



Urban Formation Process from the Perspective of Commercial Space in the Modern Period

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● Research Outline

I research the process of urban modernization and especially focuses on Commercial area. I try to revile how people cultivate commercial infrastructure. This paper show mainly two themes in follow.

The study of the process of transform commercial space effected by modernization of distribution

In modern era, Japan introduced the various urban system and urban-planning, then they become urban management Rationalization and efficiency. The process of modernization, there was to form the modern urban, with many conflict and accept between traditional organization to last from the early modern period and modern administration. Also, various people opened new business and they became new actor to take charge of the urban.

This study revile how people to cultivate foundation of commercial space. So, I focus on the building plan, location and business-man of the daily retail market and shopping street that born in early 20th century and I have analyzed of historical administrative documents and the story of the stakeholders.

The Study of the process of form of “the textile wholesale district in front of Gifu station”

I participate a research team of the historical study of “the textile wholesale district in front of Gifu station”. After WWII, people backed from East-Asia mainly Harbin-city build hovels and they started to open the market and sell used clothes and ready-made clothes after this area was called of “the textile wholesale district”.

This team researched to old member books, maps , photos, listening to the staff of shops and have thought about the process to transform this district.

Also, through this project, we explore the way of being to form the urban area after WWII .

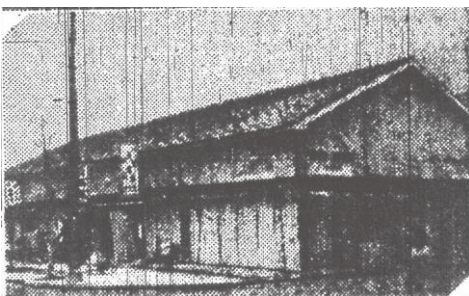


Figure1 Koyo-market in1950 in Kyoto city
The Kyoto Shimbun, 7th Apr 1950



Figure2 Demachi-Masugata shopping-street in 1970s in Kyoto city
“private collection”



Figure3 the textile wholesale district in front of Gifu station in Gifu city
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