Multicultural City Development by Participation of Foreign Residents: Through the Multicultural Symbiosis Policy of Shinjuku City and the Shinjuku City Multicultural City Development Conference

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This study examines and analyzes the multicultural symbiosis policies of Shinjuku city and the Shinjuku City Multicultural City Development Conference, which is a form of the administrative participation of foreign residents. The city's basic autonomy ordinance specifies the realization of a multicultural society and works on measures of four categories: (1) participation, interaction and network construction; (2) the support of Japanese language learning and education; (3) the provision of information; and (4) consultation and correspondence. Among them, I particularly focused on the Shinjuku City Multicultural City Development Conference and have confirmed two points: (1) the composition of conference members adopted a function from the viewpoint of the council study; and (2) members are consisted of residents from diverse backgrounds and nationalities.

Furthermore, I gave a certain degree of evaluation because confirmed framework for policy reflection of conference's proposals and examples of policy reflection of conference's proposals. Lastly, I point out the following three subjects for future consideration to enhance the multicultural symbiosis policy of Shinjuku city: (1) a steady policy reflection of the conference's proposal and improvement of existing measures; (2) listening to opinions of more foreign residents; and (3) a new collaboration with an external organization.