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Language Attitude of Okinawan Young Generations

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This paper presents language attitude of Okinawan young generations (mainly those in their 20s) based on the result of questionnaire survey the author conducted as well as the result of a survey conducted by Okinawa Prefectural in 2013. Fifty-six students of Okinawan Christian University responded to my survey. The aim of this survey is to analyze language awareness/attitude of the Okinawans in their twenties, who are considered less involved than other generations in revitalization of Okinawan language. About 90% of respondents said that they want to speak Okinawan language and that there is an advantage in speaking it. Seven of them said that they want to learn the language in an environment where it is used as a means of communication. They said it is not like English-learning environment.