

Provisional Minutes of the 35th Meeting of the Family Law Subcommittee of the Legislative Council (provisional translation)

On December 19, 2023, the 35th meeting of the Family Law Subcommittee of the Legislative Council was held at the Ministry of Justice (in person and online). Nearly all the members and non-voting members attended the meeting. The Chairman, Prof. OMURA Atsushi, presided over the meeting.

The advanced draft of the "proposed outline for the review of the family law" was presented, and the Subcommittee discussed the pending issues. This advanced draft is composed of the proposals modified based on the deliberations at the 30th to 34th meetings, on the basis of the proposals included in the second draft of the proposed outline for the review of the family law presented at the 32nd meeting.

First, many members and non-voting members expressed their support for the proposals included in the advanced draft of the proposed outline, whereas some members and non-voting members suggested some changes. However, due to time constraints, they decided to continue the discussion to the next meeting instead of reaching a certain conclusion.

Second, some members and non-voting members expressed opinions on the meanings and interpretations of technical terms included in the advanced draft of the proposed outline, as well as the points to note when using them in specific cases.

※These provisional minutes are the summarized results of the subcommittee meeting and are to be provided by the Secretariat of the Subcommittee in both Japanese and English on an as-needed basis. The official meeting minutes (in Japanese) will be published at a later date.