

## ABSTRACT

Japan is one of many countries that has strong patriarchy bond. Historically, a Japanese man has a big role and powerful control over his family. Different from that, women have to be obedient to his spouse and she has responsibility to be a good mother doing both raising children and doing house chores. In spite of that, there is a new issue about Japanese family. It is about single father family that keep raising its number year by year, though it is still less than single mother family.

Like single mothers, single fathers have problems juggling between *working and raising their children*. This paper will discuss about a single father's problem in raising his child and how he tries to solve his problem which represented in Usagi Drop movie. It is conducted by employing qualitative approach using descriptive narrative method. The data was analyzed using *Pierce's semiotic theory*.

The author found five problems that Kawachi Daikichi is faced while raising a 6 years old child named Kaga Rin. These are registering Rin in nursery school, juggling between working and child-rearing, facing a bed-wetting child, taking care of a sick child and getting problem when the child is lost.

Keywords: Japanese single-father, *single-father's problem*, child-rearing.