



5 Childcare

5-2 Children's clubs (gakudo clubs)

Children's clubs (gakudo clubs) serve as places of living after school for school children (after-school children), generally below the age of ten, whose parents are away from home during the daytime due to work or other causes. These services, made pursuant to the children's welfare law, are offered at children's centers (jidoukan), vacant classrooms at school and other places.

These facilities are promoted by local municipalities or social welfare corporations. There are about 18,000 such facilities nationwide.

Further details must be sought at local municipal administrative offices.