

## ABSTRACT

In general, human beings will experience the transition from adolescence to adulthood. As an adult, a person will experience a variety of ideas and have their personal opinion. To become mature, Japan has called *seijinshiki* ceremony. The ceremony was a gate opening from adolescence to adult stage on the mark with 20 years old. *Seijinshiki* have been existed since the primitive era in Japan. Currently the Japanese people still carry out as the embodiment of preserving ancestral culture. After carrying out *seijinshiki*, young Japanese will recognize adulthood socially and legally. To learn more *seijinshiki* meaning for young Japanese and adulthood, the writer conducted case studies with five young Japanese who have been moderate and has lived in Surabaya to answer questions in the formulation of the problem: (1) how the meaning *seijinshiki* for young Japanese today?;(2) how the meaning of the adulthood of young Japanese after carrying out *seijinshiki*?

This study uses descriptive qualitative research. The writer uses five Japanese whom age 20-24 years and had lived in Surabaya. The writer collected data through observation and interviews with five informants in Surabaya in order to find out more young Japanese adulthood in depth. The author uses the theory of adulthood and a literature review as a reference in doing research.

From the analysis the authors concluded that while the characteristic of *seijinshiki* is clothing, annoyance while *seijinshiki*, a speech from the mayor, and a reunion with friends. *Seijinshiki* meaning for young Japanese today are a reunion school friend and an early stage to become adults who are recognized by the community. Meaning adults after *seijinshiki* is able to carry out a responsible and independent. For an advanced adult there is no influence of parents, they just want to do the best for parents to better understand how parents feel. The willing to immediately repay to parents is very visible by doing a side job to help ease the burden on parents. Early adult tasks such as work and marriage can not be done by young Japanese as an undergraduate, but the willing to do so has been around since at this time.

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