

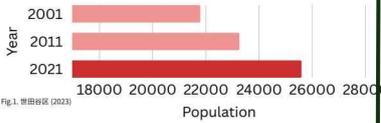
The Effects of Urbanization

A case study on Hin Lad Nai and what we can learn from it

1. Background Information

Chitose-Karasuyasuma

A residential area in Setagaya ward, Tokyo.



Chitose-Karasuyasuma is experiencing population growth. Redevelopment is progressing around the station. While becoming more convenient, community ties among residents are weakening.

Hin Lad Nai



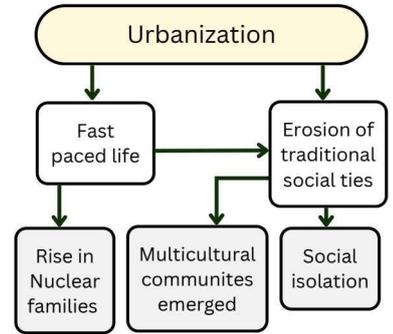
Geography: Northern Thailand, situated in Chaing Rai province
Population: 114 (as of 2024, May)
Ethnicity: Pgakenyaw tribe of the Karen group
Language: Karen



4.1 Literature Review Results

Influence Of Urbanization On Social Connections: A Case Study Of Residents In Kampala District

The results suggest that **urbanization itself may not be the primary factor influencing social ties** among the people of Kampala district, but **changed where and how interactions take place.**



Community Lost or Transformed? Urbanization and Social Ties



Community Loss Theory
Urbanization weakens social ties



Community Transformation Theory
Social ties do not disappear, but transform

This paper **challenges classical community loss theories**, arguing that **social ties** in urbanized communities **have not disappeared but transformed**. The authors suggest that **urbanization fundamentally reshapes human behaviour** and social interactions **promoting a more deliberate and flexible social ties**.

2. Objective

To research if it is possible to **replicate the closeness of community** we felt at Hin Lad Nai in Chitose Karasuyama

3. Methodology

- **Fieldworks**
- Duration: December 17th, 2024 / July 6th- 8th, 2025
- Place: Chitose-Karasuyama / Hin Lad Nai village
- **Semi-structured interview** with villager T (conducted on July 7th in Japanese and translated into Karen)
- **Literature review**

4.2 Fieldwork Results

Hin Lad Nai



- Interdependent community
- Livelihood depends on community's cooperation
- Interactions are continuous and natural

Community = Means of living

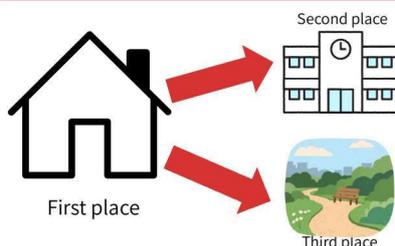
Chitose-Karasuyasuma



- Individualistic community
- Livelihood depends one's earnings
- Interactions are event based and intentional

Community = Additional value

Urban communities cannot recreate traditional closeness, but we can design the environment to promote daily interactions.



Our research suggests that **communities need everyday spaces** for interaction, not just events. **Creating simple third places**, such as **benches and shade**, can help **build social ties** in the community.