## Same-sex marriage

### 1. Motivation behind Research Paper

Why do some people oppose same-sex marriage? Do you all know about same-sex marriage? My motivation for this theme is that I felt uncomfortable when I saw a same-sex couple holding hands outside, and people around them were surprised and whispering about it. Same-sex marriage is not recognized in Japan. We will present this exploratory theme to clarify why it is not recognized.

## 2. Introduction

The aim of this research paper is to raise awareness about same-sex marriage. The main themes include the legal recognition of a homosexual partnership as a marriage and the legal recognition of their rights as partners.

#### 3. Results and Analysis

I considered the reasons why same-sex marriage is not currently recognized in Japan. I thought that prejudice and discrimination were the most likely reasons. However, when I looked into it, I found that religion was a major factor. Public awareness was considered to be a major issue.

Conversely, I wondered why those countries where marriage is recognized have taken some action. One reason is that France allowed homosexuality as a result of the idea that adopted children could have their children raised by people in same-sex marriages.

It is very clear that it is important to do these things and change traditions, etc.

I know that there have been many challenges in the countries where it has been recognized, but I can see that some of them have been overcome and are now recognized.

#### 4. Conclusion and Future Problems

I am in favor of allowing same-sex marriage in Japan. I thought it was strange that the constitution says various things about respect for the individual, but does not recognize same-sex marriage. Because of these I felt that I was not recognizing same-sex marriage with prejudice and discrimination.

#### 5. Reflection

I thought that many more people would have been prejudiced against homosexuality and same-sex marriage. We as a people have freedom of choice and equality. By being able to have same-sex marriages, not only do we have the right to live with our loved ones, but we are also protected by social security. I would like to change the fact that a single word can cause so many misunderstandings, and I would like to convey this to as many people as possible.

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