

ABOUT US

About the Japan Federation of Accredited ECEC Centers

Established in 1958, the Japan Federation of Accredited ECEC Centers represents approximately 10,300 member institutions—nearly half of Japan's authorized childcare facilities.

Our nationwide network of private nursery schools and ECEC centers is committed to advancing child well-being. By responding to local needs while collaborating across the country, we work to strengthen childcare systems, support families, and elevate the quality of early childhood education for every child.

International Committee

Guided by Japan's Child Welfare Act and Basic Act for Children, the International Committee promotes childcare and welfare in accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Our mission is to keep Federation members informed of global trends and developments in the field.

Through partnerships with international organizations and expert-commissioned research, we translate global standards into practical insights for local application. We share these findings to support our members while staying closely connected to frontline childcare practitioners.

Communicating through Comics: Giving the life of CRC in ECEC

In 2022, the Federation published *Communicating through Comics: Bringing the Convention on the Rights of the Child to Life in ECEC*, developed by the International Committee. The book features 47 four-panel manga episodes drawn from real-life challenges encountered by nursery teachers.

Although Japan ratified the CRC in 1994, a meaningful understanding of its principles had not yet taken root among practitioners. To address this gap, the Committee launched workshops in which teachers reflected on their daily experiences through manga. This format was deliberately chosen to make the CRC's complex principles more accessible, relatable, and engaging for educators.



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