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Poster 1  
Title of Paper: Fathers’ IT Use and Perception toward Young Children’s Use of IT Tools  
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Abstract:  
Children today are increasingly attracted to digital devices including smart phones and tablets as their toys. Their use of Internet is frequently a subject of the debate, i.e., the negative or positive effects of children’s IT use on their academic performance and psychological development (Radesky et al., 2015).  
The objective of this is to investigate how fathers’ IT-mediated communication with their spouses and friends is related to their evaluation of children’s use of IT. Additionally, we aim to find similarities and differences of this relationship in Japan, South Korea, U.S and Sweden.  
Our major findings are as follows:  
(1) According to compare of four countries result, the working hours of fathers related to IT communication with their children. However, in the case of more longer working Japanese and American fathers were frequented with their children usage of IT, Swedish fathers’ shorter working hours was accelerated IT communication.  
(2) Swedish and American fathers were more frequent user of IT as a communication tool with their children, wives and friends than Japanese counterparts.  
(3) Swedish and American fathers were more likely to use IT tools, and perceive positive learning effects over their children’s IT use. However, these attitude of IT tools were not significant IT communication with children and wives. On the other hands, Japanese and Korean fathers who frequently communicate with their families, especially Japanese with wives and Korean with children, were more likely to approve of their children’s IT use due to internet-enabled device skills development. Additionally, Korean fathers who frequently communicate with their spouses using of IT tools were more positive attitude toward to encourage their children in the habit of looking up things that interest them.

Facilitator’s Discussion Questions:  
(1) How different were fathers’ IT communication with family members among countries?  
(2) What kind of features positive and negative fathers’ attitude toward children’s IT usage among countries?  
(3) Is there any difference fathers’ attitude toward children’s IT use between Asian and Euro-American?