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〈Abstract〉

Knowledge and Attitude toward Sex, Sexual Experience and Need of Sex Education of High School Girls in Taegu

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To obtain information about knowledge and attitude toward sex, sexual experience and need of sex education, a questionnaire survey was conducted on 599 students who were attended in 2nd grade of 2 girls' high schools(A group : 190 girls), 2 vocational girls' high schools(B group : 205 girls), and 2 special girls' high school attached to industrial company(C group : 204 girls) in Taegu city between 20th and 25th April 1992.

Mean score of knowledge toward sex of the total was 9.3. Mean score of A group was higher than that of B and C groups.

Among the total students, vocational high school girls were the highest affirmative attitude towards the acquaintance and relationship with the other sex, and the next was special high school girls. Students of B group assumed the highest negative attitude towards artificial abortion, and the lowest was A group.

Among the respondent girls, 31.1% did not experienced in the acquaintance and relationship with the other sex and 86 girls(14.4%) had experience with sexual affairs.

Most of girls(96.9% of A group, 90.4% of B group and 86.8% of C group) agreed to necessity of sex education, and answered that current education on sex was insufficient to them(80.6% of A group, 82.6% of B group and 62.4% of C group).

Among what the surveyed girls wanted to know about knowledge towards sex, they showed the highest interest on the acquaintance and relationship with the other sex(A group : 44.7%, B group : 45.4%, C group : 56.4%). And they showed the second highest interest on pregnancy and delivery(A group : 33.2%, B group : 32.6%, C group : 26.5%). There was no unique difference among each surveying item.

Most of the students(A group : 46.8%, B group : 40.1%, C group : 36.3%) thought it better that the time they wanted to get education on sex in 5th or 6th grade of elementary schools and to have a regular curriculum on sex education.