Many countries in the world have established family or juvenile court systems to deal with juveniles who are accused of committing serious crime. The idea of the family court system, first established in the US and Japan as well as Canada have followed this development. The basic idea behind the juvenile justice system is to provide protection rather than criminal punishment. However, with rising attention to serious crimes committed by juveniles, many countries came to modify the system, including Japan and Canada. We will discuss the juvenile justice system in Japan and Canada and examine the common differences and the challenges.

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Everyone is welcome. A limited number of light lunches will be provided.