

## COMPLETION REPORT

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### **Two field studies to Japan and Korea respectively and subsequent analysis of the implications of the development of social innovation in Japan and Korea to the Greater China region.**

The field study of social innovations in Japan included as below:

- (1) Iitate Village, Fukushima, (福島県飯館村) adopts Nature-Arts Festival to revitalize the village community affected by the nuclear leaking catastrophe amid the 2011 Tsunami,
- (2) Furusato-Urban-Rural Migration Support centre (回归支援中心), promoting urban-rural migration to tackle the uneven urban-rural development and the hollowing of rural regions,
- (3) Youth Employment Support Network of Shizuoka- in tackling youth unemployment,
- (4) Nippon Foundation- supporting SI research and practices in Japan;
- (5) South Nagoya Health Cooperative(南生协) – an innovative health co-operative in integrating health institutions, community elderly care and group member initiatives;
- (6) ETIC. (Entrepreneurial Training for Innovative Communities) – an active social innovation hub in generating innovative communities.

The field study in Korea included as below:

- (1) The Future Innovation Forum-a dialogue of Social Innovators of Korea and international gurus,
- (2) Social Innovation Park-a major driver and platform of social innovations in Korea,
- (3) Seoul Community Support Centre-an innovative support centre to promote community participation and resident organizing,
- (4) SUNG DAE GOL-an innovative eco-friendly community,
- (5) Hungcheon village- an innovative integrated Christian community of faith, education,
- (6) And also yielded in subsequent case analysis of Plus Minus One degree- an innovative housing cooperative in providing support to co-housing and housing cooperative in Seoul,
- (7) Dounuri – a prosumer cooperative for domestic workers or carers and clients of such services.

There are similar challenges in social development that the Greater China region - China, Taiwan and Hong Kong are facing to that of Japan and Korea. Rising youth unemployment, elderly in solitude, urban- rural divide, rural hollowing, climate change, natural and man-made disasters, apathy and powerless towards the volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity of East Asian social and economic transformation. First, the social innovation strategies in Korea and Japan emphasize creative citizenship to empower citizens with creativity, problem solving, social capital building to tackle the volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity of social and economic changes both as local, national and global citizens. Second, the social innovation strategies target youth as agent of social change, whom are transformed from apathy and cynicism into visionary and creative game changers. Third, the social innovation strategies in transforming the long-term care of elderly into mutual aid or co-operatives through empowering the elderly and the carers social and institutional arrangements. Fourthly, the “rural or regional-

revitalization” is becoming an integral community development strategy to transform the urban-rural divide and community hollowing of rural communities. Integrated community care, learning, arts and village tourism and new media are becoming important social innovation strategies of rural or regional-revitalization. Fifth, climate change, extreme weather and disaster risk management also become important targets of social innovation. The importance of community solar energy, sustainable food and agriculture, community-based disaster recovery are becoming important social innovation strategies.

Publication of the Results of Research Project:

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