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[Symposium 9] Anti-stigma 1

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[SY-9-01] Activities to establish media guidelines aimed at eliminating stigma

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Stigma surrounding mental illness in Japan is a deeply rooted issue. Disability rights organisations have expressed serious concerns about cases where individuals suspected of criminal behaviour are reported in the media and their mental illness is exposed. Lack of understanding and stigma surrounding mental illness can lead to discrimination and social division.

The author's disability rights organisation has launched a project to create similar guidelines, drawing on New Zealand's media reporting guidelines. This initiative is a collaborative project involving mental health professionals, disability rights organisations, and media representatives, with the theme of implementing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) as a strategy for combating discrimination.

I aim to present practical reports and contribute to the discussion at the symposium.