The publication of "Collection of Cases on Carefully Crafted Improvement in Densely Built-Up Areas"

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1. Introduction

In August 2021, NILIM published "Collection of Cases on Carefully Crafted Improvement in Densely Built-up Areas" (hereinafter referred to as the "Collection of Cases"), which describes 55 cases of improvement mainly in inside a block of areas (so-called "anko" parts), utilizing hard and soft methods such as regulatory guidance and local disaster prevention efforts in appropriate cases in response to obstacles to improvement such as poor road access and complicated rights relations of property in densely built-up areas. This paper presents the background, purpose, and overview of the publication of this book.

2. Background and purpose of the publication of the Collection of Cases



Figure 1: "Gawa" and "anko" of densely built-up area

"The basic plans for housing for people (National

plan)," approved by the Cabinet in March 2021, set a target of eliminating most of the "densely built-up areas that will be extremely dangerous in the event of an earthquake, etc. (dangerous densely built-up areas)," which were approximately 2,200ha in size at the end of FY 2020, by the end of FY 2030.

There are various factors that hinder the improvement of densely built-up areas, such as narrow sites, sites with poor road access, complicated rights relations such as land leases and house leases, and the aging of landowners. In addition, local governments, which are the main parties responsible for the improvement of densely built-up areas, are under severe workforce and financial constraints. Under these circumstances, in addition to conventional public investment-type improvement of the skeletal parts of densely built-up areas (so-called "gawa" parts), such as the development of roads and parks of a certain scale, and joint rebuilding, in order to improve "anko" parts, where improvement has not progressed well with accumulated disadvantaged lots, it is also considered effective to perform carefully crafted improvement by using regulatory guidance methods and by making use of the vitality of the private sector.

Therefore, by focusing mainly on "anko" parts, NILIM conducted a survey of carefully crafted tangible and intangible improvement conducted by local governments and private companies addressing various physical and socioeconomic hindrances to improvement and compiled them to create the Collection of Cases.

3. Overview of the Collection of Cases

The structure of the Collection of Cases is shown in Figure 2. In Chapter 1, as an introduction to the Collection of Cases, the necessity of carefully crafted improvement in densely built-up areas, especially in "anko" parts, is described, and the "Hindrance to the improvement of densely built-up areas" and "Improvement methods for densely built-up areas," which were focused on when NILIM collected and organized the cases introduced in the Collection of Cases, are outlined (Figure 3). Chapter 2 presents the format of case reports (listed items) as a way of using the Collection of Cases and describes three methods of case searching from the standpoints of (1) "Hindrance to the improvement of densely built-up areas," (2) "Improvement methods for densely built-up areas," and (3) a combination of (1) and (2).

Chapter 3 contains a total of 55 cases with detailed case reports, each described in several pages in A4 vertical format (Figure 4). Chapter 4 extracts the information in the case reports (detailed) and summarizes them, with each described in one A4 horizontal page (summary) for a total of 55 cases (Figure 5). Each case report provides not only a summary of efforts but also the background, history, devised ideas, success factors, applicability to other areas, project cost, and other information that may be of interest to those in charge of the improvement of densely built-up

Introduction

- Standpoints on carefully crafted Improvement in densely built-up areas
 - 1-1 Factors that hinder the improvement of densely built-up areas
- 1-2 Improvement methods for densely built-up areas

2. How to use Collection of Cases

- 2-1 Format of case report
- 2-2 Image of case search
- 2-3 Search for cases from the viewpoint of "Factors that hinder the improvement of densely built-up areas"
- 2-4 Search for cases from the viewpoint of "Improvement methods for denselv built-up areas"
- 2-5 Search for cases by combining "Factors that hinder the improvement of densely built-up areas" and "Improvement methods for densely built-up areas"
- 3. Case report (detailed)
- 4. Case report (summary)

Figure 2: Structure of the Collection of Cases areas.

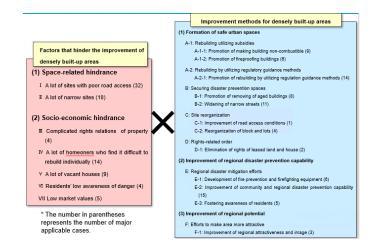


Figure 3: "Hindrance to the improvement of densely built-up areas" and "Improvement methods for densely built-up





Figure 4: Image of case report (detailed)



Figure 5: Image of case report (summary)

The Collection of Cases also includes many examples of efforts in the Kinki region (18 cases), where the improvement of dangerous densely built-up areas is a little behind the Tokyo metropolitan area, because further promotion of development is required. It also provides examples of related intangible measures in light of the fact that the basic plans for housing for people (National plan) include the policy to strengthen intangible measures that contribute to the improvement of regional disaster prevention capability.

4. Conclusion

The Collection of Cases is currently available for free in a PDF format from the website of NILIM, and we invite readers to download it.¹⁾ We hope that the Collection of Cases will serve as a reference for local governments, private companies including urban development consultants, NPOs, resident organizations, and others working to improve densely built-up areas.

For more information:

http://www.nilim.go.jp/lab/bcg/siryou/tnn/tnn1167.ht m

2) Press Release of NILIM: Toward the Elimination of Dangerous Densely Built-Up Areas! - Publishing the Summary of 55 Cases of Development in Japan with a Focus on "Anko" Parts.

http://www.nilim.go.jp/lab/bcg/kisya/journal/kisya202 10826 1.pdf

¹⁾ Technical Note of NILIM No. 1167: Collection of Cases on Carefully Crafted Improvement in Densely Built-up Areas