other side, due to *koureika mondai* (the increasing of elderly), worker’s income tax reduction is rising, and could make a disposable income of households decreasing. Because of that, have a less child is the best solution for having children and also fulfill needs according to Alderfer ERG needs classification theory. The decision to have less children is make an impact to *shoushika mondai*.

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