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The purpose of this study was to attempt to find out how traditional and western living styles are blend in modern urban housing through the association of living habits, space and physical posture in daily lives(during meals, relaxation · family get-togethers and sleep) of modern urban housing dwellers.

In relation to the research method, the parents, whose children were interviewed during their college education, for 42 living units of their detached houses and apartment dwellings located in Seoul, showed the followings results:

1) The eating habits during meals of residents in detached houses and apartment dwellings mostly took place in a western style, at a table in the dinning room. But when they sat on the chair, they assumed a traditional cross-legged position and with one leg bent upright from the seat (30%).

2) Relaxations and family get-togethers took place in the main bed room(anbang) rather than in the living room specially in winter; in the living room rather than in the anbang during summer especially in the case of detached houses, where they sat mostly on the floor. In the case of apartment dwellings relaxation and family get-togethers took place in the living room(76% of the residents) regardless of seasons; more than 50% of those respondents tended to sit on the floor.

3) Most respondents slept in a traditional way to use bedclothes on the floor. This tendency was specially evident in the case of anbang. In contrast, the respondents of the younger generation tended to use the bed in their bedroom in both detached houses and apartment dwellings. Therefore we have a clear distinction between the two generations. It will be interesting to see whether the sleeping ways of the younger generation, on the bed, will continue for future generation.