

Preface

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The current issue of the *Ars Vivendi* journal is to offer a food-for thought on the topic of the independent community-living after the Sagamihara attack that was the most serious massacre of the disabled people in Japan.

Osamu Nagase contributed this issue by briefly introducing the Sagamihara attack in the context of CRPD (“Sagamihara Attack and Challenges of Community-Living”). This tragedy reminds us the serious fact that the art of living (*Ars Vivendi*) for the disabled people is still the problem of how to survive.

Two papers by Shinya Tateiwa can extend our imagination of the art of living beyond survival after the tragic killing (“Living beyond it” and “PA (Personal Assistance): Acquiring Public Expense and Seeking Self Management”). One paper is a discussion paper for the international collaborative study on narratives of ALS patients with Professor Fernando Vidal (Catalan Institution for Research and Advanced Studies). Combination of social supports and biomedical technology might open the new era of cybernetic human life. Another paper on personal assistance discussed the life of the disabled people after they left home or institutions. His paper would shed light on the discussion about the future life of the 130 survivors of Sagamihara killing.