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A Study on the Present Conditions and Problems of Yonezawa Textile Production Area

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Abstract

The current situation of Japanese fiber industry is becoming severely more and more because of the rapid increase of import and the change of purchasing action of the consumers. Therefore the fiber industry is in recession for a long time and the total scale of the industry is reducing more and more. In addition, the production of silk textiles & fabrics is in the same trend now. Thus, policies for survival are groped for zealously by the people in each textile production area. Then, in this article did we pay our attention to Yonezawa city in Yamagata, which constituted a traditional textile production area, aiming at clarifying the present conditions and problems of the production area concerned. So an investigation was carried out in winter of 2003. As a consideration result, Yonezawa production area is a medium production area among all the textile production areas in Japan and the scale of the fiber industry is in a trend of retreating. The textile production area has two sections such as kimono section and women's clothes section. Women's clothes section is the main force from the amount of production, but the kimono and small articles are also being produced and the area is changing to produce small amount of multi articles. The circulation of the products is becoming a distribution channel for many divergences. It also can be pointed out that the successor problem and independence strengthening of the companies are the problems that the Yonezawa is facing with.

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