

Transition and Directional Movement of Park and Green Space Development on the Coastal Area of the Seto Inland Sea Conducted by Hyogo Prefecture

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Abstract: The purpose of this study is to clarify the changes and role assignments for parks and green spaces on the coastal area of the Seto Inland Sea in Hyogo Prefecture, an area that played a huge role as one of the representative areas during the industrial development period that occurred after the Meiji Era (1868-1912). The takeover of this area by industry with reclamation greatly reduced the natural coastal environment. There were a number of findings, including the fact that parks and green spaces taking environmental preservation and creation roles have appeared in relatively recent years, though they have the habitual characteristic features of the coastal area, these, and the general functions that parks and green spaces have are rather big in number, such as "walking and relaxation areas," "recreation" and "landscape improvement." Also, we'll discuss a new direction of development currently being conducted by Hyogo Prefecture on the coastal area of Amagasaki City, "The Forest of the 21st Century in Amagasaki Project" that takes the view of coastal area park development that includes balancing the woods, shorefront on the beach and green space.

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