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## JILPT Research Activities

### *Research Reports*

The findings of research activities undertaken by JILPT are compiled into Research Reports (in Japanese). Below is a list of the reports published from June to August 2009. The complete text in Japanese of these reports can be accessed from the JILPT website (<http://www.jil.go.jp/english/index.html>). We are currently working on uploading abstracts of reports in English onto the JILPT website as well.

### Discussion Papers

- DPS-10-01 Future of Individual Contractors: Focusing on Japanese and American Married Women with Children (January 2010). Yanfei Zhou
- DPS-09-06 Dealing with Labor Complaints Utilizing an Internal Reporting System: From Perspective of Labor Dispute Prevention (December 2009). Shino Naito

### Research Material Series

- No.63 Minimum Wage System in Western Countries II: Trend of Germany, Belgium and the United States (January 2010).

### *JILPT Career Matrix*

JILPT provides a comprehensive information database regarding careers called “Career Matrix.” “Career Matrix” provides hundreds of career outlines, pictures and information on how to get careers and it also includes information on skills and knowledge required for careers so you can search various careers and check what kind of careers would be the most appropriate based on your background and a psychological test through the database. The important role of “Career Matrix” is to clarify individual “career” by indicating specific job contents and help a common understanding regarding “jobs and work” in the fields of job opportunities, career developments, human resource management, etc.

Career information provided by Career Matrix is findings of JILPT. Career Matrix is available on the website (<http://cmx.vrsys.net/TOP/>) and is accessed more than 2 million times a month.