

ABSTRACT

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This research aims to find out how the changing conception of the role of fathers in Japanese families and the challenges that arise related to changes in the role of fathers.

The type of research used in this study is qualitative research. Data collection was conducted using library method. The data used in this research were taken from books, journal articles and news as well as survey results answered by members of the non-profit organisation Fathering Japan as supporting data. The data were collected and classified. The collected data were then analyzed and examined using the case study method. Modernization theory is used to analyze the problem of changing the conception of the father's role in raising children in Japanese families which is then strengthened by the emergence of the ikumen phenomenon.

The results showed that the conception of fatherhood changed in the early Heisei era from absentee fathers to fathers who were more active with their families. There are also challenges that arose such as the perception of masculinity that is still strong in Japanese society and paternity harassment.

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