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INTRODUCTION

This is the ninth issue of the annual reports from the Research Institute of Logopedics and Phoniatics. The Institute was established in 1965 in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Tokyo, starting with one research section for speech science. The second section, for speech physiology, was begun in 1971. We are proposing two more research sections to complete this organization: one for research in speech and language pathology, another for perceptual and psycholinguistic studies.

Our research results are reported here in preliminary form for exchange of information and cooperative technical discussions with other research groups all over the world. Most of the projects reported on here will appear in more formal publications later, but quotations are welcome strictly for research purposes, with the understanding of the preliminary nature of these reports. It is advisable, therefore, to contact the author(s) beforehand, since more recent or corrective information may be available, perhaps as a more formal publication in preparation.

Copies are not for sale and our distribution policy is to send one to each of the active research groups with common research interests for exchange of similar interim reports and/or reprints of publications. For individual investigators who may wish personal copies, reprints from issue No. 3 onwards are available on request, as well as some other publications from our group. We hope we can continue this policy in the future with the kind cooperation of international peers, and also by appropriate funding.

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