

Continuing Support and Theoretical and Practical Development on Educational Activities for Children's Participation in the Community Development including the International Exchange Program

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Isami Kinoshita's distinctive educational achievements are the practices of voluntary and independent community development learning by children from preschool children to high school students, such as 1) extension of children's participatory community design practice, 2) advising activities to the related organizations such as teachers, PTA, local community organizations and non-profit organizations to be involved in the child's developmental growth, 3) promoting and expanding the domestic and global network of child friendly cities , and 4) development of educational techniques attractive for children moving their bodies by using some elements of play.

Recently, he has been giving advices on the mass media concerning to the conflicts between children's facilities and the neighbors, such as nursery and kindergartens and parks, etc. Also he has been contributing to the international network of children's environments. Furthermore, after the Great East Japan Earthquake, he led the children's participatory reconstruction at the disaster area accompanied with the international cultural exchange, and also has been challenging to promote the risk communication through making evacuation map for creating safer community at the area where is worried about the big disaster. In this way, he dedicated creating children's better environment bringing sustainable future for the next generation.