

Country: Japan

Committee: ECOSOC

Topic: Combating Child Labour and Promoting Fair Opportunities for Young People

Japan is the 4th largest country in terms of economy and according to population, it ranks 12th in the world. It is an island country located in East Asia. Japan has a rich culture like 22 sites have been included in the UNESCO World Heritage List, 18 of which have cultural significance. Education is highly valued in Japan; there are compulsory education systems.

Child labor is a work that keeps children from getting an education, negatively affects their mental and physical development, prevents them from enjoying childhood, and leads to exploitation. Developed countries like the United States, Norway, and Switzerland—especially those in the European Union—have higher rates of child labor. This problem is generally caused by poverty, family-related reasons, legal and institutional deficiencies. Japan is also included in these countries. Family dynamics also demonstrate that child labor is more prevalent in Japan as a result of financial hardships.

Since Japan recognized the increase in child labor, on December 11, 2022, at the Annual National Forum on the Convention on the Rights of the Child held in Okinawa, it offered a training program on children's rights for people working with children. It is illegal for children under the age of 15 to work in Japan. The ILO and the Government of Japan have partnered through the Multilateral Program to reduce the worst forms of child labor in agricultural communities in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region and to support education.

REFERENCE:

ILO (International Labour Organization) UNICEF Child Rights to Project