Pre-Tasks

I Awareness raising

- 1. The title of this movie is 「しあわせ家族計画」'Happy Family Plan'. What is your definition of a 「しあわせ家族」'happy family' and why do you think so? Exchange your opinion with your classmates.
- This movie is based on a Japanese TV show.
 Have you watched Japanese TV shows? What do you think about them?
 Share your impressions about Japanese TV shows with your classmates.
- This is a photograph of the two families in this film. Can you guess who's who? Imagine their characters from this photo.



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おじいさん、おばあさん、おとうさん、おかあさん、おにいさん、おねえさん おとうと、いもうと、むすめ、むすこ、おじさん、おばさん、いぬ、ねこ

II While watching the film – Noticing

Here are some specific items to focus on while watching the film. You can discuss them with your classmates after viewing.

- 1. What kinds of greeting words can you pick up in this film?
- 2. This family runs a small shop. Can you catch the conversation between the customer and shopkeeper in Japanese?
- 3. There are many signs and advertisements written in Kanji, hiragana and katakana in this film. Where are they found? Can you understand or guess what they mean?
- 4. What do the family members call each other?
- 5. The main family in this film lives in a traditional Japanese house. What do you notice about 'traditional' Japanese houses?
- 6. There are many eating scenes in this movie. What do you notice about food or eating customs in Japan?
- 7. This movie is based on a Japanese TV show. What do you think is interesting about this TV show? Why do you think so?







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