

Provisional Minutes of the 22nd Meeting of the Family Law Subcommittee of the Legislative Council (provisional translation)

On January 24, 2023, the 22nd meeting of the Family Law Subcommittee of the Legislative Council was held at the Ministry of Justice (in person and online). Nearly all the members and non-voting members attended the meeting. The Chairman, Prof. OMURA Atsushi, presided over the meeting.

At the last meeting, five people were interviewed based on the opinion of the Subcommittee members that they should seek explanations from various perspectives. Accordingly, four people were interviewed during the 22nd meeting.

First, an interviewee who provides support to victims of domestic violence reported the reality of domestic violence cases and pointed out the importance of considering such reality as a part of the committee's discussions.

In addition, three interviewees—a parent who has an ongoing divorce case in court and lives with her child, a divorced parent who lives with her child, and a parent who is a victim of domestic violence and lives separately from her children—presented their own experiences, respectively. Then, the Subcommittee members and non-voting members asked questions about their presentations and the interviewees answered them.

Also, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare presented the results of the 2021 Nationwide Survey on Single Parent Households, mainly focusing on child support payments and parent-child visitation. After that, the Subcommittee members and non-voting members commented on the presentation and held a Q&A session.

※These provisional minutes are the summarized results of the subcommittee meeting and are to be provided by the Secretariat of the Subcommittee in both Japanese and English on an as-needed basis. The official meeting minutes (in Japanese) will be published at a later date.