

Abstract

Taiwan is aging rapidly. It brings an important governance issue in the society. In the past 20 years, the Central Government has proposed many social welfare projects for the elderly. “Aging in Place” and “Successful Aging” are the main goals of those projects. ‘Using elderly capability’ is a new strategy of active elder human resource that is an creative value for practice. In this paper, we study ‘Bodhi Chang-Ching Village’ a non-profit organization established after the 921 Earthquake in Pu-Li and dedicated to empowering community. Bodhi Chang-Ching Village believes old persons still have a lot of useful capabilities. In order to get this benchmarking empirical study well done, four research methods were adopted, such as literature review, focus group, participant observation and questionnaire survey. There are four dimensions of description resulting from those empirical data: “physical and psychological health care,” “life-long learning activating elder human resources,” “empowering elderly capabilities into social enterprise,” and “mutual-help for independence” . In conclusion, the authors suggest many innovative strategies to improve the policies of “Successful Aging” and “Aging in Place.”

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