Research on the possibility of town watching, prompting the change of environmental recognition of individual. A case of "Naniwa Machikata Akindo Kai"

1. Purpose and Background

Today, "Walking" is focused from variety points of view. For example, there are a waking for improve one's health, a town watching for environmental learning, and so on. The purpose of this research is showing the possibility of town watching with contrivance that give meaning to remarked objects.

2. Method of analyze

table1.information of "Hikifuda"

Information of "Hikifuda"
object(photo or illust)
object's name
place
comments
group name

This research deal in 1,000 records named "Hikifuda"[*]. "Hikifuda" has information about remarked objects found by members. I classify these records for 3 sorts. This sorts are taken for this group and members.

An analyze for individual has two methods. One method is the total of cross, the other is hearing research for 8 members.

Figure1.The flow of research

3. Result of analyze

3-1 Analyze for the group

This result show a tendency about whole the group. The most of the objects are "artificial objects", "public objects", and "scenery/a mood". Further, the most of a view point on objects is "point resources(whole)". Then, the most of an element on name are "a substantive ending type", "writing type".

3-2 Analyze for individual

The cross-total for individual shown that "A view point on objects" and "An element on name for objects" aren't have connection. The following is an example of member who keeping up this activity for 10 years.
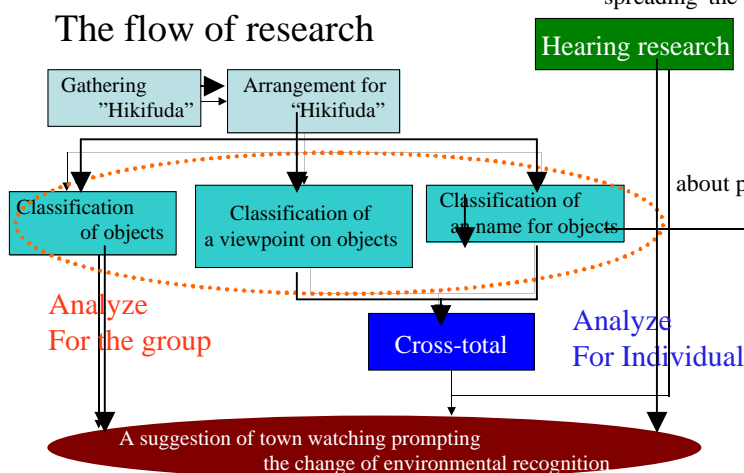
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She has 288 records. These records divided 3 terms. The increased objects are "scenery/a mood". And, "a substantive ending type" is the most elements in all terms. Then, the most of a view point on objects is "point resources(whole)". Further, from her answer on hearing research, she pays attention for streetlamps. And, she is going to a broad interpretation for anything. These results show that the point of view for objects is not pay attention to details(=increasing for a view point "point resources(a part)) but spread for objects.

4. Conclusion

This research shows that the town watching with contrivance that give meaning to remarked objects is spreading the point of view for objects. Accordingly, these town watching has effect it changing of environmental recognition of individual.

From now on, we need to considering about program of environmental learning.

[*] Hikifuda: This is a record in town watching at this group. The etymology "Hikifuda" is that a handbill.