

**International trend and human rights
over child pornography:
the future agenda of Japan**

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Abstract

This article shows the future agenda of Japan to discuss revisions in the policy of child pornography following the fact that Act on Punishment of Activities Relating to Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, and the Protection of Children was revised in June, 2014. Child pornography is a part of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC), and the need to work on that as a global problem across the world was pointed out, and various international laws have been established.

It is common recognition in the global community that "child pornography of every form is human rights violations". However, Japan is criticized that it obstructs the global CSEC correspondence as its policy for coping with the child pornography of virtual descriptions such as comics, animated cartoons and Computer Graphics does not meet an international standard despite the country is considered to be a main origin of such child pornography.

In Japan, the argument of child pornography policy tends to lean toward the viewpoint of "freedom of speech," which is so to speak, by the conveniences of adult. Whereas if the country returns to "the best profit of the child," which is the basic idea of international laws, it needs to expand the argument more from the viewpoint of "human rights of the child". This article indicates a fixed standpoint about the meaning of child pornography of virtual descriptions and the way of the regulation.

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