

**PERCEPTION AND STATUS OF FURNITURE OWNERS IN CHEJU-DO OF KOREA.** Lee J. L., Kim B. A. Department of Home Management, Cheju National University, Cheju 690-756, Korea.

In this research, it's aimed at providing basic data to suggest using furniture, because furniture is an important factor in raising the satisfaction of the home life. This research investigated and analyzed the general characteristics of the subject and the general perception of furniture, and evaluated the conditions of possession of furniture. We made a list of 22 pieces of modern furniture and 32 traditional furniture pieces to examine the personal and general characteristics of home owners which could influence the conditions of furniture owners, and the general characteristics of the house, and the perception on furniture. The Statistical Analysis System(SAS) was used and the data was analyzed by Frequency analysis and Chi square using the SAS program. Firstly, the result of furniture-perception analysis shows a significant difference in perceiving the importance of storage space( $P < 0.001$ ). People living in urban areas showed a greater perception on the importance of storage space than people in rural areas. About traditional furniture, the results showed a significant difference( $P < 0.01$ ), and it was as great as the perception on the importance of storage space in urban areas. Secondly, the actual status of possessing traditional furniture was about 20 percent on the average. The possessing rate of rice-chests(Duiju), blanket chests(Bandaji), side dish cupboards(Chantak), and small dining tables(Soban) was over 50 percent. Modern furniture pieces were possessed by about 47 percent; therefore the modern furniture owners were twice as many as the traditional furniture owners. The possessing rate of furniture including clothing chests and bedding chests was over 80 percent, and that of desks, bookcases and drawers was over 60 percent. Thirdly, the rate of furniture possession is high when in an apartment, steel house or reinforced concrete house, over four bedrooms-house, own house. The rate is also high when owners are highly-educated or in an upper income bracket. In conclusion, the forward study should suggest ways of using furniture and should find the range of harmony between modern furniture and traditional furniture, and it is desirable in terms of the preservation of traditional culture.

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