

STUDY ON THE GROUP LIVING AND PLANNING OF CORRECTIVE HOUSE FOR THE AGED

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[SYNOPSIS]

We chose three typical examples of the group living for our study on the planning of corrective and service house for the aged in northern region like Hokkaido. They are Sapporo corrective house with meal service and other various support services, Otohuke public house of students and the aged living together, and Akabira public house for old persons together with a life support adviser. We researched these three corrective houses on people's daily life, social life, communication between the aged and other generations, the usage of some community spaces, people's view on the group living, and so on. We cleared some characteristics and planning problems of the corrective houses and studied the new planning theory of the corrective house suitable for the northern region. Main features are as follows.

- 1) Some small and easy meeting spaces should be arranged in the house for their social contacts besides a large meeting place.
- 2) It is desirable that common spaces should be heated at all times of the day in the winter. It is not convenient to use the meeting space without heating at any time.
- 3) The meeting place should be designed as residents can see easily the inside. Accordingly they will wish to drop in there.
- 4) We have to devise the corridor design as people can use it as an active living space in winter, for playing, walking, chatting etc.
- 5) We must suitably design the door and windows of the personal unit as neighboring people can perceive the accident within the house.
- 6) It is very important to develop the new planning theory of the corrective house suited to the typical group living in the north.