

Community planning and Activities based on District Planning Preparation Is Master Plan Preparation Useful for Community?

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SYNOPSIS

The amendment of City Planning Act 1992 introduced the master planning system by local authorities, and the citizen's participation to the planning is highly required at the planning process. Therefore, local planning authorities used tools, such as questionnaire survey, exhibitions, and workshops for receiving local opinions. However, planning practice based on the master plan has not been widely discussed and progressed.

This paper focused on the community participation to the district wide planning, and clarified why these planning cannot be actualized and how they can be materialized. We reviewed the literature and local policies based on the questionnaire and interview survey to Tokyo 23 wards. Second, we evaluated the planning in Nakano-ward, which had various public participations, particularly for district wide planning preparation. Finally, we examine a comparative analysis between British and Japanese planning systems and clarify planning problems of Japan.

Towards planning practice, we concluded that following conditions must be maintained and actualized.

- (1) Currently there is the information gap between citizens, private sectors and local authorities. The lack of information has negative impact for the genuine partnership. For building partnership and cooperation, share and open access to the information between public and private sectors are highly important.
- (2) Our public participation is based on citizens, however, public participation means widely from private sectors, non profit organizations, schools, universities, citizens and so on. So that public participation mechanism must be cleared and participation system must be organized.
- (3) For a mean time, aged people are supported citizen participation to the planning. Seminars to prep and secondary school students, or information provision via Internet is valuable to the citizen's participation.
- (4) Planning practice within short periods and monitoring system should be organized for materialization of district wide planning.