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リサーチ目的

The objective of this overseas trip to South Korea, Seoul is to investigate and seek organizations willing to co-operate with my research through the sending out of questionnaires to their members.

研究課題

My research theme is "Inter-generational wealth shifts to and from the retired generation - A comparative study of Japan, South Korea and China"

成 果

I went to Seoul with a list of organizations that are related to serving the elderly people in Korea. My intention was to find out, on-site, the relevance of the organizations to my research.

On my visit to the Korea Association of Senior Welfare Centers (韓国老人総合福祉官協会) at Gongdoek, I met with the Executive Director, Mrs. Chun Youn Kung. I explained the objectives of my visit and upon understanding the details of my research, she expressed a willingness to give me the list of senior welfare centers (total of 26 in Seoul) and their addresses. However, I will have to write in formally for permission and also show her a copy of the questionnaire that I intend to give out. She would also like a copy of my report when I have finished my research.

Mrs. Chun also kindly reviewed my list of organizations and advised me which organizations to visit and which to skip. For example, she told me that the Korean Association of Senior Citizens Welfare Institutions (韓国老人福祉施設協会) and the Korean Association in Community Care for the Elderly (韓国在家老人福祉協会) should be skipped because their members are the elderly poor and they usually have no family. Some of the organizations do not have members who could be surveyed - namely, scholarly organizations like The Korean Gerontological Society (韓国老年学会); and some organizations are just forums .

Mrs. Chun also advised me to visit one of their senior centers to see what types of facilities they offer and see the sort of elderly people who visit the centers. Therefore, I visited the Seoul Elderly Welfare Center (ソウル老人福祉センター) in Anguk. The Center was big, with 4 floors and facilities ranging from medical and dental clinics, classrooms, computer laboratories, job center, cafeteria, to games room (e.g. billiards). The center was very active with lots of seniors milling in and out. Some of them appeared to have just returned from a hiking trip.

I also visited The Korean Senior Citizens Association (大韓老人会), at Hyochang Park and met with their Secretary-General, Mr. Kim Young-Sung and their Assistant Manager, Planning Department, Miss Lee Ji-Eun. They explained the organization structure of their association. Their services range from "senior carers' university" to welfare (奉仕団) and they have offices all over South Korea. Mr. Kim agreed in principle to give out my questionnaire to their members but he wanted to take a look at the questionnaire first. I also have to write in formally so that he can seek approval from the President, Mr. An Pil Jun of the association.

Next I visited the Korean Association of Retired Persons (KARP, 大韓引退者協会), at Gwangnaru. I met with the President and CEO, Mr. Myong Y. Juch. The KARP is very active in Korea as an advocacy group for the elderly. They accept members from all ages so their members range from 20 years to 70 years and above. They have members all over South Korea but 74% of the members are in Seoul. Mr. Juch is willing to send my questionnaire to their members but he said the questionnaire must be short. When I mentioned a tentative volume of 4 pages, he said it was too much. He said the elderly would not like to fill in long questionnaires and he considered 20 questions long.

On the whole it was a very fruitful trip as I have received agreements in principle to co-operate from the above organizations. However, as highlighted by KARP, my questionnaire has to be very short so I have to be very selective in the questions. While all of the organizations agreed in principle to send out the questionnaires, all of them said that there is no guarantee on the return rate. In fact, all of them appeared to be pessimistic about the return rate. I may have to consider putting more focus on interviews as a second stage of the research. For all the organizations visited, I was not able to obtain a figure on their membership size so I am still not able to estimate my sample size.

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研究課題

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成 果

I obtained a list of organizations related to servicing elderly people in Shanghai. I wanted to find out, on-site, the relevance of the organizations to my research and understand how many and what type of elderly people go to these organizations. I also wanted to find out their literacy level and see whether questionnaires are suitable for them.

The types of organizations included Community Associations (居民委员会老年人协会), Sports Clubs (老年人体育协会), Elderly Schools (老年学校) and Residential Homes (福利院/养老院).

I went to a Community Association in Pudong-ku, Huamu Town, Peihua Village (浦东新区花木镇培花新村第八居民委员会老年人协会) but the association office was closed. I enquired of the people around there and they informed me that the office is not open unless there are special, official occasions. I also went to look for Zhabei Senior Sports Club (闸北区老年人体育协会). The staff answered the telephone but they would not entertain any visitors. The office was in a sports stadium and most of the entrances were locked. I also visited an Elderly School (周家桥街道老年学校). The School was closed and the security said it would not be open unless there are activities. The security and office workers were generally unfriendly towards strangers and would not entertain any form of visits. According to my local informant, these associations and sports clubs are only used for special occasions and usually will not be open. The elderly people in Shanghai do not join such clubs and associations. They would usually

go out in the morning to do a bit of exercise and then go home and stay home most of the time.

Next I visited a residential home in the MinHeng-ku called Dahua Welfare Center (上海大华福利院). My local informant advised me that researchers would not be welcome and the only way to get inside to take a look would be as a prospective customer. He introduced me as such and I was able to enter the home to take a look. The home is a private residential home and members are self-paying. The capacity is about 260 beds and they accept both mobile and immobile elderly people. The age limits for admission are 60 years for male and 55 years for female. I went around the premises to take a look. An old female resident befriended me and offered to show me her room. Madam Jiu has two sons and they would visit her over the weekends. She is happy with the home except for the fact that she could not go out. The other residents were engaged in unsupervised games like mahjong, cards or were just sitting around. My local informant told me that elderly people are not friendly towards Japanese as they have been through the World War II period. He advised me not to mention that I have come from Japan.


My local informant also told me that even if I write in to the authorities to obtain permission to do research, the red tape involved would be tremendous and it might not be feasible at all.

The findings from my visit are:

- (1) I would not be able to find participants from the community associations since the elderly people do not go to these places except on special, official occasions.
- (2) Generally, people are not friendly towards strangers and security guards are very earnest to bar visitors.
- (3) Generally, researchers are not welcome at all.
- (4) My target generation of elderly people appears to have some hostility towards Japan.

As a result of my findings, I will have to review my sampling method.

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