

Request to take the online survey

We are grateful for your understanding and cooperation in the government services of Tondabayashi City.

Tondabayashi City appreciates and values the Rights of the Child and seeks to enact the Convention on the Rights of the Child in order to realize a society which promotes the growth of each and every child in the city while ensuring the best interests of children.

To enact the convention, the city is conducting this online survey because it values the importance of listening to a wide variety of voices and incorporating into the convention the opinions of the children, the citizens, and the concerned organizations.

A total of 5000 citizens aged 18 or older as of September 1, 2024, have been chosen at random as respondents to participate in the survey. All respondents will remain anonymous.

Your opinions and thoughts will help to make the city of Tondabayashi a better place. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

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Tondabayashi City

▶To answer the questionnaire

- Please read and circle the number of the item that best describes your answer to each question.
- When you choose "Other" as your answer, describe details in the blank space.
- Should you wish to answer a paper-based questionnaire, please contact us as listed below.
- If you have any questions, please contact us as shown below.

Survey due date: Thursday, October 31, 2024

【Contact details】

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Q1 Your gender (Circle the number of one item.)

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| 1. Male | 2. Female | 3. Other (1 or 2 does not apply /
I do not know / I do not want
to answer this question) |
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Q2 Your age as of October 1, 2024 (Circle the number of one item.)

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| 1. 18 to 29 | 3. 40 to 49 | 5. 60 to 69 |
| 2. 30 to 39 | 4. 50 to 59 | 6. 70 or older |

Q3 Do you have any children, or do you associate with children? (Circle the numbers of all that apply.)

1. I am pregnant.
2. I have my own child(ren).
3. I have my own grandchild(ren).
4. I have brothers or sisters.
5. I associate with my relatives' child(ren) or friends' child(ren).
6. I associate with children in my neighborhood.
7. I associate with children in sports or cultural activities.
8. I associate with children in my work.
9. Other()
10. None of the above.

Q4 The Rights of the Child are essential for them to be who they are, to be healthy, to live safely, and to freely express opinions. Do you know the rights of the child? (Circle the number of one item.)

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| 1. I know about the rights well. | 3. I have heard of the rights. |
| 2. I know some about the rights. | 4. I have never heard of the rights. |

Q5 The Rights of the Child include the items below. Circle the number of the items that you know from those listed below. (Circle the numbers of all that apply.)

1. The child is protected against all forms of discrimination irrespective of the reason. (Prohibition against discrimination)
2. The child is not insulted or ostracized. (Prohibition against violence or discrimination, including bullying)
3. Every child has the inherent right to life and development. (Right to life and development)
4. Every child shall be ensured the best interest. (Pursuit of the best interest of every child)
5. Every child has the right to freedom of expression of opinions while adults listen to them. (Honoring the child's opinions)
6. Every child shall be protected from all forms of physical and mental violence, injury, or abuse. (Protecting the child from all forms of violence)
7. Every child receives education to fully develop physically and mentally. (Right to an education)
8. Every child has the right to rest and play. (Right to rest and play)
9. Every child has the right to freedom of thoughts, feelings, and conscience (Freedom of thoughts and conscience)
10. No child shall be exploited by others, including being forced to perform harmful housework and sexual abuse. (Protection from all forms of exploitation)
11. Every child has the right to learn of the rights of the child. (Right to learning of the rights of the child)
12. I do not know any of the rights of the child.
13. Other ()

Q6 Select all the rights of the child that you think are not followed. (Circle the numbers of all that apply.)

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Q7 What comes to mind when you think of the Rights of the Child? (Circle the number of one item.)

1. The Rights of the Child are essential for us to live.
2. The Rights of the Child must be recognized in the same way as the rights of adults.
3. The Rights of the Child are helpful for the growth of the child.
4. Nothing comes to mind. N/A
5. Other ()

Q8 Do you usually respect the opinions of children? (Circle the number of one item.)

1. I truly respect the opinions of children.
2. I respect the opinions of children.
3. None of the responses listed apply.
4. I do not usually respect the opinions of children.
5. I never respect the opinions of children at all.

Q9 What is the reason for your answer to Q8? (Circle the numbers of all that apply.)

1. Adults should actively listen to the opinions of children regarding what affecting them to children.
2. Matters related to children should be decided by adults. However, adults should listen to the opinions of children.
3. Sometimes adults should not listen to the opinions of children depending on the matter.
4. The child is likely to be selfish and disrespectful if adults listen to the child.
5. I do not value the opinions of children.
6. Other ()

Q10 What do you think the child wants from their family and what support do you think the child wants? (Circle the numbers of all that apply.)

