### Comments

From A Sociological View Takehiko Kariya

#### "No Test" Land



### "High Stakes Test" Land

Reality

No Accountability?

No Guideline for Policies?

"Egalitarian" School System

Campbell's Law working

Learning only for Testing

Competition in Education

### Test Land's Policy Making



Cost of measuring results of school reforms Politics and economics of evaluation

Interpretation of results: by who? how? For whom?

Monitoring System's Problems

Reflexivity in High Modernity

## PISA Shock?? for Japan

- Declines of Scores
- More Inequality in Education
- Socio-economic-cultural background of students effect on Japanese students' performance

# Policy Implications of PISA 2003: What happened between 2000 and 2003?

- National Curriculum Revised and began implemented
- School Days per week shortened
- Teachers tasks increased
- Policy Discontinuity
- Other factors (No change)
- Stratified High School System
- Centralized System
- No Research Based Policy Making Process

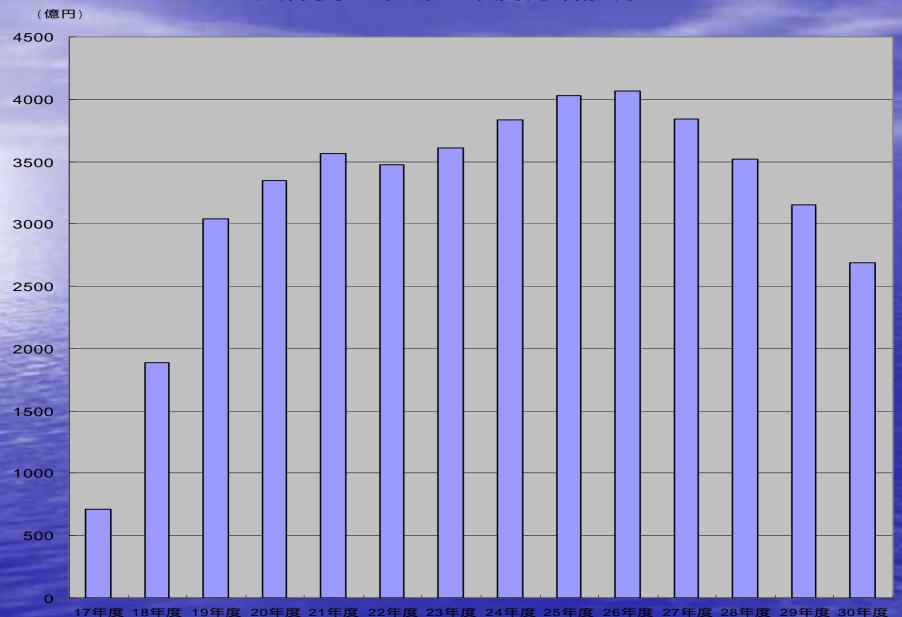
### Why neo-liberals are so attractive?

- Distrusting education experts
- Distrusting Ministry of Education and public school system
  - Why do people distrust educators?
- Market driven education seems to work well (JUKU)
- What can we say?
- A main difference: shrinking market

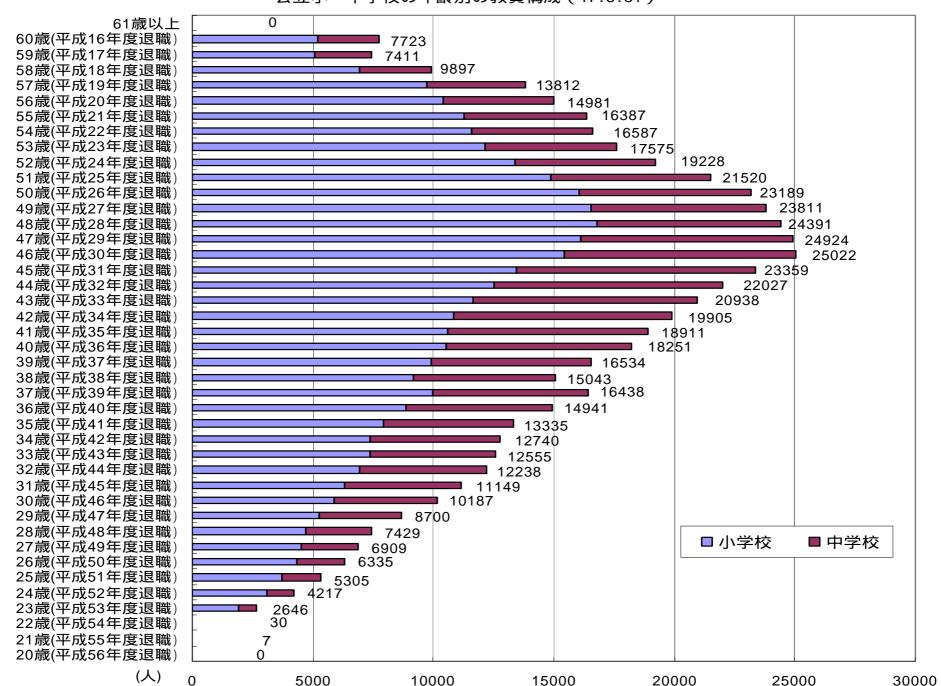
# How can we solve the problems? What should we think about?

- Budget limitations—more and more
- Demand and supply gaps of future teachers in the next decade
- Shortcoming of elementary school teachers
- Decentralization of education budget system

#### 人件費の平成16年度比増加分



#### 公立小・中学校の年齢別の教員構成(17.3.31)



# With more limited budget, more competition

- Salary cut is necessary
- "Merit pay" will be introduced?
- New recruits needed for teachers
- How we can improve teachers' quality?
- What policies can be made under this limited budget?

# We should be careful about different types of discourses

- Talking about goals of education
- Taking about methods to attain goals national, local, school, individual levels
- Talking about methods to measure results

   economics of methods to measure
   results
  - -politics of methods to measure results

### Puzzles for Asians

- Why do East-Asian nations like American education ideals?
- Will Korea follow Japan, declining of PISA results?
- Do Finland and Korea attain the same result by different methods?
- How problem solving skills are learned in Korea under the cramming?