

Summary

● Opening Article

World Exposition and Urban Development
- The Case Study of the Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan -

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Preparations are underway to host the 2025 Japan World Exposition (Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai) on Yumeshima, Osaka City. In this article, after introducing an overview of the Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, the development plan for its venue, Yumeshima Island, is discussed. Urban development triggered by large-scale events on reclaimed land has also been continued in Fukuoka City. The possibilities and limitations of international events that would induce urban development are discussed.

Keywords: World Expo, 2025 Japan World Expo (Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan) , Osaka Bay Area Development, Use of the vacated site

● Research paper with referee reading

A Study on the Rule-Making for Promotion of e-Sports in Fukuoka City
- Based on the example of South Korea -

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Since 2018, many local governments have been aiming to community revitalization through e-sports. To achieve this, it is important not only to consider existing economic and industrial perspectives, but also to make e-Sports a "culture." This study presents the need for efforts to support this. In particular, Fukuoka City is celebrating the 20th anniversary of "Declaration of Game City", and it is necessary to simultaneously solve the problems of promoting the game industry, e-sports, and developing IT human resources through "legal support" from the government. This study will clarify the characteristics of the Korean e-Sports promotion law and the Busan/Seoul e-Sports promotion ordinance, and examine the parts that are applicable to Fukuoka City. This has significance as an urban policy.

Keywords: e-Sports, Community Development, Community Revitalization, e-Sports Promotion Ordinance, Fukuoka City, South Korea

● Research Report

Community Learning Centers and Local Government Officials
as Local Activity Bases in Community Governance
- Based on the Role of Social Education Staff as Community Support staff -

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Due to the coronavirus pandemic, various activities in local communities have come to a standstill, and the role of local government officials who have been involved in these activities has come to be reconsidered, as well as the role of community learning centers and district community learning centers, which are one of the bases of these activities. Under these circumstances, community learning centers and district community learning centers are expected to have not only the traditional lifelong learning (social education) function but also the community development function. They are expected to play the role of local officials who are active in the local community, which is the front line of local government, by connecting various actors in a network and coordinating the roles of each actor in overall governance.

Keywords: Local Community, Governance, Community Learning Center, Social Education Staff, Community Support Staff System

● Research Report

A Study Urban Policy in Collaboration with Universities
- Entrance, Exit, and Beyond. Seamless Collaboration in Fukuoka City -

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The number of university students is increasing nationwide, but has remained flat in Fukuoka City. As competition among cities for university students is expected to intensify due to the declining birthrate, Fukuoka City and other municipalities where universities are located are increasingly developing towns that make use of universities and collaborating with universities. On the other hand, university students are not fully established in the region after graduation, and some are leaving the region. This raises two issues for community development that makes use of universities: attracting university students (entry point) and establishing human resources in the region after graduation (exit point) . The importance of a perspective in which all four parties-universities, municipalities where universities are located, the local business community, and university students-share the benefits of community development that makes the most of universities was recognized.

Keywords: University and regional cooperation, Securing university students, Inter-regional competition, Human resource retention, University town Fukuoka, Seamless cooperation

● Research Report

The Role of Subjective Evaluation in Policy - Looking ahead to policy developments in well-being -

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As the focus on well-being grows, we have been observing cases of it being incorporated into the policies or evaluation criteria of countries and local governments. While the concept of well-being is widely supported, the inherent characteristic that people's "subjectivity" plays a crucial role makes difficult to put well-being policy into practice. Although whether to incorporate well-being into policies is left to individual countries and local governments, it is meaningful to analyze challenges that may arise when capturing well-being within a policy framework. Therefore, this paper summarized the issues that may arise when considering well-being within a policy framework. As a result, we clarified the significance of introducing well-being into policy: the effect of policy intervention on well-being and the improvement of the quality of policy evaluation using subjective indicators. Suggestions were made regarding the levels at which well-being should be incorporated into policy. Furthermore, it also examined the relationship between individual well-being and city's well-being.

Keywords: Subjective indicators, well-being, city index, policy applications of well-being, long term well-being

● Research Report

Determinants of Subjective Well-being and the Process for Policy Development

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Well-being has been variously defined, including a good life, comfort, health, happiness, and welfare, and has been used differently depending on the context. What is considered to be well-being varies from person to person, so it has the characteristic that each individual evaluates it subjectively, including its definition. However, effective indicator setting and policy evaluation have not been established, and many issues remain in applying the concept of well-being, which centers on subjective evaluation, to policy. In this regard, a questionnaire survey was conducted in Fukuoka City to evaluate the perceived sense of well-being, identify the determining factors, and examine the process of linking the analysis results to policy development. The results revealed that it is effective to utilize the survey results in setting indicators, targets, and priorities for the policy development of subjective well-being.

Keywords: Subjective well-being, EBPM, policy application of well-being, determinants of well-being, multiple regression analysis

● Research Report

“Work-Related Well-Being” as Interpreted From an Open-Ended Questionnaire

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Well-being is not something that can be determined by someone else, but is influenced by the values formed by each person's thoughts, experiences, and environment. In this study, the open-ended responses to a questionnaire survey on well-being conducted in Fukuoka City were analyzed to attempt to understand people's various perceptions of well-being. As a result, there are findings include that improving a variety of work-related satisfaction is the key to improve the sense of well-being, that being able to raise children without stress while continuing to work is necessary for women raising children to feel well-being, and that not only working people but also students who are considering employment are highly interested in work-life balance.

Keywords: Well-being, Subjective Well-being, Open-ended Question, Quantitative Text Analysis, Text Mining, KH Coder