1. The child wants the family to get along.
2. The child wants the parents to be at home more.
3. The child wants the parents to listen.
4. The child does not want the family to pressure the child to study.
5. The child wants financial support in order to alleviate any financial concerns.
6. The child wants supports, including house cleaning and making meals.
7. The child wants to have access to external counseling about family matters.
8. The child wants the family to use counseling services and programs that help stop violence within the family. (Support to prevent violence)
9. Other ()
10. N/A

Q11 What do you think the child wants in school life? (Circle the numbers of all that apply.)

1. To have more playtime.
2. To have more time participating in sporting activities.
3. To spend more time on music and art classes.
4. To have teachers listen to the opinions of students more often.
5. To have fewer students in homeroom class.
6. To have each class to be more useful for the future.
7. To have fewer classes.
8. To spend more time on remedial classes.
9. To have less homework.
10. To reduce the number of strict rules.
11. To have better and more appropriate school rules.
12. To make the school a better place.
13. To eliminate bullying.
14. To have more opportunities to learn about the rights of the child.
15. To gain support for families more.
16. To have the opportunity to study with other students with disabilities.
17. Other ()
18. N/A

Q12 What do you think the child wants from the city of Tondabayashi? (Circle the numbers of all that apply.)

1. To have more streetlights to make the city safe enough for people to walk at nighttime.
2. To reduce hazardous spots on the roads.
3. To prevent violence and crimes so people can live safely.
4. To have more places, including parks, to play.
5. To have more places for sport activities.
6. To have more libraries and places where people experience the arts.
7. To have more activities and programs for children.
8. To enable students to join after-school activities.
9. To have more places for children to play and study with friends.
10. To have more places to go when the student does not want to stay home or go to school.
11. To have more local festivals or events where the child can participate and attend.
12. Other ()

13. N/A

Q13 Where do you think the child feels comfortable after school or on holidays? (Circle the numbers of all that apply.)

1. The child's own room
2. Rooms other than the child's own room (e.g., the living room)
3. Grandparents' or relative's house
4. Friends' or neighbors' house
5. School classroom
6. Other school rooms outside classroom (e.g., school nurse's office, library, etc.)
7. Cram school or cultural lessons and after-school activities
8. Club activities
9. Public places (e.g., children's restaurants, youth associations, etc.)
10. Outdoor places, including parks
11. Shops, including shopping centers and fast-food restaurants
12. Community spaces where people are connected through the games using the internet or social media
13. Public facilities (e.g., children's center, Topic, TONPAL, etc.)
14. Other ()
15. N/A

Q14 What systems do you think are needed to protect the rights of the child? (Circle the numbers of all that apply.)

1. To teach students more about the Rights of the Child at school.
2. To tell adults more about the Rights of the Child.
3. To establish places nearby for children to ask for help confidentially.
4. To establish resources where children ask for help by phone, social media, or email when they have problems.
5. To establish places where children are free to visit to talk about themselves with someone who will listen.
6. To establish a system to monitor the Rights of the Child with representatives who can make recommendations to the government.
7. To establish a system where children can express their opinions within local society.
8. To have someone who can share with adults what children would like to say about their problems.
9. Other ()
10. I do not know.
11. N/A

Q15 Provide your answer to each consultation service regarding children whether you have used it or know about it. (Circle one answer for each service.)

	I have used the service.	I have heard of the service.	I do not know about the service.
(1) General Child-rearing consultation center at city hall (Child-rearing support center at Tondabayashi City)	1	2	3
(2) School counselors	1	2	3
(3) School social workers	1	2	3
(4) Child guidance call center especially for consultations about child abuse Call 189 (The digits stand for "Ichihayaku," which means "as soon as possible.") (Child and Family Agency)	1	2	3
(5) SOS emergency call for children available 24 hours (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology)	1	2	3
(6) The rights of the child 110 (Legal Rights Bureau)	1	2	3
(7) Child and family support center Community Social Workers (CSW) from the Council of Social Welfare	1	2	3
(8) Citizen's Welfare Commissioner, Children's Commissioner	1	2	3
(9) Children's consultation service (Osaka Bar Association)	1	2	3
(10) Support center such as Children's center, opening up the playgrounds of kindergartens, health center	1	2	3
(11) Other ()	1	2	

Q16 What do you think is effective in disseminating and educating adults in order to make progress in the efforts to enact the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Tondabayashi City in the future? (Circle the number of one item.)

1. Post articles in PR magazines.
2. Source and send information via the city's official social media.
3. Post articles on the city's official website.
4. Distribute leaflets at public facilities, day care, and schools.
5. Host related events and symposiums.
6. Other ()

Q17 Finally, provide your opinions regarding the enactment of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Tondabayashi City. (Open-ended answer)

Thank you for participating in the survey.

We will incorporate your opinions.

We hope this survey will help you learn about and generate interest in the rights of the child.

Please visit the city's website

<https://www.city.tondabayashi.lg.jp/site/kodomomannaka/109772.html>

for more details of approaches to enacting the Convention on the Rights of the Child.