

A STUDY ON THE FACT AND EFFECT OF DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION
TO HOUSING SUPPLY AND CITY REGION
—Focus on ABENO-KU AND NISHI-KU OF OSAKA CITY—

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[SYNOPSIS]

This study focuses on the fact and effect of downtown revitalization to housing supply and city region and focus on Nishi-ku (ward) and Abeno-ku (ward), Osaka City.

First, this study clarifies fact of downtown revitalization to housing supply and city region by shedding light on the characteristic of location and condition of condominium development accompanied by Downtown Revitalization in Nishi-ku, Osaka city. Downtown Revitalization is considered as a common phenomenon that population returns from the suburban area to the downtown area which have occurred since 1990s. This study picks up Nishi-ku, where population growth and condominium development are particularly remarkable among the 6 downtown wards of Osaka city. This study clarifies (1) condition of condominium development in Nishi ward by the analysis of 489 samples; (2) transition of the condominium development according to time series;

(3) characteristics of location of condominium development by analysis focusing on the accessibility to subway station using GIS.

Second, in order to realize and evaluate the effect of downtown revitalization to housing supply, this study picks up the "Abeno redevelopment project", Abeno-ku, Osaka city and comparing the change of housing supply and population between inside and outside of the community of Abeno redevelopment project.