

# A Survey on Current Status of Farmers' Houses of Northern Hakka Community

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## Summary

The survey was designed to study the latest development of the Hakka farm housing in northern Taiwan as well as the demand of building area. Totally 300 families were interviewed; of the 300 houses 150 ones are of modern style, the others traditional style. Those who live in traditional house appear the least satisfied with space, house age, and the number of rooms. Most of them intend to have their houses rebuilt, but the problem of capital shortage and their insufficient information of housing loan contribute to the failure of rebuilding.

Traditional and modern houses vary from each other in terms of building area, house age, construction manner and material, exterior design, and coloring as well. The interviewees anticipate well-organized housing designs from the government; especially, the setting of a living room and that of a kitchen are required to fully meet traditional customs. In addition, the government is expected to enact construction laws and formulate farm housing policies in order to have farmers exposed to a better environment and well-maintained landscape.