

# A Cartographic Investigation of Clitic Left Dislocation in Japanese

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Clitic Left Dislocation (CLLD) in Japanese has not been so much discussed, but Yamaizumi (2011:79) presents examples in (1a).

- (1) a. ...Taimu-sukezyuuru, kore-o sakusei itas-i-mas-u...  
time schedule this-Acc make do-Polite-Link-Polite  
'Our time schedule, we make this,,,'  
b. Taimu-sukezyuuru-wa wareware-ga sakusei itas-i-mas-u  
time schedule-Top we-Nom make do-Polite-Link-Polite  
'As for our time schedule, we make this.'

This paper argues that [1] Japanese CLLD (JCLLD) constitutes topic construction; [2] JCLLD can co-occur with aboutness topic; [3] JCLLD can denote focus with a focally stressed particle. Let us begin the discussion.

- (2)a. Shohei Otani, Amerikan Liigu MVP-wa kare-ga toru-daroo  
CLLDED Topic American League MVP-AT he-Nom win-should  
'It should be the case that Shohei Otani will be awarded the American League MVP.'  
b. Amerikan Liigu MVP-wa Shohei Otani, kare-ga toru-daroo  
American League MVP-AT CLLDED Topic he-Nom win-should

In (2a), the CLLDED topic appears sentence initially and Aboutness Topic (AT) follows it. In contrast, (2b), with the reversed order, is acceptable. This suggests that CLLDED topic can occur before or after AT.

Next, we discuss the focus function of CLLDED elements. Yamaizumi (2011:83) states that CLLDED elements can be used as follows.

- (3) a. Dare-ga Itiroo-no haha desu-ka  
who-Nom Ichiro-Gen mother Polite-Q  
'Who is Ichiro's mother?'  
b. Yamada Hanako kanozyo-GA haha de-su  
HY she-Foc mother Cop-Polite  
'Yamada Hakano, she is Ichiro's mother.'  
c. Shohei Otani, kare-GA Amerikan Liigu MVP-wa toru-daroo  
SO he-Foc American League MVP-AT win-will  
'It should be Shohei Otani who will be awarded American League MVP.'

Nakamura (2017) has demonstrated that the focal stress given on the particle signifies focus interpretation. Besides, the focus phrase can occur before AT, as shown in (3c). The structure is schematized in (4). FT denotes Familiar Topic.

(4) [AT/CLLD DP-wa [<sub>FocP\*</sub> DP-GA/WA [CLLD/AT DP-wa [<sub>FocP\*</sub> DP-GA/WA [CT DP-wa [<sub>FocP\*</sub> DP-GA/WA [<sub>FTDP-wa</sub> [<sub>FocP\*</sub> DP-GA/WA [<sub>FTDP-wa</sub> [TP [<sub>vP</sub> [VP ]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]]

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