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Abstract

This is a brief paper, outlining the development of disability studies in Japan. It includes the birth of modern disability rights movement in Japan, with reference to “Aoi Shiba no kai”, the establishment of Japan Society for Disability Studies in October 2003, and trends and development of disability studies in Japan, referring to the latest publications by Sugino Akihiro and Hoshika Ryoji, both in 2007.