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Study on Elderly Facility Residents' Family Situation in Urban China

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(Abstract)

The study conducted a research with the residents in elderly welfare facilities (W Home for the Elderly and N Health-care facility) in Beijing, China where the aging population is growing. The objective of the research was to identify the differences among the elderly residents by facility function, relationship between the elderly resident and their family members, elderly's physical and mental health situations and their moving-in processes. Research items were "summary of the facility", "the elderly persons' gender, age, tenancy period, job situation and income", "family environment", "physical and mental health situations and diseases", facility services", "willingness to move into a facility" and etc.

Based on the elderly's "willingness to move into a facility" analysis, nearly 50% in W Home for the Elderly, a very common welfare facility for the elders, was accounted as moving into the facility on "one's will" while it was 30% in N Health-care facility which is not a small number considering that 70% have enrolled due to "physical issues" reflecting the facility's features. Regarding "living-in with children" concept, "do not prefer" response was high at 75% among both facility residents displaying their unwillingness to live-in with their children. From these findings, the fact that many are deciding on their own to move into facilities was indicated as a characteristic perception held among the current elderly population in China, not only due to their physical reasons but due to the difference in lifestyle or values with the younger generation.