People Create the Community

Kominkan-CLC International Conference on ESD
Breakout Session 3
Kominkan in Okayama City

Background of Activities

Introduction of Kominkan Activities

Summary
Kominkan in Okayama City

- Within the jurisdiction of Okayama Municipal Board of Education.
- Educational facilities comply with the Social Education Act.
- Social education supervisors (specialists) are posted.
Cooperative Learning

Kominkan

Practice

Neighborhood Association

Other Groups

School

Company

Company Welfare Volunteer

Individual

NPO

Facilitate
- Activities for commercial profit are prohibited at Kominkan in Okayama City.

- Job training activities are not implemented. Employment related activities are implemented by the national extra-departmental organizations and NPO.
Kominkan in Okayama City consider Regional Vitalization and Income Increase

• Local residents are deeply attached to and go on living their community = regional vitalization

• Operating funds to sustain activities = income increase
Background of Activities
Transition of the Japanese Society up to 1960

Village community was the foundation of life.

Protecting the community property = Firm bond of residents

Japan experienced rapid economic growth during the 1960’s.
Farming industry ↓ Manufacturing and service industries

Multigenerational Family ↓ Nuclear family

Development of transportation network/information network

Population concentrates in big cities
Efficiency/Convenience/Busyness

Activities in the community may not be sustained.
National Government/Autonomous Community

Measures

Achievement /issues

Citizen Group
Kominkan
Specialized Agency
Residents
NPO
Support economic life

Spiritual satisfaction

the meaning of own existence

Local residents are lively
Introduction of Kominkan Activities
Gathering freely and interact

Make the most of specialties, experiences, and hobbies

Create places for retirees’ life worth living in the community

Relationships in the community are built
【UDONTEI TSUDOI】
【YUTTARISUTO CAFE】
Chiiki no Minna de TSUNAGARITAI

(Group aiming to connect people in the community)
Mikado School District ①

- Close to Okayama Station
- Many commercial stores
- Having schools, kindergarten/nursery school, and hospitals
Age structure
Population as of the end of June 2013: 9,647

- Under 15 years old: 995
- 15 to 64 years old: 6,103
- 65 years old or older: 2,549
- 70 years old or older: 1,909
- 70 years old or older: 515

Living alone: 2,549
[Start of Activity]

Inconvenienced seniors

Kominkan Cooperative Learning

Local residents who wish to be helpful

Launched in February 2014

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Community aiming at]

Seniors  Adults  Children

Strongly Relationship

Community where residents support each other
[Organization Chart]

三門学区の高齢者
手伝い 見守り
地域のみんなでつながり隊
支援
協力
支援
支援
支援
支援

商店
小学校
保健師
包括支援センター
三門担当
学区各種団体
岡西公民館
[Target/Content]

■ Target
  • 70 years old or older living alone seniors or couples in Mikado School District

■ Content of Activities
  • Help individuals with their daily inconveniences free of charge
  • Activities are completed within one hour
  • Activities are carried out in groups of 2 people
[Activity Flow]

User

Monthly duty Supporter

Supporter

Kominkan

Accompanying supporter
[Activity example ①
- Window cleaning-]
Activity example ② - Going shopping -

I’m helpful when having trouble

I feel assured
● **Consensus formation**

In the monthly liaison conference, thoughts and issues are presented to make the operation standard.

● **Each person is the leader**

Leader changes monthly in turn. Everyone experiences being the leader.
[People and community have started to change]

**Trust Relationship**

Supporters <-> Seniors

Local groups

It’s necessary that supporting each other in the community.
Future task

- Accumulate activity results
- Ask children in the community for help
- Securing operational funds for the self-supporting activities
Deal with activities from the viewpoint of creating “interconnections” in the community

Deal with activities considering children as community members

Regional vitalization