

A Study on the Privacy of the Residents in the Apartment-house
-Study on Residents of the Rebuilt Apartment-house in built-up area-

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SYNOPSIS

In suburban areas, one can build apartment-houses apart from each other on the premise in which they get at least 4 hours sunshine on the day of winter solstice. On the contrary, in built-up areas, buildings stand very close to each other, and the distance between two buildings is less than the distance which "Proxemics" allows. So people living in neighbouring sites can't avoid being seen in the rooms by those in adjacent buildings. In such situations, certain privacy control method which don't depend on preparing much distance between buildings is needed. In this study, we tried to clarify what is at issue in residents' consciousness regarding their privacy, who live not only on the ground floor but also above the second floor in apartment-houses in built-up areas. This was considered from the point of view of the conveyance and acceptance of information. To make clear this hypothesis on privacy, we conducted a survey of the residents of residents of the rebuilt apartment-house in built-up area (Neyagawa-City and Kadoma-City, where there are densely crowded with old wooden apartment-house).

As a result, following is made sure. When residents are in the room, they don't like to feel being seen from outside even through the curtain, and they don't want to be seen behind the curtain. On the other hand, when they see outside from their rooms, they have a tendency to think that they can see, at most, the curtain of the rooms of opposite side if they think that there are no man in the rooms of opposite side. Just on that situation, the problem of privacy by sight-line happens, because there are some cases in that, even if they think that there are nobody, actually there are somebody in the room.