Department of Urban System Science
2015FY Annual Report

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2) Overview of Research Activities in 2015FY

Study on reconstruction from disaster
Shin AIBA
I study on reconstruction plans and projects from Great East Japan earthquake. I support to plan reconstruction projects and actions in Ryori village, Ofunato city. Results are published on academic magazines.

Urbanism on population decreasing age
Shin Aiba
I discuss and examine a theory of urban planning and design on population decreasing age. Results are published on a book and discussion papers of symposium by AIJ (architectural institute of Japan).

Comparative study on machizukuri in east Asian countries
Shin Aiba
I compare policy, history and practice of machizukuri in Japan, Taiwan and Korea. Results are published as a book.

Technologies to support machizukuri
Shin AIBA
I develop technologies to support discussion and consensus building by citizens. I develop a workshop method to support to design a street in Tsuruoka city by citizens.
3) List of Research Activities in 2015FY

2. Proceedings of Oral Presentations

3. Others
3-1. Technical Book
Shin AIBA, Naomi Uchida et al, A power to change the city by yourself, Hobunsha, 2016.3
Shin AIBA, Fold Up a City, Karenssha, 2015.12

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2) Overview of Research Activities in 2015FY

1. A study of run-away actions from the Tohoku region Pacific Tunami disaster
   A run-away action had made a significant role after the Tohoku region Pacific Tunami disaster. However cabinet office government of Japan surveyed those actions, it was not enough to inquiry reaction of designated person e.g. case workers and community leaders.

   In this study, interview surveys were dedicated in Noda-village, Yamada-town and Ishinomaki-city. It was continued interview surveys and analyzed the effects of
local nature and neighborhood relationships to people’s run-away actions.

2. A study of a pre-disaster planning for post-disaster recovery

Disaster mitigation which means not only reducing disaster losses by pre-activities but also preparing resilient recovery after a big disaster becomes more important for countermeasures of the Tokyo capital earthquake. Those programs for disaster recovery from a view of the planning theory is developed as a pre-disaster planning for post-disaster recovery. We also have been dedicating those programs accompanying with Tokyo Metropolitan Government and local municipalities.

In fiscal year 2015, Community workshops for post-disaster recovery in Nagasaki123, Toshima-ward were managed and delivered. Adding to that, an action research on the 17th municipal staff training for a long-term recovery by TMG was done.

3. A study of disaster management as an aspect of gender equality

After the Tohoku region Pacific Tunami disaster, refugee support as an aspect of gender equality has been becoming important. In this study, surveys of women’s life and livelihood recovery after the Tohoku disaster were conducted. And workshops for design the disaster mitigation programs of the center of gender equality in Chofu city was managed.

3) List of Research Activities in 2015FY

3. Others

3.4 Invited speech

Taro ICHIKO (2016), Case study of community disaster management for post-East Japan earthquake in Tokyo, MCU-TMU Planning School Students Exchange Seminar, Ming Chuan University, 2016 February

<< Fumiko ITOH >>

1) Staff
2) Overview of Research Activities in 2015FY

1 Environment of urban area and residential area

Fumiko Ito

The condition of the city, the evaluation of environment and the relationship between those are analyzed to get suggestion for creating comfortable residential environment. Following topics were researched in 2015FY.

i) The Effect of Sky Factor and the Change on Impression of Townscape

ii) The Application of Sequence Alignment Analysis to Typologies of Spatio-Temporal Activities in the closed area,

iii) The influence of side billboards on impression of pedestrians in streetscapes,

iv) Consumer factor of Electric Vehicle and their locational distribution,

v) Mathematical approach for planning road improvement

2 Housing choice, living behavior of resident

Fumiko Ito

Housing choice and living behavior of residents are analyzed to clarify the demand of residential service. Following topics were researched in 2015FY.

i) Study on purchasing behavior of smart house based on consumer preference and environmental awareness,

ii) Analysis of Factors to Formulate Housing Prices of Existing Housing Market in Tokyo,

iii) Analysis of the Questionnaire about A House and the Health for Primary and Secondary Students.
3) List of Research Activities in 2015FY

1. Refereed papers

TSUCHIYA Yoriko, ITO Fumiko and SUBINA Haireti (2015)
A Study on Purchasing Behavior of Smart House Based on Consumer Preference and Environmental Awareness
Papers on Environmental Information Science, No.29, 291-296.

NISHIO Shoko and ITO Fumiko (2015)
The Effect of Sky Factor And The Change on Impression of Townscape [in Japanese]

2. Proceedings of Oral Presentations

ISHIGURO Ami, ITO Fumiko and NISHIO Shoko (2015)
The influence of side billboards on impression of pedestrians in streetscapes [in Japanese]
Summaries of technical papers of annual meeting (Urban Planning and Design), AIJ, 1049-1050.

KANAI Yusuke, KOBAYASHI Mirano, ITO Fumiko, et al. (2015)
Workshop for cross-cultural communication using Fashion-snap : Characteristics of the region in Korea and Japan [in Japanese]
Summaries of technical papers of annual meeting (Urban Planning and Design), AIJ, 191-192.

KOBAYASHI Mirano and ITO Fumiko (2015)
Analysis of Factors to Formulate Housing Prices of Existing Housing Market in Tokyo [in Japanese]
Summaries of technical papers of annual meeting (Architecture System and Management), AIJ, 175-176.

