Empirical Analysis of the Interaction between Rail Travel and Town Development



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Railways in Keihanshin Area



The railway city



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Mortorization Suburbanization Commodification

Large scale shopping center In central district does not produce interesting life. The activity in the downtown

The thee districts are assumed in interesting city.



Central district Intermediate district Marginal district

commercial zone, daytime activity ct nighttime activity, dual activity mixed activities

Different types of activities produce interesting city.

Population by age group for Keihanshin Area



Definitions:

- Young under the age of 30
- Middle between 30 and 64
- Senior aged 65 or over

The number of senior citizens is increasing rapidly.

Modal change by age group in Keihanshin Area



The railway passengers and pedestrians decreases. The car users increases even for senior citizens.

Different Characteristics







Basic unit for free purpose railway trips



Characteristics of trips by age group

		young	middle	senior	senior (I	senior II
Trips	population	5,982,628	9,271,093	3,041,981	1,880,308	1,161,673
	number of people making trips	5,439,650	7,874,418	1,700,347	1,211,923	488,424
	Ratio of people who go out	91%	85%	56%	64%	42%
	number of trips	14,945,885	25,938,221	5,033,504	3,713,887	1,319,617
	number of rail use trips	3,314,144	4,480,229	571,528	460,451	111,077
	number of free purpose trips	335,872	569,217	234,114	178703	55411
	share rate of rail	22%	17%	11%	12%	8%
	basic unit for rail trips (gross	0.554	0.483	0.188	0.245	0.096
	basic unit for rail trips (net	0.609	0.569	0.336	0.380	0.227
	basic unit for free-purpose rail trip gross	0.056	0.061	0.077	0.095	0.048
	basic unit for free-purpose rail trip net	0.062	0.072	0.138	0.147	0.113
others	average number of transfer	0.355	0.375	0.269	0.279	0.228
	average rail use distance	16.8	16.4	13.5	13.9	12.2
	average rail user time spent sopping (min)	33	28	34	35	32
	average rail user time spent recreation (min)	62	59	62	62	62

Senior (I) aged 65-74 Senior (II) aged 75-over

Trip pattern by age group for Keihanshin Area



Future tendency



According to estimation of future population, number of young trip makers becomes smaller than that of senior citizns.

The empirical study

70,000m² Large scale shopping center Nishinomiya Gardens has been opened in 2008

http://nishinomiya-gardens.com/index.html



Trip pattern estimation model is constructed by neural network.

The railway trip patterns for age groups



In young and middle trip pattern increase. In senior Vistors increase. About 40 % of trip pattern of senior citizens is visitor type.



Findings from the teachings

As Professor Kitamura suggested;

1) Variety of trip pattern can be observed in terms of railway use and trip around the city.

2)Senior citizens travel behabiour would be analyed to develop the city in future.

3)Large scale shopping center produces OB trips of young and middle. Visiting Senior citizens increase.

