The Promotion of Community Well-Being and Social welfare facilities

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ABSTRACT

Some people believe that it may be necessary for social welfare facilities, primarily those that resemble prisons, to collapse due to some evil or non-beneficial reasons. On the other hand, some people believe that these facilities have the function and role in order to benefit and contribute to the promotion of community well-being. In short, social welfare facilities are space as discussed by Nagata (2001:83). Nagata argues that social welfare facilities have been playing an important role in community well-being, and that they can also contribute to the systematic development of community well-being. In addition, social welfare facilities may well contribute to policy formation of community well-being in the future.

For that reason, I believe that social welfare facilities must serve to form "remark theory 'public space'" and "Consensus building 'public space'" in promoting community well-being. "remark theory 'public space'" is a space where people who have a diverse sense of values meet based on the idea of the plural (Arendt, 1958:75), where they talk and recognize the existence of each other. This is a space with which solidarity and cooperation are formed within, and where the diversity of values coming into contact as well as the recognition of existence gives rise to "remark theory space" as argued by Yamawaki (2004:20), and Saito (2001). Public space is created when there is communication between the self and others; connections are formed between the people who meet and talk, and connections between people overlap. Public space is also a possible first training space where people form a unity of being and existence (Saito, 2004: 275-276). The system whereby "remark theory 'public space'" is the base and negotiates with administrative concerns of "Consensus building 'Public space'" results in the construction of policy.

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