

Why grown men are being adopted in Japan

WARM-UP KEY VOCABULARY Match the words in the table to their definitions below.

in-laws	matchmaker	heir	fertility rate	shortage (of)
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1. a person who will legally receive money, property, or a title from another person, especially an older member of the same family, when that other person dies
2. the number of children born per woman
3. a person who tries to arrange marriages or romantic relationships between people
4. a situation in which there is not enough of something
5. the parents of your husband or wife or other members of his or her family

TASK I LISTEN to the first part of the report [0 min – 5 mins 11 secs] and be ready to explain the phenomenon called 'mukoyoshi'.

TASK II LISTEN to the interview with an expert from the French Asia Centre. Mark the sentences True or False. Then, answer the follow-up questions in *italics*. [5min 12 secs – end]

1. The practice of mukoyoshi is a 20th-century invention. T / F
How did this practice come about?
2. It's frowned upon when newly adopted mukoyoshis keep in touch with their biological family. T / F
What legal obligations does a newly adopted son have?
3. Social progress in Japan has been particularly fast in the past four decades. T / F
What changes have occurred in Japan since the 1980s? What hasn't changed?
4. In terms of culture, China has more things in common with Japan than Korea. T / F
What are the examples of the similarities and differences between the three Asian countries mentioned in the interview?

TASK III PHRASAL VERBS in the video. Use the phrasal verbs from the table to complete the sentences below. Pay attention to the conjugation of the verbs you use.

to hand over	to end up	to give up	to take over
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1. Kazue Fujii wasn't smart enough to continue studying medicine so she her studies.
2. Only a male heir can a family business in Japan.
3. Some Japanese only daughters marrying a man chosen by their parents to based on his ability to run the family firm.
4. Even the Suzukis the company to an adopted son.