ARCHITECTURAL CHARACTERISTICS AND LIVING CONDITIONS OF SERIOUSLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE LIVING IN GROUP HOMES
- A STUDY ON COMMUNITY LIFE OF SERIOUSLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE Part 1 -

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In this paper, 8 group homes for seriously handicapped in Tokyo are researched. Facility operators' attitudes toward facility management and residents' behavior are researched, in 2006 and 2008.

The results are as follows:
1) Group homes for seriously handicapped people needs more space than group homes for mentally handicapped people.
2) In these group homes many of residents are with mental handicap.
3) Preferences of spaces differ according to physical and mental situation of residents.
4) For people with serious physical handicaps, it would be very difficult to live in conventional group homes for mentally handicapped people.

From these results, it was strongly suggested that closer study and information for the housing condition of seriously handicapped people is needed to provide living environments in local community for those people.