SUBINA Haireti, TSUCHIYA Yoriko and ITO Fumiko (2015)
A study on the residential and housing preferences of Environmental Friendly House purchaser
Summaries of technical papers of annual meeting (Architecture System and Management), AIJ, 261-262.

3. Others
3-2. Research Reports / Papers
KAWASE Junya and ITO Fumiko (2015)
The Application of Sequence Alignment Analysis to Typologies of Ueno Zoo Visitors’ Spatio-Temporal Activities [in Japanese]

TSUCHIYA Yoriko ITO Fumiko and SUBINA Haireti (2015)
Study on Purchasing Behavior of Smart House [in Japanese]

TSUCHIYA Yoriko and ITO Fumiko (2015)
The Transition of Urban Environmental Policy in Japan [in Japanese]
Proceedings of the 18th Annual Meeting of Japan Association for Human and Environmental Symbiosis, 43-52.

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2) Overview of Research Activities in 2015FY

1. Citizen participation in urban governance

To investigate the policymaking dynamics of Japanese local governments, I focused on two issues. First, I investigated citizen participation in local assemblies. I used a nationwide mail questionnaire survey and interviews to analyze the status of policy reforms and citizen participation in Japanese local assemblies. Furthermore, I analyzed the newly emerging activities of citizen volunteers acting as ‘supporters’ or ‘monitors’ for local assemblies. Second, I investigated the activities surrounding program reviews (jigyou shiwake) via mail a questionnaire survey (conducted in each administrative reform section of municipalities in Tokyo Metropolis, Kanagawa Prefecture, and Saitama Prefecture) and took part in participatory observations and interviews.

3) List of Research Activities in 2015FY

1. Peer-reviewed papers


2. Proceedings of oral presentations


3. Others
3-1 Technical books
As co-author
Specific contributions
3-3. Monographs
Commentary/ essays
Motoki Nagano, “Municipal assemblies need continuous communications with residents,” Public Relations (Kouhou), No. 763, pp. 16-18, December 2015. [in Japanese]
Book reviews

4. Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (KAKENHI Grants)
Co-Investigator, Scientific Research (B), No. 26285033, “Explicating originality and universality of Japanese municipal assemblies’ reformation movements.”

7. Media comments
“Female members only 26% in 26 municipal assemblies, Tama area,”
2) Overview of Research Activities in 2015FY

1. A Fundamental Study on the Characteristics of Urban Model
   Hidenori TAMAGAWA
   I continuously study touching points between urban analysis and urban planning.
   As for new characteristics of spatial territory model, long-term researches have been exerted. Especially, the implications of gravity models are investigated in respect of spatial patterns on a fundamental level.

2. A Study on Urban Theory
   Hidenori TAMAGAWA and Hiroshi MIYAZAKI
   With a grant from last FY year, we surveyed on a planned residential area in UK and NPO activity in Tama new Town. Combining them with the survey in USA of last year, we summed up the study report on the community organizing in planned urban areas during the process of urban shrining.

3. A Study on the Recovery of the Damaged Area by the Earthquake Disaster
   Hidenori TAMAGAWA, Shinji KAWAMURA, Taro ICHIKO and Yasuchi NOZAWA and Their Students
   With the Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research by JSPS, we have exerted the
charrette workshop including the job experience for the recovery of Noda village in Iwate prefecture from 2012FY to 2014FY. The final report is completed in July, 2015.

3) List of Research Activities in 2015FY

1. Peer-reviewed papers

2. Proceedings of Oral Presentations
Masahiro KAMEYAMA and Hidenori TAMAGAWA, “A Study on Building Use Patterns by Agglomeration”, 2015 KAGIS Fall Conference for the Value of Geo-spatial Information in the Date-Technology Era, at Pukyong University in Korea, 5 Nov. 2015.

3. Others
3-2. Research Reports/Papers

3-4. Works/Others
Key note speech in an international conference:
1) Overview of Research Activities in 2015FY

1. Urban Sociological Study on Social Structural Changes and Reconstruction of Urban Inner Area

   The Study has been focused on social structural changes in urban inner areas, taking a case of Kotobuki, Yokohama and Downtown Eastside, Vancouver, Canada, focusing on the issues below: 1) change in industrial structures with Globalization and post-industrialization, 2) town development plan engaged by public administration and NPOs, 3) activities of local supportive organizations. The academic aim is to clarify 1) how these three points affect over changes and reconstructing of local communities, and 2) how social lives of residents have changed.

2. Research on Social Condition of the Evacuees from Fukushima

   As a research group, we have conducted interviewing research to bring out the social condition of the evacuees from Fukushima, especially from Tomioka Town.

3) List of Research Activities in 2015FY

2. Proceedings of Oral Presentations

Kahoruko YAMAMOTO, ‘Grobarizeshon-ni-kosuru-toshi-kaso-chiiki’ (Anti-gentrification movement in urban underclass area: A case in Vancouver, Canada),
The Annual Conference of the Japan Association for Urban Sociology in University of Shizuoka, September 13rd, 2015. (Japanese)
Kahoruko YAMAMOTO, 'Social Inclusion and Exclusion of Urban Underclass Areas as Welfare Dependent Communities: The Case of Yokohama, Japan', 2015 Korea-China-Japan Joint International Seminar in University of Seoul, South Korea, October 23rd, 2015. (English)

3. Others
3-1. Technical Book