Report 4. Research on Restorative Support for Inclusive Society



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Good afternoon. I am the leader of "the restorative support team". The theme of this team is to pursue a theoretical model that seeks to reconstitute the connection between the problems and society through translational collaboration-centered around restorative justice. In relation to the general theme, this theme is to have interests of translational research in the field of human service. There are many new fields—law and psychology, welfare, education, nursing and mental health. These sometimes are integrated and collaborated. Without collaboration, they cannot work well in current society. In the practical field, we'd like to propose issues. Only with the academic field we cannot solve the issues in the real world.

With the keyword of restoration, first we'd like to see the proposals from the actual side of issues, such as the abuse of elderly, domestic violence, corporal punishment, harassment, stalking, mental health in workplaces, or issues of disabled people being violated by those, traumatic accidents, and drug cases. There are many kinds of issues that have to be solved. These issues are proposed to us as issues to be solved. Against this kind of situation, the traditional way of doing research cannot deal with all of these issues. We should not be satisfied with a situation where we deal with only a part of the issues. So, as for the tangible issues, we have to first redefine these tangible issues. Or, from another viewpoint, we have to clarify the literal issues, so that we can treat them. For example, infertility treatments, or devastation of families caused by divorce, or family issues, or parent-child relationships after divorce, or parent-child relationships in families where the child was born as a result of infertility treatments. At the same time, some social issues become unsocial. For example,

suicide is sometimes caused by social issues—as a background, but individually, depression is the direct cause of suicide, so measures against depression are important. We also have to pay attention to the social background behind suicide, but in clinical social science, first we have to work on individual cases. The integration of the macro and micro is a very important theme for us. How will be put the literal issues? That's a good subject of research. Also, we have to look into, or explore, the ways of solutions, so that they can be applied. Not only so that they're specific to one issue, but in general terms.

Next, I'll consider the reconstitution of issues, focusing on restoration. So, various new issues are now clear concerning restoration. Translation between academia and practical fields is necessary. I talked about the drug issue. But in the case of the drug issue, sometimes punishment comes up as the first issue to be solved. Of course, it involves the issue of recovery from dependency. Accumulation, linkage, and integration of various factors are necessary to solve one issue. Literally, the restoration phase has to be established through the collaboration of various actors from various fields. That is important in establishing an inclusive society. I think the role to be played by our team is very important.

The restoration and social clinicality is the purpose of our research. We tend to pay attention to the micro, or individual case matters. I also focus on the relationship among families. But, if anything I have to pay attention to law and psychology, law and society, so law is a new field to be added into our views. The law itself has to go through a kind of transformation, so the macro viewpoint is necessary to restore society, so I take out restoration and social clinicality as our theme. Through restoration, I will look into translation. I'll try to confirm the direction of issue solving, judiciary, and justice. For this first I have clarify or identify these issues and define them. Secondly, I have to agree on what a solution is. I have to have a theory that can be approved by everybody. Thirdly, I need resources and management, and also the social technology to be involved, or the service technology. How I integrate these will be the third point of our

research. The more detailed theme we have is trans-professionality. The researchers who are involved in these have actual practical cases to work on, so I think at a real clinic or one-stop service, they can conduct the actual service. Based on these viewpoints, I can work on inclusive society and restoration to explore the themes explained.

I have three viewpoints. First, I'll try to comprehend social exclusiveness through the reconstitution and definition of the issues. Secondly, paying attention to the excessively inclusive society by Jock Young, we will explore the latent issues. Thirdly, I'll pursue the actual research center for intellectual support by Center for Forensic Clinical Psycology, I will have the translation to achieve restoration. Thank you very much.

Inaba: During the video, Prof. Nakamura himself arrived. Any additional comments from Prof. Nakamura? We'll have a Q&A session later, so if you have any questions or comments, we'd like to ask Prof. Nakamura later to have his say. Now, we'd like to move on to the leader of the fifth group.