

AN ETHOLOGICAL STUDY ON THE CONTEXT OF THE DWELLING.

--- COMPARING JAPAN AND REPUBLIC OF KOREA

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This study compares commonness and individuality which relates to dwellings in present age Japan and Republic of Korea. Both cultures place the body on a lower position to the floor. Japan and Republic of Korea share to similarities dwelling cultures.

This study is to pursue the influence of present age civilization in dwellings of both nations.

We investigated the living styles and the mechanism of living in Japan, January 1993 and in South Korea, April 1995. The subjects of this investigation were 81 residents (Japan 21, Korea 60) of detached houses and 50 residents (Japan 21, Korea 29) of multi-family housing.

The results show the dwelling of present age of both nations, individuality and commonness of the living style exists. It can be explained by the behavior of people in these dwellings.

The mechanism of living of both groups in these present day dwellings has a lot of commonness. Moreover, each subject had their own style of living. Intrinsically speaking, both groups had their own feelings about the mechanism of living. Between present age dwellings the two nations, there was a clear difference in the context of living. In the basis, both nations have their own behavioral living style yield throughout long time.