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Three Years from the Great East Japan Earthquake
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A Warm Embrace for Children: Child Care in a Disaster Area

- A third edition based on experiences from the Great Hanshin Earthquake -

Seigakuin University (Ageo, Saitama Prefecture, acting president : Akudo Mitsuharu), Faculty of Human Welfare, Department of Developmental Child Psychology commemorates the Great East Japan Earthquake (March 11, 2011). Each year since 2012, Seigakuin University has issued a booklet titled *A Warm Embrace for Children: Child Care in a Disaster Area* for families, childcare workers, teachers and other supporters. This year, the 3rd edition has been released. Parents, teachers and supporters who are staying every day among children have been confronted with difficult problems concerning child care even now, three years later.



On the other hand, it has been reported that even 19 years later many people still have fear of the Great Hanshin Earthquake in their souls. An interview with Dr. Tominaga Yoshiki, clinical psychologist and professor at the Graduate School of Hyogo University of Teacher Education, is included in this booklet. Dr. Tominaga has implemented basic training in stress management in schools and communities, learning lessons from the Great Hanshin Earthquake and stabbings of children in Kobe, a problem that arose two years after the earthquake. Dr. Tominaga is also involved in care for children in the Great East Japan Earthquake disaster area.

The booklet also contains a message from Prof. Kang Sang-jung, the next president of Seigakuin University, contributions from organizations which provide educational support and do volunteer work for children in the disaster area, and the comments of readers who are taking care of children affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake. The booklet is distributed for free.

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