

Social Capital and Rural Development Policies in Japan

1. Background

- The problems associated with social capital.

2. The government's "General Plan" for regional revitalization

- 5 perspectives.

3. General programs for regional revitalization

- The renaissance of social and communal ties among regional residents.

4. Social capital in rural areas

- Today, social capital is either less visible or has been transformed; it is increasingly difficult for policy makers to rely on social capital.
- Instead, enhancing social capital can be the main target of policy.

5. MAFF's social capital expert task force

- Points for further consideration

6. Social capital and the OECD

- The OECD's role in stimulating discussion.