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### **Foreword**

#### **Income Distribution and Child Rearing in Japan: Studies using Microeconomic Data**

The present issue of the journal is devoted to papers on Japanese income distribution and the policies relating to child rearing. In view of rapid changing population where people are getting older and the number of newborns is decreasing, the research on the problems tackled here is important. Moreover, all the papers here share another very important characteristic: they are outcomes of careful analysis of microeconomic data and provide the latest information of income distribution and childcare of Japan. Papers were originally written for a project on income distribution at the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research and collected in this Journal after crosschecking and revisions.