

Further Development of Japan's Democracy in the Judiciary by

Introducing a Citizen-participation System in Civil Trials

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My Argument



**We should introduce
the saiban-in system
into civil trials!!**



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- 1) **What's** the current saiban-in system?
 - 2) **Why** should we introduce this into civil trials?
 - 3) **Significance** of citizen participation
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What's the current system?

- Introduced in 2009
- 3 professionals + 6 citizens
- Only applies to **serious criminal cases**



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Why should we introduce into civil trials?



- To promote judicial reformation (司法改革)
 - 1) To help citizen's understanding of trials
 - 2) To reflect public opinions

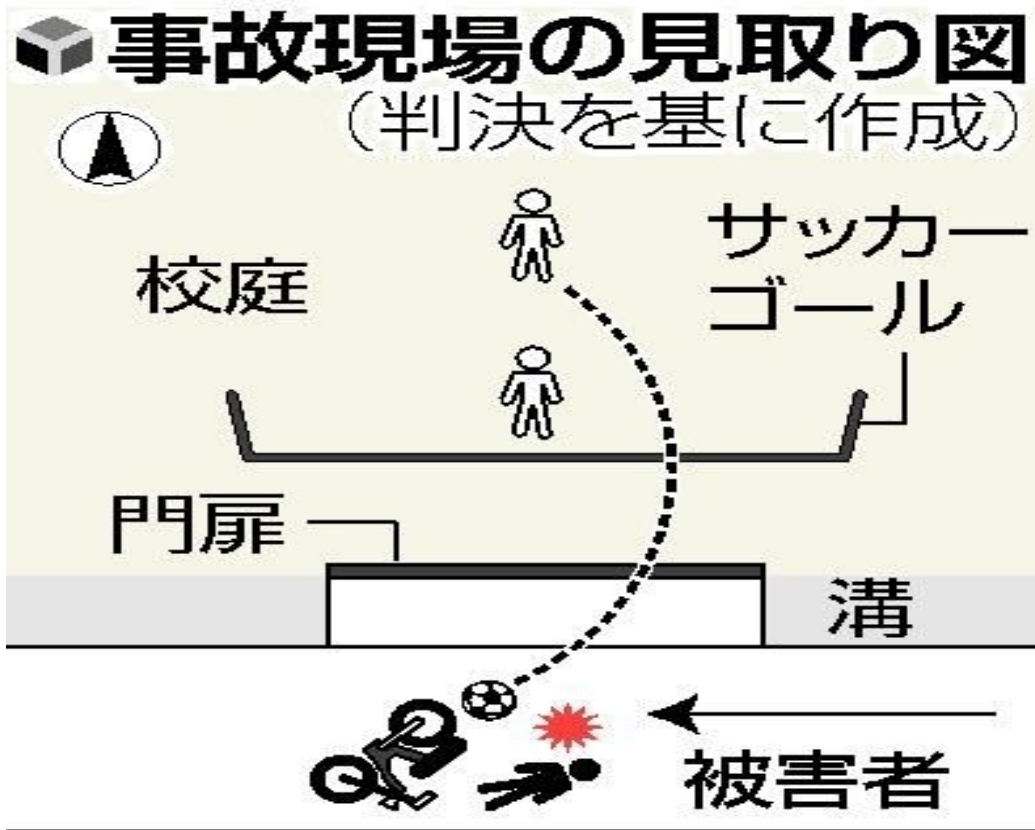
○ Serious criminal cases

✕ The rest of the cases

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- The existence of irrational judgments

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- The pneumonia caused by a broken leg incident (2011)



The man broke his leg



Later went senile dementia (痴呆)



Died a year later from pneumonia (肺炎)




【TRIAL】



¥15,000,000 in compensation



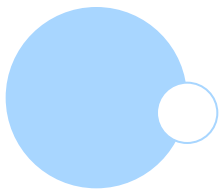
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The citizens' participation itself is meaningful

- Citizen judges as representatives of us
- Commonsense
- Easier for us to accept

⇒ More convincing sentences



Citizens are smarter than professionals



- Determining facts (事実認定)
- Citizens pay attention to speeches
→ Construct coherent facts
- Judges may have bias

⇒ Fact buildings could minimize
● irrational judgments





Conclusion

- We should discuss the introduction of the saiban-in system into civil trials
- The saiban-in system will benefit the improvements of civil trials



Thank you for your kind attention.

Questions?

