

The Japan Society of Family Sociology (JSFS)

◆ What is JSFS?

The Japan Society of Family Sociology is an academic organization established in 1991 to promote theoretical, empirical, and practical research concerning families so as to contribute to the development of both individuals and society. At present, it has about 700 members including academics, researchers, family court investigation officers, journalists, and graduate students whose interests are focused on family-related issues.

◆ What are JSFS activities?

(1) Annual Meetings are usually held in early September in various cities throughout Japan. In 2010, JSFS will celebrate its 20th anniversary.

(2) Members' academic works are made public through the Society's Annual Meetings, bi-annual Newsletter, and the bi-annual journal, *Kazoku-shakai-gaku kenkyu (Japanese Journal of Family Sociology)*. Although most of the articles in this journal are written in Japanese, English abstracts are published in *Sociological Abstracts*.

◆ The National Family Research of Japan (NFRJ)

The National Family Research of Japan (NFRJ) is the first nationwide family research project based on national samples in Japan. The project is being conducted by the National Family Research Committee of the Japan Society of Family Sociology. The main objectives of this project are to periodically collect nationwide data by random sampling, and to make such data available for use to the Society's members as well as the public at large.

The project was inaugurated in 1998 with the First National Family Research of Japan (NFRJ98), followed by National Survey: "Trails of Families in Post-War Japan (NFRJS01) held in 2001 and the Second National Family Research of Japan (NFRJ03) conducted in 2003. The NFRJ98 and NFRJ03 data are currently available via the Social Science Japan Data Archive (SSJDA) of the University of Tokyo and are being used for secondary analyses by many researchers. English versions of the NFRJ questionnaires are available on the website of NFRJ (<http://www.wdc-jp.com/jsfs/committee/contents/index.htm>).

◆ How to join JSFS?

Membership and other information can be obtained by the English website of JSFS (http://www.wdc-jp.com/jsfs/index_e.html). We welcome NCFR members to join the Japan Society of Family Sociology.