

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF TIME USE IN SEOUL AND TOKYO(1995)-SOCIAL/CULTURAL ACTIVITIES TIME. Amano Ha*, Matsubaguchi R., Amano Hi., Horiuchi K., Ito S., Saito E., Ito J., Mizunoya T., Lee K., Lee Y., Cho H., Kim O. *Aoba Gakuen Junior College, Setagaya-ku Tokyo 154, Japan.

The purpose of this study is to compare and analyze the social/cultural activities time in Seoul and Tokyo, as a part of the home economics research, thus considering the lifestyle, culture and the stage of economic development of the two countries. The data are obtained from "A Time Use Study of Working Couples living in Seoul and Tokyo,1995". Result is as follows: During weekdays, the length of the social/cultural activities time of couples in Seoul where the wives are employed full-time, is more or less the same as that in Tokyo. During holidays, the social/cultural activities time indicates common features between Seoul and Tokyo. In every household, husbands have an hour and a half to 3 hours, on average, longer social/cultural activities time than their wives. Thus, the gender gap is evident. In the households of unemployed wives, wives in Seoul spend longer time with their social/cultural activities, than that of wives in Tokyo with an average of 1 hour and a half. The reasons for this is because the unemployed wives in Tokyo have longer hours working hours on a holiday. The contents of social/cultural activities time are as follows. The couples in Tokyo spend longer hours on relaxing with family members, cultural activities and hobbies than the couples in Seoul. While, the couples in Seoul spend longer hours watching television and on sports, than the couples in Tokyo. Furthermore, the time spent on religious activities on a holiday, is longer in Seoul, averaging forty minutes to an hour, while Tokyo averages less than ten minutes. The question of choice between income and time in the attached questionnaire shows that many households are willing to trade off their income for additional free time both in Seoul and in Tokyo. However, more couples in Seoul are willing to do so than the couples in Tokyo are.

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