

Factors Determining New Rural Dwellers' Participation in Maintenance of Local Water Facilities in Japan

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Abstract

This paper is aimed at clarification of how village communities arrange the maintenance of local water facilities under the influx of new residents in Japan. The study examined 26 communities in Fukusaki town, Hyogo prefecture. The main findings are as follows. (1) The community size and the irrigation type are factors determining the organization of maintenance. (2) The location of newcomers' residences strongly influences the formation of neighborhood groups of residents' associations. (3) Whether new residents are included in existing neighborhood groups or not is an important factor affecting the residents' participation in maintenance. These results suggest the necessity of establishing appropriate planning of rural development for maintaining communities and their activities.

Key word

Irrigation management, Local organization, village community, Rurbanization

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