

Preface

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Regarding the topic of disability, there are many issues we want to raise, make known, and think about. My own "On the Social Model" was published in the first issue of this journal, but this article did nothing more than lay out some of the premises for what needs to be said. I hope that articles by authors suited to laying further groundwork and discussing what needs to be discussed, including myself, will continue to be published in this journal, and I believe that this will be possible. I regret that as a result of my poor mental and physical condition I was not able to make any contribution to this issue. I hope to be able to contribute in some way in the future.

I would like to thank Colin Barnes, a member of the journal's editorial committee, for allowing his manuscript to be published in this issue. One thing I would like to have done had it been possible is, for example, show the implications of the article Dr.Hori has published in this issue to people in other cultural/linguistic spheres. I would like to respond to these articles. From our next issue onwards, while I am sure it will take time and cannot be done all at once, I hope that articles in which necessary things are written by people who have things they need to write will continue to be published, and that I myself will be one of those involved in this effort.

I hope you will forgive me for not being able to write a proper preface to this issue.

In the autumn of 2010 Professor Colin Barnes conducted an intensive course at the research faculty to which many of us belong, and I wrote <http://www.arsvi.com/20100091.htm> and nine other short papers on various things about Japan I wanted to present. I would be grateful if you read them.