

WHAT ROLES CAN SENIOR CENTERS PLAY IN A SUPER AGED SOCIETY?



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ABSTRACT

Japan has entered the super aged society. In response, a number of community centers have been founded on a small neighborhood scale. These hub- like centers provide older adults with easy access to social activities to promote healthy aging in place. In the talk, I will discuss my research regarding the influence of these community centers in Tokyo on the well-being and quality of life of active older adults, as well as an explanation of long-term care in the Japanese insurance system, and report of an ongoing interview survey at Irvine senior centers.

Nana Fukuda, was born and raised in Sapporo, Japan. She studied art and architectural design at Sapporo School of the Arts, and received a master's degree from Tokyo Institute of Technology. While working as an assistant architect at a housing builder company, she was offered a teaching position at Hokkaido University of Science. She continued teaching, and entered doctoral studies, ultimately receiving a Ph.D. in Engineering from Tokyo Institute of Technology, Department of Built Environment in 2014. Her research fields include supportive environments for disabled, especially blind people, and older adults. She has visited many community centers to see how older adults enjoy their life after their retirement, not only in Japan but also in many countries, such as Brazil, England, Taiwan, and the United States. Her passion is to travel around the world and experience the different cultures and environments.

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